

**ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD	George Downsborough, Jr., Chair Betsy Whitman, Vice-Chair Elliot Abrams Daniel Treviño, Supervisor Jessica Buckland, Supervisor	
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor Stephen Casson, Township Engineer Greg Garthe, Planner Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police Susan Wheeler, Public Works Project Manager	
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Brenda Bryerton, Resident Kathleen Domenig, Resident Andy Haines, S&A Homes Carrie Campbell, JSSB Jim Payne, Resident Ray Stolinias, Ferguson Twp Michell Peoples, Resident	Pamela Robb, Resident Candace Kent, Resident Brian Henry, Resident Morgan Wasikonis, Housing Transitions Maureen Safko, State College Borough Missy Schoonover, CCHLT Valerie Burnett, Resident

**1. CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Downsborough.

**b. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Whitman moved to approve the amended March 13, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Trevino, the motion passed 5-0.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission**

In late 2018, the Board of Supervisors charged the Planning Commission (PC) with exploring possible means of addressing housing affordability in Patton Township. There are affordable housing provisions included in several of the Township’s zoning districts, but the Board would like the PC to recommend potential means of addressing the issue more comprehensively in the Township. Affordable housing is a complex and multi-faceted issue that does not have a “one size fits all” solution.

The Township Manager suggested that the Planning Commission consider the following approach:

- Review/define the need for affordable housing in Patton Township
- Collect information and review programs from other communities
- Consult with key personnel and stakeholders in the affordable housing arena
- Work with developers and builders to understand the impacts and/or constraints that come with affordable housing programs
- Analyze how various programs would work in the township and predict outcomes

At the January 14, 2019 work session, the PC members began exploring the issue by reviewing background information on how “affordable” is defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), eligibility for federal housing subsidy programs, and the need for affordable housing in Centre County and the Centre Region for individuals and families that do not qualify for federal programs. The PC also reviewed the common themes of several documents and studies that were prepared to shed light on the local housing affordability challenges and suggest strategies for addressing the issue in the Centre Region. Some of these resources are listed in the table below:

<b>DOCUMENT/STUDY</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<a href="#"><u>Centre County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment</u></a>	Centre County	2005
<a href="#"><u>Homes Within Reach Toolkit</u></a>	Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition	2006
<a href="#"><u>Centre County Housing and Land Trust Housing Market Study</u></a>	Centre County Housing and Land Trust	2011
<a href="#"><u>Centre Region Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 6 – Housing)</u></a>	Centre Regional Planning Agency	2013
<a href="#"><u>Centre Region State of Housing Report</u></a>	Centre Regional Planning Agency	2016

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

Also at the January meeting, the PC discussed the existing housing agencies and resources that serve Centre County. These organizations are detailed in [Housing Services in Centre County: A Guide to Emergency, Transitional, and Permanent Affordable Housing](#) (4<sup>th</sup> Edition – 2018).

Additionally, Linda Marshall, Centre County Senior Planner/Housing Coordinator, presented information on the [Centre County First-Time Home Buyer Program](#) and the [US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program](#).

At the February 4, 2019 work session, the Commissioners continued the discussion by reviewing the affordable housing approaches taken by other municipalities in the Centre Region and some other areas of the country. These included inclusionary zoning policies and shared equity approaches.

Staff provided summaries of the following local regulations:

MUNICIPALITY	REGULATIONS
College Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workforce Housing Ordinance</li></ul>
Ferguson Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traditional Town Development (TTD) District</li><li>• Terraced Streetscape (TS) District</li></ul>
Patton Township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commercial Transitional (CT) District</li><li>• Mixed-Use Overlay District 2 (MXD2)</li><li>• Planned Community (PC) District</li></ul>
State College Borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusionary Housing Ordinance</li></ul>

At their January 23, 2019 meeting, the Supervisors requested a follow-up joint work session to provide the PC an opportunity to give an update on the January and February PC work sessions, receive presentations from non-profit organizations that provide housing assistance in the area, and gather additional input from local professionals working on affordable housing. Tonight, a number of local professionals with experience and knowledge of housing matters in the State College area have been invited to participate in this work session. They have been encouraged to use this joint work session as an opportunity to briefly highlight the services that their organization provides, or approaches that their local government has taken to promote housing affordability.

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

The following format is proposed for tonight's work session:

- Recap of the January and February work sessions by Planning Commissioners
- Questions from the Board of Supervisors
- Brief presentations from local housing professionals and municipal representatives
- Questions from the Planning Commission
- Questions from the Board of Supervisors
- Questions from the public

The following items are included with the agenda:

1. January 14, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes
2. February 4, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes
3. Housing Terms Defined article from [Strong Towns](#)

Actions: The Supervisors should receive the presentations and facilitate a question and answer session.

Next Steps: The Supervisors should identify the next steps that they would like the Planning Commission to take.

Ms. Domico summarized the Planning Commission discussions from the January and February work sessions. She noted that affordable housing is a very complex issue.

Mr. Steudler stated that yes, it's a complex issue and we're still in fact finding mode.

Ms. Domico reviewed the basics of how affordability is based on Area Median Income (AMI) and the fact that there is an "affordability gap" for many in the Centre Region workforce.

Mr. Downsborough asked for presentations from the affordable housing (AH) experts in attendance.

Ms. Schoonover from the Centre County Housing and Land Trust stated they are a resource to help implement municipalities' approach to affordable housing, and they don't dictate how municipalities should provide housing. They build partnerships, like with Patton, Ferguson, etc., and noted that some ordinances force developers to construct AH, while others incentivize it.

Ms. Safko stated that Colleen Ritter, State College Community Land Trust (SCCLT) was not available, but they have been around since 1999, and 67 homeowners have been assisted and 45 properties are owned in the State College Borough (SCB). The SCCLT requires housing to remain affordable for 99 years. The Green Build project was completed in 2018. One benefit of the design is very low electric bills, which helps affordability. Various other SCB programs include funding/subsidizing the cost of housing. SCB gets CDBG and HOME funds from HUD. Townships can also apply to DCED for funding. The Borough has also applied for PHFA FAIR funds. Housing programs also utilize SCB general funds and inclusionary housing

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

ordinance' fee in lieu funds and funds recaptured from homeowners as paybacks. Private developers have also been part of the housing efforts, and private investment helps SCB provide the housing. LIHTC program is often used by developers. SCBs specific efforts include 1.) Owner-occupied housing rehab program to prevent blight. Available for families earning up to 80% AMI. This program addresses Code compliance issues, mold, radon, asbestos, lead paint, energy inefficiency, inaccessibility. 2.) First time home buyer program. Paid for by CDBG funds. Available to low (up to 80%) and middle income (up to 120%) families....also work with the SCHLT, Housing Transitions for first time home buyer program. They acquire property, rehab, and sell to income qualified home buyers. 3.) Inclusionary ordinance – AH units required to serve families earning up to 120% AMI. Ordinance applies to many categories, including rehab or change of use of property, as well as new development. Requirement met by building onsite AH, offsite AH, fee in lieu contributions, land donation, land + building donation options. The Borough does the income qualification on tenants. 3.) Neighborhood sustainability program. Helps preserve owner-occupancy when neighborhood close to “flipping” to a majority rental neighborhood. They buy houses, retire the rental permits, place restrictive covenants to ensure owner-occupancy. 11 houses have been purchased and 9 of them sold.

Mr. Haines stated that S&A has built 25 LIHTC developments in PA. Local example is the Stonebridge Senior Apts. They have 7 other LIHTC in Centre County but nothing in Patton. S&A supports AH but tough to make it work in many places. Very cost prohibitive around here, whether LIHTC rental properties or for-sale AH units. Stonebridge was expensive for S&A. Land costs are very high here. Tapping fees for water and sewer are high too. Incentives like density bonuses, waivers on required parking and sidewalks, stormwater waivers don't do enough to make projects profitable. They have used federal subsidies, funding from the City of Pittsburgh, and PHFA. We like inclusionary housing policies, but it is very challenging for them to meet the requirements. They need additional tax abatement for them and the homeowners to improve affordability. The market here in the Centre Region is too tough to do AH, considering you can live 20 mins away and find affordability unlike major metro areas. Selling townhouses for less than \$250K isn't viable. Many people choose to move 20 minutes away and save \$100,000 on housing. I encourage you to be flexible with your requirements, unlike other municipalities. Also, make the units affordable for a long time.

Ms. Wasikonis of Housing Transitions (HT) stated that they partnered with SCB on the first time home buyer program. HT owns some apartments in SCB. They are a human service agency for people in crisis; they have a shelter in SCB for homeless families. They provide re-housing assistance and permanent supportive housing for disabled persons. They have case workers to work with people having unforeseen life changes and provide services for disabled persons to stay in place. They offer up to a \$50,000 second mortgage that the property owner pays back to HT at time of sale of their property. There is a limit on the amount of HUD funding that can be spent. Maximum purchase price for homes they can buy is set by HUD. They use SCBs fee in lieu contributions to help fund programs. She noted that funding always a challenge.

Ms. Bryerton from Jersey Shore State Bank stated that they offer many programs geared toward first time home buyers. They partner with the USDA, PHFA, County, CCHLT, etc. to offer these programs.

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

Mr. Stolinis from Ferguson Township (FT) stated that his Township Manager is working on a MOU with the CCHLT. In 2005 FT adopted the Traditional Town Development (TTD) district, which requires 10% of the residential units to be workforce housing for families making 80-120% AMI. The TTD developments include Turnberry (The Heights) and Pine Hall. Turnberry is to include 91 AH units. Pine Hall is currently being revamped, and will include 102 AH units. In the other district with AH provisions, Terraced Streetscape District (TSD) is incentive based and there are no mandatory AH provisions. They have no AH staff in Ferguson, so they partner with CCHLT as a third party administrator for our programs. Fee in lieu and offsite AH options are not in their ordinances at the present time. No rental AH units allowed, only owner-occupied. In the future they may consider broadening it to include renter-occupied AH.

Mr. Downsborough opened the floor to the PC members to ask questions.

Mr. Silvis stated that Restek have employees in the \$50-\$70K range that live in Bellefonte, Tyrone, Snow Shoe, etc because that's what they can afford. He noted that Andy Haines is right about the high cost of water and sewer tap fees in this area.

Mr. Steudler stated he was impressed with the effort undertaken in other local municipalities on this issue. He asked do you find that people actually want to live in town or do they like living more rurally; places like Snow Shoe, etc?

Ms. Schoonover answered yes, both. She said "When we talk to employers, a percentage of income-qualified people choose to live in places near where they grew up, like Tyrone, Philipsburg, etc. But there is excitement over the new units in Ferguson, and in general I'd say it's 50/50 between people who want to live here and who want to live in other places. Many talented professionals want to be here in the Centre Region, but can't afford it so they live further away. Even 20 miles away from State College, there are still affordability challenges though. Many homes are being purchased as weekend rentals for football games, graduation, etc. This eliminates a portion of the housing market."

Ms. Domico asked how many AH units do we need in the Region? What's a good mix of rental/owner-occupied?

Ms. Schoonover stated that "it is very hard to know what the market actually needs. Some employers are not aware about the severity of the housing affordability issue. Many people think that 60% of salary spent on housing is normal, but that's very high, and 30% is the target. This is a complicated question and there's no easy answer. Much is dictated by the housing market."

Mr. McAllister thanked all very much for coming and said he found it very informative. He stated "Yeah, it's a very complex issue. Andy was on the mark about the fact that it is so expensive to produce. Is this a question of just affordable housing, or is it affordable living? I've been informally surveying every waiter, clerk, etc that I've encountered recently and most say they'd like to live here but it's way too expensive. Everything, including housing, land, taxes, etc. is way cheaper 20 miles outside State College. So it's really an overall cost of living issue."

Questions from the Board:

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

Mr. Trevino stated that he is on the local Habitat for Humanity Board and stated "We're building a house in Bellefonte. We have a family lined up; a CATA bus driver with 5 kids. We're always in the market for lots in the Centre Region, but it is way too expensive to purchase for Habitat. Thompson Place is a pretty good model, but we just bought 3 lots in Bellefonte because they were more affordable than lots in State College. We know plenty of families that can't handle the cost of living in the Centre Region."

Ms. Whitman told Ms. Safko and Ms. Wasikonis she was impressed with the amount of work the Borough is doing, but noted there are different issues in the Borough. She asked if they only work in the Borough?

Ms. Wasikonis stated that both of her organizations extend beyond the Borough limits and said "We do temporary housing in Borough mostly because of the funding, but we are not limited to Borough. We ideally aim for no more than a 30% housing cost burden. American Community Survey data says that over \$75K family income is the point at which people are around 30% cost burden in the Centre Region, and many people are over 50% of their income spent on housing and related costs."

Ms. Whitman asked what is LIHTC.

Mr. Haines stated that it is a federal tax credit program, awarded to AH developers but is available for rentals only. Tenants must qualify at 60% or less of the AMI. The tax credits are sold to corporate investors to create equity.

Ms. Buckland thanked everyone for being here. She commented "Profitability seems to be the core issue that limits developers' willingness to build AH. How can we make AH appealing to builders? We're trying to move toward mixed-use development here in some parts of Patton, but we're also dealing with the poverty issue. Our zoning is prohibitive and often results in piecemeal development patterns. I'm thinking that less people may want to own property in the future, and rental may become the preference for many. This includes young professionals, and families want no-maintenance living."

Ms. Wasikonis stated that many people now want proximity in exchange for big houses and lots. She said "High density, more communal space has become desirable. Energy conservation is important. Historically this has occurred in more urbanized areas, but it might become the trend here too. Also, many clients of ours are in the service industries and they can't afford housing and transportation even outside the Centre Region"

Mr. Haines stated that they find that many people 35 years old and under want access to amenities rather than big houses. Also, many of their AH rentals are rented by single moms.

Ms. Safko stated that the regional needs a new needs assessment to determine the current needs. She noted that Mr. Garthe pulled some good information

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

together about studies/reports that have been done in the county and region, but it's getting pretty dated. A current needs assessment can support funding requests at the local and regional levels.

Mr. Garthe summarized Council of Governments (COG) Transportation and Land Use (TLU) Committee discussion from last year, noting that Jim May had reached out to SCBWA, UAJA, and CRCA to discuss fees. All of them indicated that they are cost-recovery entities, and they generate their revenue from user fees, so fees cannot be waived. However, some will consider deferring payments in some cases or accepting the fees from a third party to offer some flexibility.

Ms. Buckland asked why is land so expensive here?

Mr. Haines stated "supply and demand. There is a limited amount of land in a desirable community."

Mr. Silvis stated as a business owner, he had never had any of the AH professionals approach him to discuss housing. He asked "What about employer assisted housing? I challenge them to consider subsidizing employers that are willing to help provide housing. We might be open to doing something like zero interest loans."

Ms. Safko stated that the Borough's no interest loans get repaid to the Borough at some capacity, often times when the property changes hands. Ed LeClear has discussed employer assisted housing with some business owners in the past. She noted that it's very popular with hospitals, academia, looking to improve sub-par neighborhoods with new housing. She stated that it's definitely a win-win; the community gets affordable housing for the workforce and the neighborhood is improved.

Mr. Silvis stated that there are many issues from the employer's perspective, such as amount of funds available, equity, other issues.

Mr. Steudler asked how do you (AH experts) convey these housing issues/challenges to the public?

Ms. Safko stated as a small nonprofit it's definitely a challenge to keep people informed.

Mr. Abrams stated that regarding the comment about an updated needs assessment, he would rather see money spent on solving the issue.

Ms. Buckland stated that the needs assessment would provide recommendations based on the current needs.

Mr. Trevino asked do we want to update our existing zoning or create an entirely new ordinance? Maybe one that would apply to all future developments like College Township's workforce housing ordinance?

Mr. Downsborough questioned whether the developers will actually develop AH if we require it?

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Potential Approaches To Affordable Housing In Patton Township - Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission (Continued)**

Mr. Abrams stated that we created the Residential Mobile Home Park (RMHP) zone and it got developed.

Mr. Erickson stated that the next steps would be to work with PC to identify several “classes” of approaches. He stated “You could try to move the needle on the supply/demand of the market. Or you could look at subsidies. Or you could do an inclusionary housing ordinance. I will work with Greg to create a menu of possible options to bring back sometime in the summer. We’ll throw out a few possible options, and let the PC filter it down to 1 or 2 best approaches to recommend pursuing.”

Ms. Whitman stated “The AH issue came up with Patton Crossing. It’s frustrating how complex an issue it is, and even the housing experts struggle to figure it out. I support a county-wide AH summit, which I think was done in the past. Also, we can only control what happens in Patton, not the whole region.”

Mr. Downsborough stated that he likes Doug’s approach and that the Board can help whittle it down.

Ms. Buckland suggested getting some more information on employer assisted housing.

Mr. Abrams stated he would like to see an incremental approach to solve pieces of the problem each time we look at zoning or developments.

Mr. Downsborough stated that as he recalls we wanted to get away from a piecemeal approach.

Mr. Erickson stated that he and Mr. Garthe will talk and work with the PC.

Mr. Steudler asked how do we cover the affordability gap that the experts have discussed.

Mr. Erickson stated that the essence of the issue is who subsidizes the difference between the cost of market-rate housing and affordable housing. Who provides that subsidy? The federal government? Developers? Municipalities? Employers? Some combination? Somebody has to pay for the subsidy to cover the difference in the cost.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY – No items**

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Feasibility Study for Toftrees Avenue Corridor Improvements from Waddle Road to 801 Toftrees (The Station)**

The [2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan](#) includes a project (PW-22) that “identified repairs required to the half pipe that carries storm water along Toftrees Avenue in front of the (Toftrees) resort.” In a staff project review session late last year, the Public Works staff recommended expanding the project to include creating better pedestrian access along Toftrees Avenue from Waddle Road towards the Toftrees Resort.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)**

a. **Feasibility Study for Toftrees Avenue Corridor Improvements from Waddle Road to 801 Toftrees (The Station) (Continued)**

With the recent departure of the Assistant Engineer, the Manager picked up the task of developing a "Request for Proposal (RFP)" for engineering services for this project. In the course of developing that document, the Manager determined that it may be prudent to review several other infrastructure issues that should be considered along the Toftrees corridor from Waddle Road to where the boulevard section begins at 801 Toftrees. These issues include:

- Potential upgrades or widening to include:
  - center turn lane for driveways to the resort and apartments
  - bicycle facilities (not share the road)
  - pedestrian facilities (both sides)
  - On-street parking (at least one side)
  - Transit stop facilities (pads with power)
- Correct sight distance issues at:
  - Country Club Lane
  - future rail-trail crossing
  - golf cart crossing
- Extension or Replacement of the culvert at the stream crossing to pass the 50 year event
- Upgrades to the existing storm drain system (eliminate half pipes)
- Street lighting upgrades
- Future traffic signals at Waddle and Cricklewood

This proposed project would include two deliverables:

- a) A concept plan for the entire corridor addressing the above issues, with preliminary estimates for cost, phasing, utility relocations, right-of-way acquisitions, and completion time, and
- b) Preliminary engineering documents for Phase 1 to address the original drainage issue and pedestrian access from Waddle Road to the driveway to 240 Toftrees Avenue.

The selected consultant would also be tasked with conducting a series of public meetings to solicit input on the conceptual improvements and present their findings.

The study is estimated to cost \$55,000 to \$80,000 and take six to eight months to complete.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)**

a. **Feasibility Study for Toftrees Avenue Corridor Improvements from Waddle Road to 801 Toftrees (The Station) (Continued)**

The original project, PW-22, has a budget of \$48,950 for design and construction. The 2019 Budget includes funding for two other transportation projects that are not likely to be advanced this year; PW-6 Area Transportation Study (\$100,000) and PW-39 Waddle Road Widening (Strouse to Clearview) (\$241,000). A portion of these funds could be redirected to this effort for 2019.

The Board is asked to review this information and consider the following options:

1. Proceed with the original Project PW-22 to correct the drainage issue
2. Proceed with a Project PW-22 "PLUS" to correct the drainage issue and provide better pedestrian access along Toftrees Avenue from Waddle Road
3. Proceed with the proposed Feasibility Study for the Corridor with Preliminary Engineering for Phase 1 (as proposed this evening)

Following a staff presentation the Board should discuss the matter, take comments from the public, and provide direction to staff on proceeding with this project.

The agenda materials included the draft Request for Proposals and a location map for the corridor.

Mr. Abrams stated that this is one of the most forward looking plan he has seen for this area ever and think it is time we should do it.

Ms. Buckland stated this is a good idea especially when development keeps unfolding.

Mr. Trevino state that he is in favor of a long range plan.

Without objection the Board directed staff to finish RFP as proposed.

Ms. Whitman stated that she received a comment about the traffic congestion at Toftrees Avenue and Fox Hollow Road.

6. **PLANNING & ZONING – No items**

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **PSATS Proposed Resolutions**

A copy of the proposed resolutions up for consideration at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors is enclosed. The Board should review the resolutions and provide guidance to the voting delegate on any resolutions of particular interest to Patton Township.

The Board reviewed the PSATS Proposed Resolutions.

7. **ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

b. **Regional Review of Potential Solar Power Purchase Agreement**

An ad-hoc committee of representatives of College Township, Ferguson Township, Halfmoon Township, Harris Township, Patton Township, Centre Region Council of Governments (COG), Centre County, Centre County Refuse and Recycling Authority, State College Area School District, State College Borough, and the State College Borough Water Authority met on February 7, 2019 to discuss the concept of a long-term joint purchase of solar energy in order to lower operational costs, reduce the carbon footprint of our region, and to set an example for the community.

At the meeting support was expressed to examine the proposal in more detail and to request that the governing bodies of each entity should confirm they support the gathering of additional information, further discussion, and an initial investigation on how such a partnership could occur.

The Manager and Director of Finance and Administration have reviewed the information provided to date and concluded there is no down-side or commitment required to further study and gather additional information, but ultimately this may not be the best choice for the Township.

Unless there is an objection, the Manager will report back to the COG that “the Township supports continuing the study but makes no commitment on participating in the final program at this time.” Additional background information from the COG is included in with the agenda materials.

With no objections, the Board directed staff to report back to COG.

c. **Local Government Week Resolution**

The Manager has provided a draft resolution to recognize April 8-12, 2019, as "Local Government Week" in Pennsylvania. The draft is based on a model provided by the [Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors](#).

The Board should review the resolution, take public comments and consider action to adopt the resolution, or schedule for additional review at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Abrams moved to adopt the Local Government Week Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Trevino, the motion passed 5-0.

d. **Plastic Straw Resolution - Whitman**

Supervisor Whitman has provided a draft resolution to “support the elimination of the use of plastic straws and encourages local businesses to provide alternative options — including a no-straw option -- to reduce plastic straw waste”

The Board should review the resolution, take public comments and consider action to adopt the resolution, or schedule for additional review at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Burnett commented on having information about fossil fuels.

Ms. Whitman moved to adopt Plastic Straw Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 5-0.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA – no items**

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Erickson reported on the following.

- a. Valley Vista Left Turn Lane project to resume on April 1<sup>st</sup>
- b. Upcoming Events
  - [1] Township Office Schedule
    - a. Closed, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Carpet Cleaning
    - b. Closed, May 27, Memorial Day
    - c. Closed, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day
  - [2] PSATS, Hershey, April 14 - 18
  - [3] Household Hazardous Waste Collection, April 26-27
  - [4] PML Northcentral District Mtg, April 30<sup>th</sup>, Mountain View, Boalsburg
  - [5] Children's Safety Fair, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Colonnade Shopping Center
  - [6] Bulk Waste Collection, May 13 -17
  - [7] Town and Gown Conference, May 19-22
  - [8] PML Spring Sustainability Conference, Toftrees, June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - [9] Community Diversity Conference, Penn Stater, June 11<sup>th</sup> (registration opens in April)
- c. Request for Letter of Support – Centre Region Parks and Recreation (letter enclosed)

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance, March 14 – Downsborough

- Impact Fee Discussion – Utilization of Codes Fees/Fund Balance
- Budget Amendment – COG Building Space Evaluation
- Budget Amendment – Millbrook March Nature Center Roof Replacement
- Budget Amendment – Swimming Pool Chemical Control Units

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- Unit Votes at General Forum Meetings
- Budget Amendment #1 Millbrook Marsh Roof Repair
- Budget Amendment #2 Swimming Pool Chemical Control Units
- Guidelines for Public Comment
- Regional Fire Protection Study
- COG's Participation in an Investigation of a Regional Solar Power Purchase Agreement
- Request to Schedule a Report on Transportation Projects

- a. State College Borough Water Authority. \_\_\_ – Montieth
- b. Centre Area Cable Consortium, March 11 – Downsborough
- c. Spring Creek Watershed Committee, March 20– Hurley, Alt. (Meeting notes enclosed)

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Abrams moved to adjourn the March 13, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:15PM. Seconded by Trevino, the motion passed 5-0.

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Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary