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TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN

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MEMO TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN
RE: **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Amended Budget: The amended 2010 budget was advertised and has been on display at the Township Building for the required 10-day review period and will be discussed under Agenda Item #12. Staff will continue to be diligent in locating other areas of efficiency throughout the year and will be monitoring and costing out more accurately expenditures in various departments.
- B. Bond Counsel Meeting: On January 27, 2010, Mr. Casey, Vivian Bell and I met with Rob Walper, our bond counsel from Fox Rothschild, to review the status of the 2007 and 2008 bonds and to obtain some guidance on whether these funds could be used for a variety of other capital projects not specified in the actual bond sales. My recommendation is for the Board, at its earliest convenience, to revisit the current outlay of capital projects for possible revision/reprioritization. (Attachment A).
- C. Solar Energy Grant Program: Mr. Casey, Mr. Wieland and I did meet with the Spiegle Architectural Group to review in greater detail the legal parameters of the Solar Grant Agreement as well as the solar renewable energy credits (SRECs). The attached spreadsheet (Attachment B) shows the assumptions that were used in the grant application to demonstrate the project's revenue neutrality. Counsel is reviewing the program for viability Under Act 213, Pennsylvania utilities are required to acquire a percentage of their electricity from solar photovolataics based on a progressive MWh generation scale (Attachment C).
- D. Palomino Basin Bids: The Township received bids for the Palomino Farms Retention Basin Sediment Removal Project on January 29, 2010. (See Attachment D). The base bids from the eleven (11) bidders range between \$633,111 and \$1,353,216. This in one of the projects that will be funded by the Township's 2008 Bond Issue and involves the removal of accumulated sediment within the basin to restore flood control capacity, installation of Best Management Practices (BMP) Improvements to enhance water quality aspects of the basin, the installation of geese control measures, as well as, improvements to existing basin drainage structures and conveyance facilities. Township Staff is currently reviewing the bid proposals received, as well as the

qualifications of the apparent low bidders and are also evaluating the various bid alternatives that were included within the bid request, and anticipate making a recommendation shortly.

- E. Warrington 2010 Clean Energy Purchase: As part of its participation in the *PA Clean Energy Community Program*, the Environmental Advisory Committee is recommending again the Township's participation in purchasing green energy (RECs) to match 20% of the municipality's electricity consumption. For Warrington Township, 20% equals approximately 645 MWh for a cost through NativeEnergy of approximately \$5,160. I am looking for the Board's consent to execute a purchase of these RECs to honor a prior commitment to this program. I've been advised that this is the final year for the Township's participation in this program. (Attachment E)
- F. E-Gov Meeting: Jackie Wilson and I conducted a conference call with our E-Gov representative to determine how we could be better utilize some of the web-based features that were originally part of the base package. Communications Committee Chairman Mike Starner participated in the conference call. One feature that we are trying to enhance is the email distribution program that will allow the township government to target and inform residents on a more timely basis of major community issues. Staff is experimenting with this using the TEVA project. Residents may log into the Township's web system and sign up to receive regular TEVA updates. We are exploring online payment features for some services.
- G. Staff Meeting Highlights: Here are some highlights from the February 1, 2010 Staff Meeting:
- The Pickertown/Folly Intersection Traffic Signal project is moving forward. The School District has forwarded revised plans to PennDOT for review and approval.
 - Mr. Wieland met with Mr. Tieperman to review the status of the approved capital projects for 2010, particularly the schedule of road improvement/intersection projects to be completed this summer. Bid preps will need to get underway soon.
 - Staff has issued the green light for the Closed Loop System repairs. Funds are currently being encumbered.
 - Various stormwater drainage issues were discussed at Staff, most notably isolated problems along Folly Road and Wedge Way.
 - Staff revisited a petition that was filed with the Supervisors on December 30, 2009 from a group of residents along Hilltop Lane requesting that the Township assume dedication of this private road. Mr. Wieland cautioned that the road would need to meet certain standards to qualify for liquid fuels funding. (Attachment F).
 - Mr. Casey announced that Steve Harris has filed a petition with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court regarding the business privilege tax lawsuit. He provided a copy which is on file in the Township Manager's Office.
 - Mr. Casey has reviewed Warwick's adult entertainment ordinance and has made some recommended changes to the Township's existing adult entertainment ordinance which will be reviewed at next planning commission meeting.

- Mr. Mrozinski reported that the top soil has been removed from Malcolm's and that there's been renewed interest in the site for redevelopment. He noted that the pending Corridor Zoning Update will address the zoning of this parcel along with other properties along Route 611. This update will also be discussed at the February 4, 2010 meeting.
- Mr. Lesniak is also monitoring the County's fire inspection pilot program that will soon be underway shortly at Plumstead Township.
- Chief Miller had some concerns over the latest draft of the Disorderly House Ordinance. He will confer with Mr. Casey on these issues.
- Staff met with Carroll Engineering and representatives of the Warrington Softball League regarding repairs to Field # 4 at Barnes Park. The softball league is interested in sharing the cost of the work with the Township. The original cost estimate for the work is \$11,000. The Township Solicitor has opined that the work must be competitively bid. Mr. Wieland will update the Board on the scope and cost of the project.
- Staff has submitted historical information on energy costs for each Township facility. Representatives from Honeywell have also toured several facilities including the Tradesville Treatment Plant. Honeywell indicates that we should have a preliminary report by the end of March.