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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 23, 2017

RE: Clarification of Comments Made During the Board of Supervisors Meeting on October 19, 2017


On October 19, 2017 during the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting questions were raised after the routine annual Motion to Approve End of Year Advertisements about the replacement of the Township auditing firm, Weinhold, Nickel and Company (WNC) LLP who recently made the Township aware during the Annual Audit review on September 28, 2017 that their firm will no longer provide auditing services for the Township.

At the beginning of the discussion about the future Township Auditor I made the comment that the issue was being researched, which is correct. At the meeting with WNC the Township was made aware that there may be a chance to utilize our current auditor when he moves to his new reported firm for the same rate that the Township currently was under contract with WNC. We were also made aware that our current auditor had not been hired yet by the new firm.

During follow up questioning I made a misstatement that needs corrected. I mentioned that we are in contact with the former auditor who is no longer working for WNC about his new firm taking over auditing services for the same fee. That statement is correct since our former auditor did reach out to the Township staff. However after that statement I said "and that is the way we are leaning with the familiarity of everything." With that statement I should have said instead "and that is the way I am leaning with the familiarity of everything." I regret making a statement that implied that the entire Board was in agreement leading up to the meeting. That was not the case, since this was the first time the Board discussed the matter and I should not have assumed that the other Supervisors were in agreement. That was a mistake on my part.

I do continue to feel that utilizing our past auditor in his new firm was the best course of action if the opportunity presented itself and the numbers were comparable with our past contract with WNC. However today I became aware that our former auditor did not get hired by the firm he discussed with Township staff and is not available for providing auditing services. Therefore at our next public meeting on November 2, 2017 I feel the Township will need to discuss the process for selecting a new auditing firm and a new auditor.

Sincerely,



Douglas B. Mackley, Chairman

East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors