

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Wednesday November 15, 2006

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday November 15, 2006 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Mr. Hensel called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Mr. Doratt and Ms. Silvernail, Mr. Herbert MacCombie Township Engineer and Dennis O'Neil Professional Engineer and members of the community.

A moment of silence and pledge of allegiance were waived.

The Board turned the meeting over to Mr. MacCombie. Mr. MacCombie began by stating the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Sadsbury Village Enhancement Program, Mr. MacCombie stated that the program will affect Lincoln Highway from approximately Morris Lane to Blackberry Lane. Mr. MacCombie stated the reason for the meeting is to get the community input and see what the residents affected would like to see. The project will affect:

- Traffic calming by creating a median in the middle of Lincoln Highway, which will create traffic to slow down.
- The lanes will be approximately 12' wide.
- The median will have landscaping and trees, possibly potted trees.
- Sidewalks will be in towards the highway therefore not taking any residents front yard.
- Speed limit of 25 mph
- Raised cross walks /speed bumps
- Help beautify Sadsbury
- The Township Engineers are responsible for the design and they care what the residents think and want the project to be a benefit.

Mr. Dennis O'Neil stated that this project has been Federally funded with a grant of \$436,000.00 and will be bid by PenDot. Currently there is a historic review going on with a company called CHRS, they are gathering data and must prove that there is not environmental impact. Mr. O'Neil stated that the Township is responsible for the design and preparing the bid package. He added that they are currently seeking other grant monies available because the project will cost approximately \$660,668.00 to complete, what will happen is the project will be completed in phases, so therefore if the grant money runs out the project will cease until the funds are available to be completed. Mr. O'Neil stated that Pen Dot has a 10-12 year project for the route 30 bypass re-design and he knows that on the plans is a 4 way clover leaf to be placed on Airport Road by pass entrance and exit. Mr. O'Neil stated that would eliminate some of the heavy truck traffic that currently travels through the village. Mr. O'Neil stated that this project will allow for 2 bus shelters to be placed with 1 at Sadsbury Village and 1 at the new Township Complex, the one located at the Township will allow for the bus to pull off the road to load children then pull back onto the highway. Mr. O'Neil stated that also in the plans are interlinking sidewalks from the Arcadia project to Octorara Glen and Old Wilmington Road. Mr. O'Neil stated that he believed the core would be completed first which is

beginning with First Avenue to Blackberry Lane. The speed limit will be 25 miles per hour.

Public Comment:

Vicki Horan asked if the affected residents could obtain a schematic of the design of the project? Mr. MacCombie stated that yes that is possible and he will look into that. Ms. Horan asked if any resident was going to lose trees or shrubs because of this project? Mr. MacCombie stated that only one resident located at the corner of Morris Lane on the east side will lose a shrub and he has been in contact with the current homeowner. Ms. Horan asked what about the telephone/electric poles will they remain in the project? Mr. MacCombie stated that he would like to see underground utilities, and place more trees.

Joe Brooks asked who would maintain the sidewalks? Mr. MacCombie stated the homeowners would be responsible. Mr. Brooks asked who will fund the rest of the project once the money runs out, will the Township be responsible? Mr. MacCombie stated that he is hoping to receive contributions from developers and business owners, and no the Township will not be responsible for the remainder to the funds, he stated they will bite off sections in phases.

Mr. MacCombie stated that he intends on mailing letters to ask for contributions to help fund this project.

John Lymberis asked does the sidewalks end West of Blackberry lane? Mr. MacCombie stated yes, for one there is no money to take it any further than that.

Tom Greenfield asked when the traffic signal was going to be placed at the entrance of AIM Boulevard, and didn't a developer donate the money for the traffic signal? Mr. MacCombie stated that a traffic study must be completed to warrant for a traffic signal. A study has been completed and currently does not warrant for placement of a traffic signal. Mr. Greenfield stated that Parkesburg uses traffic calming with the 25 mph speed limits and police. Mr. Greenfield also commented that all the trees are gone that used to hide the ugly industrial park.

Vicki Horan asked if an example of what they have in mind is like Route 52 south of route 1? Mr. MacCombie stated that is exactly what they are looking to achieve. Ms. Horan asked if there would be street lighting placed? And if so will the lights have to stay on all night? Mr. MacCombie stated yes there will be street lights on an example of what is being placed at Harry's right now, and as far as leaving the lights on all night, it should be up to the residents; but PenDot may require they be on all night.

Lisa Reeder asked who would pay for the electric of the streetlights? Mr. MacCombie said that would be the Township's responsibility.

Chris Hershey asked how much of the residents property are you taking? Mr. MacCombie stated none, the sidewalks are being moved out onto the highway.

Lisa Reeder asked how the traffic patterns would affect local businesses? Mr. MacCombie stated that the grass patterns will change, he will have to look more into it but it should not drive customers away.

Scott Watcher asked about the heavy truck traffic that comes through the village everyday? Mr. O'Neil said that Pen Dot has plans on placing a 4-leaf clover on Airport Road to enter the Route 30 bypass.

Clark Faggiolli stated that tractor-trailers are constantly turning into the post office running up over the curbs now. Mr. MacCombie stated that there should be more police presence.

Mr. MacCombie stated that in approximately 3 months a public meeting would be held for the funding and review of the preliminary plans.

Ms. Shade asked if there would be a no turning lane for First Avenue? Mr. MacCombie answered yes.

Jane Heineman a homeowner along Lincoln Highway asked what would happen with the varying elevations. Mr. MacCombie stated that they will have to request some easements from residents to take down and modify, but they will replace all materials as they were.

Tom Greenfield asked about the costs and how much residents are responsible for? Mr. MacCombie stated they would continue the project until the money runs out and more funding is available.

John Lymberis asked if the project included all new sidewalks? Mr. MacCombie stated yes all new sidewalks would be installed. Mr. Lymberis asked if there would be driveway cut outs concrete aprons at driveways? Mr. MacCombie stated that the thought is to mix up pavers or combination stone, different scenario.

Don Roberts asked if getting Sadsbury on the historic register help with grant money? Mr. MacCombie said the village is currently in the historic district, but that's a good question, they are currently looking at all options.

Gunner Zorn will the residents be responsible for the landscaping? Mr. MacCombie stated that no the Township will maintain the trees or landscaping in the median strip. Mr. Zorn suggested that the traffic signal at Old Wilmington Road and Lincoln Highway be timed different, so that Lincoln Highway has a red light more often and Old Wilmington Road has a green. Mr. MacCombie stated that the timing of the traffic signals is up to PenDot.

Vicki Horan asked if a left signal would be placed to turn at the light at Old Wilmington Road and Lincoln Highway? Mr. MacCombie stated yes, but PenDot will have to do a study before making any changes. Ms. Horan asked if the Township could petition Pen Dot to revise the light? Mr. Hensel stated that it would cost the Township approximately \$20,000.00.

Tom Greenfield commented that he couldn't get out of his driveway now onto Lincoln Highway.

Susan Franco suggested that a "no turn on red" sign be placed on Old Wilmington Road entering East onto Route 30. Chief Groce stated that the intersection is marked with white painted lines and these lines have sensors in them that detects a vehicle therefore tripping the light, so if your not sitting on the white lines the traffic signal may take longer to change.

Alan Eagles asked if the Sadsbury Enhancement Project were completed has the intention on bringing more retail to the village? Mr. MacCombie stated that it's possible but not the idea behind the project.

Frank Petropoulos asked are you allowed to have a yard sale business every weekend? Mr. MacCombie stated that's a question for the zoning officer.

Nancy Greenfield asked how would emergency vehicles get through? How will vehicles get out of the way of them? Mr. MacCombie stated that a mountable curb would probably be used to allow the emergency vehicle to go up and over the curb.

Chris Hershey asked if there would be U turns? Mr. MacCombie stated that it is not currently on the plan but it is possible to look into it.

John Lymberis stated that a well thought out plan would have to be used for those who have driveways off of Lincoln Highway, he suggested possibly linking driveways together in rear?

Susan Franco asked what would happen to the storm water? Mr. O'Neil stated there are no changes with storm water; currently there are no issues.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer

