

**Good evening, Everyone.**

**As you know, we made a commitment to keep you informed about** the two investigations currently underway in Kennett Township by the Chester County District Attorney's Office and a forensic auditor hired by the Township.

**These investigations are looking into suspicious transactions on Township accounts which came to light in late April of this year.**

As you know, all Township employees (including the Supervisors) have been asked by the District Attorney not to discuss any details which might jeopardize the investigations, and to refrain from speculation. We have been following those instructions and cooperating fully in the investigations.

**That said, in keeping with our commitment to communicate [what we can](#),** we have a few items to report tonight.

### **First, on the progress of the investigations**

You'll recall that I've reported at each meeting on both parts of the investigation: First, the District Attorney's investigation into the criminal portion of this matter. Second, the forensic accountant's investigation into determining how and to what extent actions were taken that were either improper or illegal.

We continue to be in regular communication with those leading both investigations and both are proceeding **normally and on schedule**. There are no changes to report at this time.

I regret that I cannot provide any more details than that right now.

I appreciate your understanding as we work to fully cooperate with the investigations, including not to do or say anything which might jeopardize either investigation.

### **Second, a Township Operations Update**

**We continue to work diligently to ensure that the government of Kennett Township proceeds without interruption and to take prudent steps to add both additional safeguards and security to all of our systems – financial and otherwise.**

I would like to briefly highlight two items tonight:

- **First, an upgrade to our payroll system:**

**Alison Rudolf will be reporting later in the meeting on her recommendation to shift our payroll manager to a service provider specializing in this service.** There are a variety of reasons including efficiency, security, and cost savings. She will discuss this in greater detail – including the advantages to Kennett Township.

- **Second, an update on the search for a new Township Manager**

**You'll recall that we advertised for candidates for our permanent Township Manager position.** We received 33 qualified applicants. We narrowed the field considerably and are working diligently to finalize our selection -- including going through the later stages of due diligence, including a thorough background check.

We believe it prudent to leave it to that right now. When we have all the homework side of things done, we will have complete information to announce – including a timetable.

- **Last, on behalf of Richard Leff, Whitney Hoffman and myself, I would like to thank all our Township staff and all the residents of Kennett Township once again** for their continued support and encouragement as we navigate our way through this challenging process.

**I will now take questions specifically related to the investigations.** We will take questions on other Township business later on in the meeting as we usually do.

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**Thank you for your questions.** I'll be glad to answer additional questions personally after the meeting, should you have any.

**Now we will return to the Agenda and Township Business.**

Scudder Stevens, Chair

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