

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 3, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Vice-chairman Robert Jones.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough (arriving at 7:43 p.m.)
Robert Jones
Barbara D'Angelo

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was begun with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Sessions

None.

Correspondence

Sixty-one (61) pieces of correspondence were noted as received. A list of the correspondence as well as the individual pieces of correspondence is available for public inspection.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 6, 2011 meeting were presented for consideration. After review, Supervisor Jones moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously with a vote of Supervisors Jones and D'Angelo.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer/Secretary Betty Randzin read the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Fourteen (14) new invoices were presented for review, totaling \$14,588.34, together with PLGIT expenditures totaling \$6,594.38 (the PLGIT report was reviewed in full by the Supervisors). Three (3) invoices that were tabled at the last meeting were also presented: a membership fee for the Brandywine Conservancy; a membership fee for the Brandywine Valley Association; and an invoice for chipper repairs. Five (5) invoices approved last month were also presented to be ratified. All of the invoices are as set forth on the written Treasurer's report. Chairman McDonough arrived at the meeting during the discussion on the invoices, at approximately 7:43 p.m. After discussion, the Supervisors resolved to table the membership fee for the Brandywine Valley Association and the invoice for the chipper, and to deny the membership fee request for the Brandywine Conservancy. With respect to the chipper,

the Supervisors would like to propose to relinquish/sell its share of the chipper to either of the other municipalities involved in the purchase for the Township's pro-rata share of its fair market value (as recommended by the Township Road Foreman). After the conclusion of the discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the fourteen (14) new invoices, totaling \$14,588.34, be authorized for payment. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor Jones moved that the PLGIT expenditures be authorized for payment, together with ratification thereof as required, totaling \$6,594.38. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor Jones moved that the five (5) bills presented for ratification be so ratified, in the amount of \$152,726.10. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Supervisor Jones moved that the liquid fuels expenditure presented for ratification, in the amount of \$120,763.25, be so ratified. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pennsylvania State Police

Corporal Brian Barber was present to give the report of the Pennsylvania State Police. No major incidents were reported for the month of October. Discussion ensued as to various areas within the Township where motorists have been observed speeding. Cpl. Barber indicated each of the areas and indicated that a PSP presence would be placed in those areas.

Glenmoore Fire Company

A representative of the GMFC was unable to attend. Supervisor Jones read the GMFC report. It responded to nineteen (19) calls in October, nine (9) of which were in Wallace. A report will be transmitted to the Township Secretary.

EMC

No report.

DARC

No report.

Park and Recreation Board

Nanette Harvey presented the report of the Park and Rec Board. The PR Board expressed its thanks to the Supervisors, Supervisor D'Angelo, the Road Foreman, the Township Secretary and all of the volunteers for the Halloween party. It was rescheduled due to the weather to October 30th, and was still heavily attended. Thanks also were expressed to Chairman McDonough for donating the pizzas for the event. The Tree Lighting ceremony is scheduled for the 1st Sunday in December (December 4th). Minimal costs are expected. The Road Crew has already started preparations. Also, Community Day for 2012 is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2012.

Historical Commission

HC Member Mark Kinkelaar provided the report of the Historical Commission. The HC is continuing to work on the Atlas, which has been delayed due to certain health issues. Next, the HC expressed its thanks to the Board of Supervisors and Township Secretary for approving a donation to the Chester County Historical Society in honor of Roz Brewster. Next, the HC took a preliminary vote on its 2012 budget, which was provided to the Board for incorporation into the Township budget. Lastly, Mr. Kinkelaar noted that the HC received a building permit and specs for Carl Walker, for a small balcony on his historic mill property. The balcony in question faces the rear of the property and would not be visible from the roadway. The HC has not yet provided a recommendation. In discussion, it was noted that a recommendation was needed immediately in order to avoid the potential for a deemed approval of the permit application.

Trails

No report.

EAC

No report.

Wallace Trust

No report.

Municipal Authority

No report.

Planning Commission

PC Chair Bill Moore provided the report of the Planning Commission. It has cancelled its November work session, and recently held a meeting to approve its outstanding minutes. At its meeting in December, the PC expects to discuss a new two (2) acre, two (2) lot subdivision, which is a spin-off lot from an Act 319 parcel. It preliminarily appears that variance relief will be necessary.

Old Business

- a. **2012 Budget:** A discussion on the budget was held until after the presentation of new business and public comment in order to accommodate the residents in attendance.
- b. **Deer Hunting:** The Township Secretary noted that the Township has received two (2) additional applications for the archery only deer hunting of Alice Park. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the hunting applications of John Thomas and David VanBrunt be approved. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously

New Business

- a. Fee Schedule Resolution: Solicitor Crotty noted that the Board authorized a revision to the Fee Schedule last month, to incorporate a specific, lesser fee for grinder pump electrical permits. It has now been incorporated into the Fee Schedule Resolution, which was presented to the Board for approval. After review, Supervisor Jones moved that the Fee Schedule Resolution, Resolution 11-09, be approved as submitted. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- b. False Alarm Ordinance: Solicitor Crotty next noted that the False Alarm Ordinance has been advertised for comment and adoption at this meeting. The draft ordinance has been advertised and transmitted to all parties as required by the Second Class Township Code. After review and discussion as to its revised provisions, Supervisor Jones moved that the False Alarm Ordinance, Ordinance No. 142, be approved. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- c. Snow Equipment: Supervisor Jones noted that the Road Department required two (2) additional pieces of equipment in anticipation of the coming winter season. First, a new spreader was needed for the main salting truck. A quote had been received from E.M. Kutz, Inc., a Co-stars approved vendor. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township purchase the stainless steel "fab" direct drive spreader unit from E.M. Kutz in the amount of up to \$2,500. Chairman McDonaugh seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the purchase of the used plow for the backhoe from Penn-Hazle Equipment Co. for an amount not to exceed \$3,500, subject to the review and inspection of the same by the Township Road Foreman. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- d. Annual Notices: Solicitor Crotty noted that, with the year nearing a close, the Township is required to advertise certain notices – a notice of the organization meeting on January 3, 2012 and a notice of the intent to appoint Barbacane Thornton as the Township's independent auditor. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the notices be authorized for advertisement. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- e. November BOS morning meeting: Supervisor Jones moved that the November 17, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting be cancelled. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

- A. Dan Scaringi raised a public comment related to a stormwater and flooding issue with his neighbor. Mr. Scaringi believes that his neighbor did work on her property two (2) years ago to raise the grade, without obtaining permits, which changed the contour

of the ground. The prior Zoning Officer, Bruce Graff, had previously inspected the property and determined that he could not conclude that there was a violation. Mr. Scaringi disagrees with that prior conclusion, and, with the passage of additional time, he stated that the flooding problems have continued. Discussion ensued as to the County and DEP inspections, which apparently did not result in any negative findings against the neighbor. The Supervisors noted that they would request the Township Engineer and Township Zoning Officer to inspect the area in order to ascertain if there is an issue, a possible solution and to ensure that the integrity of the road is not being impacted.

Old Business (continued)

- a. 2012 Budget: Discussion of the budget resumed from the past meeting. A discussion as to all aspects of the budget was held. The budget request of the Historical Commission was incorporated. Supervisor Jones then read each category of the budget. After the completion of the discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the advertisement of the budget availability, to be considered for adoption on December 1, 2011. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

- a. Secretary Randzin noted that the Chester County Water Resources Authority has given its approval for a hidden driveway sign to be erected, which was also approved by PennDOT.
- b. Secretary Randzin further noted that a complaint had been received as to traffic at the intersection of Springton and Highspire Roads. The Supervisors directed Secretary Randzin to request PennDOT to perform a traffic study at the intersection.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary/Treasurer