

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 15, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 8:00 AM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough
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.

Resolution – Appreciation to Bryan McDonough

Prior to commencing the regular business items listed on the Agenda, several individuals voiced words of appreciation to outgoing Supervisor/Chairman McDonough for his years of service. After discussion, a Resolution recognizing Chairman McDonough's contributions to the Township was read and presented. Supervisor Jones moved that Resolution 11-10 be approved as presented, which was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo. The resolution carried with affirmative votes of Supervisors Jones and D'Angelo.

Correspondence

Eighty-five (85) 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 December 1, 2011 and November 3, 2011 BOS meetings were presented for consideration. After review, Supervisor Jones moved that the minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting be approved as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried with affirmative votes of Supervisors Jones and D'Angelo (Supervisor McDonough abstaining due to his absence from that meeting). Supervisor Jones moved that the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting be approved as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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 \$18,193.23, together with PLGIT expenditures totaling \$28,590.47 (being both the October and November PLGIT expenditures, with the PLGIT reports being reviewed in full by the Supervisors).

Two (2) invoices that were tabled at the last meeting were also presented: a membership fee for the Brandywine Valley Association; and an invoice for chipper repairs. After discussion these invoices would continue to be tabled. Five (5) invoices approved last month were also presented to be ratified, totaling \$7,015.08. All of the invoices are as set forth on the written Treasurer's report. With respect to the chipper, the Supervisors directed the Road Foreman to obtain an estimate as to the value of the chipper so that the Board can proceed with relinquishing its 1/3 interest to either of the other Townships in lieu of the pending repair invoice. After the conclusion of the discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the fourteen (14) new invoices, totaling \$18,193.23, 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 \$28,590.47. 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 \$7,015.08. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pennsylvania State Police

No report.

GMFC

Scott Welker provided the report of the GMFC. The GMFC responded to fourteen (14) calls in November, with three (3) of them being in Wallace Township. The GMFC also submitted a copy of its 2012 budget, which is available for review at the Township building. Brief discussion was held as to the status of the truck purchase, which (at present) will be paid for at the time of delivery.

EMC

No report.

DARC

No report.

Park and Recreation Board

No report. It was noted that the tree lighting ceremony went well. A discussion was held as to the potential for purchasing a new, 10-12 foot evergreen tree for Wagenseller Park or other locations for future years.

Historical Commission

No report.

Trails

No report.

EAC

No report.

Wallace Trust

Supervisor D'Angelo gave an update as to the Trust. The Trust is in the process of reviewing and organizing all of its records. CVC is also preparing maps on behalf of the Trust to show all of the conserved land throughout the Township. Tom McClung is spearheading the efforts to organize the annual inspection of these lands.

Municipal Authority

Roger Irej provided the report of the Authority. The Authority completed its asset management plan. It is now considering whether it should replace all existing grinder pumps on the Glenmoore System (approx. 250) with updated pumps that require less maintenance. Questions were raised by John Miller as to the Authority's ongoing maintenance plan.

Planning Commission

The PC report was given by PC Chairman Bill Moore. Two issues were noted. First, PennDOT has submitted a sketch plan for improvements to the Turnpike rest area within the Township. Together with its sketch plan submission, it has requested that any fees be waived and that its later submission to be considered as a preliminary/final submission. The Board noted that it would not be agreeable to waiving any standard review or application fees given the costs incurred by the Township in processing the application, and that any request for preliminary/final application consolidation should be made as a waiver request with the preliminary plan application. Questions were raised as to the lighting for the facility. The sketch plan was forwarded to the PC for its consideration.

Next, PC Chair Moore noted that a sketch plan was presented at the PC's last meeting for the Roeder property. It is approximately 17.5 acres of land, all conserved under Act 319. An issue has arisen as to the size of two of the proposed lots. A copy of the application was forwarded to the Township Engineer.

Old Business

- a. Chipper: As noted above, Road Foreman Duane Hammond was requested to obtain a valuation for the existing chipper and to set up a dealer to provide an estimate as to its value so that the Township can consider relinquishing its 1/3 interest. Supervisor Jones further requested Mr. Hammond to obtain price quotes for a gently used chipper.

New Business

- a. Elverson EMS: Supervisor Jones noted that the Elverson EMS has settled its suit with the Upper Uwchlan Ambulance Corps. The Township is now willing to remit its 2011 donation. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township remit its 2011 contribution of \$5,000 to Elverson EMS. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Township Secretary noted that EEMS has also requested an additional contribution to off-set a portion of EEMS' workers' compensation. Questions were raised as to whether the Workers' Comp. included the volunteers, the paid staff or both. It was noted that Townships generally do not remit payment for Workers' Comp. covering paid staff. The Township Secretary/Treasurer will look into the issue.
- b. PIRMA: Township Treasurer/Secretary Betty Randzin noted that a resident, Michael Harrington, has made a request for a mailbox replacement as a result of the last snow plowing. The matter was forwarded to the Township's liability carrier for review and response.
- c. Cell Tower Presentation: Brooke Dolan of Clearshot Communications gave a presentation as to the possibility of using certain Township property for a wireless communication facility. The Supervisors noted that they were generally inclined toward the idea, leaning toward a less visually intrusive design of a flagpole, but noted that additional resident input would be warranted and additional quotes should be obtained (with the possibility of the matter being put out to public bid). The Township Engineer was requested to provide a list of qualified RF engineers to potentially provide a study as to the suitability of the various Township properties. The Township Solicitor was also requested to review whether the matter should be placed out to bid and to assess the various aspects of the proposal.
- d. Heritage Highspire Estates Escrow Release Request: The Township Engineer presented his recommendation as to Escrow Release Request 18 by Heritage. Pursuant to his recommendation, the Township should release \$11,603.59, but should not release the retainage funds. The Supervisors and Solicitor agreed with this assessment. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved to approve Highspire Escrow Release 18 in the amount of \$11,603.59. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- e. Deer Hunting: John Williams was present to provide the report of the Brandywine Hunt Club. One (1) deer was harvested last month, bringing the total to eight (8) thus far this season.

- f. Playground Equipment/Slides: Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin noted that a local handyman has indicated that he could retrofit the appropriate playground safety equipment for the slides. The Board directed that quotes be obtained for the next meeting.
- g. Valhalla Brandywine: The applicant has submitted a check as satisfaction of the outstanding professional consultant review fees due as of November 29, 2011. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township accept the payment in the amount of \$22,500 in consideration for the outstanding professional consultant review fees due as of November 29, 2011. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- h. Electrician/Township Building Sign Lighting: Township Secretary Betty Randzin noted that the lighting on the Township building sign (along the road) is broken and she is in the process of obtaining quotes to remedy. After discussion, she will pursue the cost of both a new sign and on repairing the existing lighting to only light up the Township name portion of the sign.
- i. Township Offices Closed: It was noted that the Township offices would be closed on December 23 and 26, 2011, in observance of the holiday.
- j. Request for use of Township Meeting Room: John Miller requested the use of the Township meeting room for the 2nd Wednesdays of February, March and April of 2012, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for a Boy Scouts troop meeting. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting request be approved. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary/Treasurer