

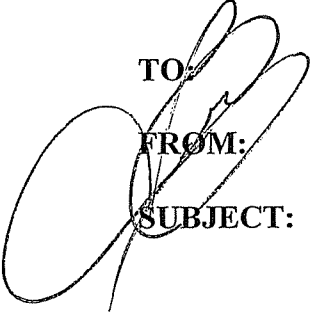


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February 24, 2009

 TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN
SUBJECT: MANAGER'S REPORT

Temporary Signal at Upper State and Pickertown Roads: Attached is a letter from PADOT regarding Warrington's request for a temporary traffic signal at this intersection in conjunction with the Route 202 Parkway Project Detour Plan. Both Chad Dixson of Traffic Planning and Design and Tom Zarko feel that we have exhausted all available technical bases to compel the signal installation.

Easton/Bristol Road Loop Detector Repair: Tom Zarko met with PADOT on February 12 on this issue. PADOT has agreed to perform an appropriate paving repair that will allow the Township to properly replace the loop detector. The repair work is to be scheduled as soon as the required paving material is available. Tom will follow-up.

Route 202 Parkway Project Update: Staff and Supervisor Kiefer met with PADOT representatives on February 11 and reviewed outstanding issues with the Maintenance Agreement and the Lighting Agreement. These agreements are currently being updated by PADOT as per the discussion at this meeting. Also discussed was the access trail from Sage Lane to the proposed trail head. Attached is the press release prepared by PADOT for the closure of Knapp Road in Montgomery Township. Please note that the 202 Parkway is "expected to open in 2011." PADOT officials advised me that finalized versions of these agreements will be available Monday. In anticipation of the receipt of the agreements, I have placed them on the consent agenda.

Willow Grove Air Base Update: The Horsham Township Winter 2009 Newsletter included an article on the air base with the following information:

- The Navy and Marines are expected to leave the base in 2011 and the Air Force Reserve has already left.
- No military airplanes are scheduled to be stationed in Horsham after 2011.
- Approximately 900 acres of the site will be conveyed with some restrictions to the Commonwealth as a result of federal legislation creating the Horsham Joint Interagency Installation (HJII).

- Horsham Township has presented draft legislation clarifying that all the property and runway designated as the HJII would be used solely for national defense, homeland security and emergency preparedness, not by private companies to conduct their for profit enterprises.

Other Business:

- BCATO Resolutions: Attached to this report are the eleven (11) resolutions to be discussed at the February 21 convention.
- Workspace Consolidation: Staff and Tom Zarko met with a space planner on February 20 to discuss interim work and storage space allocations at the Administration Building and Millcreek. The space planner will evaluate relocating the Fire, Inspections and Emergency Services (FIES) to the administration building and use of the Millcreek facility for long term storage.
- 457 Plan Administration: Staff is currently finalizing an RFP to solicit proposals for a more flexible 457 plan to augment the current one offered by ICMA-RC. This was a recommendation of the Pension Advisory Committee
- Regionalization of Municipal Services: Staff met with representatives of the Dept. of Community and Economic Development this week for a preliminary discussion on the potential issues associated with regionalization of some municipal services.
- BOS 2009 Goals and Objectives: Just a reminder to return your comments from the February 7 work shop on goals and objectives. Ideally, we would like to finalize these by the March 10 meeting.
- CNG Forum: Staff and Tom Zarko met with Steve Noll, Deputy Director of TMA Bucks, on February 18 to plan the April 1 forum on the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles by municipalities.
- CSI Services: In an effort to consolidate IT services and avoid duplication of services, the contract with CSI for computer (hardware) maintenance was not renewed for 2009. CSI and Premier (our current IT consultant) submitted proposals at the end of 2008 to provide services for the Water and Sewer Department. Premier's cost was 40% less than CSI. CSI has contacted staff several times since they were advised that Premier would be providing the maintenance at W & S and most recently has requested a copy of the agreement with Premier.
- Cable Franchise Fees: Mr. Reinbott of 1736 Sorrel Road has contacted the Township several times to express his displeasure with the franchise fees being charged by cable providers. Mr. Reinbott interprets the franchise fee as a tax and

has expressed his opinion that the Township continues to raise “his” taxes. Mr Reinbott’s fee recently increased by \$4.00 per month. Brian Jeter of Comcast indicated to staff that the increase was because the promotional offer under which Mr. Reinbott originally subscribed had expired.

Correspondence:

- February 9 letter from Continental Property Management regarding the Business Privilege Tax.
- January 8 letter regarding open records law and recordings of meetings and response from Terry Mutchler, Executive Director of the Office of Open Records dated February 17.
- PSATS News Bulletin regarding proposed state 2009-2010 budget.
- February 19 letter from Mike Clarke to Judge Mellon regarding the pending Business Privilege Tax litigation.

Any supplementary updates to this report as well as materials for the Executive Session will be distributed Tuesday evening.