



March 25, 2008

**TO:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**FROM:** TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN

**SUBJECT: MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) Transit Report: The final report from Abrams-Cherwony & Associates conducted as part of the Traffic Study is attached. The report is a preliminary review of how public transportation could be expanded with new service in Warrington. The objective of the analysis was to provide sufficient information to residents and elected officials on the desirability of proceeding with community-based transit services. I have invited Mr. Cherwony to share his findings with the Board soon, and to discuss possible additional steps in the development of an overall transit strategy in Warrington.
- b) Responses to TDR Presentation: Following the educational workshop on March 6 on TDRs, Mike Mrozinski has received several inquiries from property owners for specific information regarding their properties. Mike is currently meeting with them.
- c) Local Government Week Events: Local Government Week is April 14 – 18, 2008. The Communications Office is requesting that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution this evening authorizing Government Week in Warrington Township celebrated as April 14 to 18. Additionally, an essay contest, to be sponsored by a local business, will be conducted from now until April 11. Winners will be selected and notified April 14. The essay event will culminate in an hour-long celebration on Thursday, April 17 at 5 pm where the essays are read by winners, and interested officials, staff and government officials are in attendance. (Details for the Essay Contest are attached.)
- d) County Open Space Program: Lynn Bush from the Bucks County Planning Commission provided the attached listing of the proposed County funding for the Municipal Open Space Program. Warrington's allocation is \$637,867. We are still awaiting the final regulations from the County, although we expect the regulations to remain unchanged from the prior referendum. My office did make an inquiry as to whether we could apply retroactively for these funds should some parcels become available before the regulations are finalized. I was advised that such a decision would be made on a case by case basis upon petitioning the open space board.

- e) County Line Road Simulation: Next Thursday township representatives will be meeting with PennDOT consultants to review a revised simulation demonstration for the County Line Road intersections at Lower State and Limekiln Pike. This revised simulation will be based on new traffic data assumptions. Unlike the last simulation, we are hopeful that this new simulation will more accurately portray the traffic problems at these dual intersections and perhaps a revised improvement plan. We'll have an update at the April work session.
- f) Fire Chief's Monthly Report: Chief Dan Hinkle will be at the meeting to review his report and answer any questions.
- g) Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services Dept. Monthly Report: Attached is the February Departmental Monthly Report prepared by Rick Lesniak. Rick will be in attendance at Tuesday night's meeting to answer any questions. Attached are the Meeting Notes from the Codes Department Staff Meetings held on March 4, and 11, 2008.
- h) Other Business:
- 2007 Audit Update: Vivian Bell opines that we should have some final figures by next week sometime. Historically figures are not available until after March. One of the things to take into consideration with the 2007 Budget is that we did a major change in our chart of accounts and they no longer line up with the DCED chart of accounts. That means that the auditors have to revamp their system for our new numbers. Plus, they just received our February figures about a week and a half ago some of which will have to be accrued.
  - Neidhardt Code Appeal Update: Following a fire at 2249 Pileggi Road in July 2007, the owner (Mr. Neidhardt) began to renovate the residence in November without benefit of any building permits. Mr. Neidhardt's renovations were deemed extensive enough to warrant the installation of sprinklers by the Fire Inspection Department. Mr. Neidhardt has questioned the validity of Warrington's Sprinkler Ordinance and the application of the sprinkler ordinance in this type of renovation. Despite several meetings with staff in an attempt to mediate this matter, Mr. Neidhardt continues to believe that the sprinkler ordinance is not applicable in this situation. Thus, staff has scheduled a hearing with the Building Code Appeals Board on March 26 at 7:30 p.m.
  - Document Management Initiative Update: Three site visits were conducted in February to see document management systems in place. Staff as well as Glenn McKay and Paul Plotnick participated in visits to Burlington County (NJ), NCO Financial Systems in Horsham and Evesham Township NJ. An additional visit to West Goshen Township in Chester County may be added to view their General Code/Laserfiche installation.

- Fire Company Banquet Update: The Fire Company banquet is Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Warrington Country Club. It was not feasible to find a location that could accommodate both the Fire Company and the Ambulance at one banquet this year, but staff will find an appropriate venue in 2009 to hold a joint banquet for both groups.

i) Correspondence:

- Copy of February 28 letter to Bucks County requesting acquisition of the right of way at the Neshaminy Manor Complex in conjunction with the proposed dedication of Kelly Road.
- March 3 letter from Thom McAdams of Braccia Masonry regarding the CKS final inspection punch list for Children of America on Kansas Road.
- March 5 Invitation to Comment on the proposed expansion of the American Tower Site on County Line Road.
- March 17 letter to PADOT regarding the Kansas Road Mitigation Site.