

**NOVEMBER 27, 2007
SPECIAL MEETING**

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Township offices located at 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The meeting was scheduled and advertised as a special meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding an Ordinance levying the Local Services Tax. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eberly and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Supervisors present were Mr. Buckwalter, Mr. Sollenberger and Mr. Landis. Mr. Rutt was absent. Also present was Mr. Ralph M. Hutchison, Township Manager.

The following persons signed in as being present in the audience:

Ms. Susan Snyder, 435 Mt. Sidney Road
Mr. Fred Daum, 2142 New Holland Pike
Mr. Irl and Mrs. Lois Duling, 824 Stumpf Hill Drive
Mrs. Linda Kirsch, 3721 Lowanna Avenue, Downingtown, PA

Consideration of Ordinance re: Local Services Tax

Chairman Eberly stated that the Local Services Tax had been in place for several years in the Township and that changes made by the State legislature to the enabling legislation for this tax now require the Township to change our local ordinance. He then asked Mr. Hutchison to further explain the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Hutchison indicated that changes to this tax have been discussed in the legislature ever since it was first provided as a revenue source for municipalities. He further indicated that it has previously been called the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax. He also stated that along with the name change, changes to the method for payroll deduction by employers, creating of various exemptions and the process for reimbursement are included in the ordinance in order to conform to state law. Mr. Hutchison also said that the adoption of the ordinance changes prior to December 1 will allow the change to take effect as of January 1, 2008. Finally, he indicated that there is no change to the rate of the tax levied by the Township and that the Ordinance was prepared by the Township Solicitor who recommends adoption of the Ordinance.

Chairman Eberly asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed ordinance.

Mrs. Lois Duling, 824 Stumpf Hill Drive asked for further explanation of the exemptions provided in the ordinance and questioned the \$12,000 limit set as income threshold for payment of the tax. Mr. Hutchison indicated that this was the limit set by the state law and that the Township has no control over this limit.

There was no further comment or discussion.

Mr. Buckwalter then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance levying a tax of \$52 for the privilege of engaging in an occupation within East Lampeter Township to be known as the Local Services Tax, as drafted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landis and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed at the meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Sollenberger then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landis and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ralph M. Hutchison
Township Manager