

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors to order on Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 7:30 PM in the Township Building.

Supervisors present: Robert D. Jones
William T. Moore

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Chairman Jones announced that an executive session was held on Saturday, October 27, 2012, with respect to the state of emergency preparations for Hurricane Sandy. Chairman Jones moved that the Board of Supervisors ratify the declaration of a state of emergency attributable to Hurricane Sandy. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fifty-one (51) pieces of correspondence were noted as received for the month of October. A list of the correspondence as well as the individual pieces of correspondence is available for public inspection.

MINUTES

The minutes for the October 4 and October 18 meetings were presented for review, but were tabled due to the absence of Supervisor D'Angelo.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer/Secretary Betty Randzin presented and read the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Eight (8) new invoices were presented for consideration, totaling \$32,246.10, together with a PLGIT invoice to ratify for the month of September, totaling \$7,231.69. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved to authorize the payment of the eight (8) new invoices for a total of \$32,246.10, as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Chairman Jones next moved that the Township ratify the PLGIT payment in the amount of \$7,231.69. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE REPORT

Recently-installed Lt. Magee presented the report of the Pennsylvania State Police. Forty-one (41) incidents were reported for the month of October. Lt. Magee discussed the

general status of certain of the incidents reported, noting that the residential burglary listed involved an individual entering an open garage and taking \$5.00 from an unlocked car. Residents were reminded to lock their doors and vehicles. The Board expressed their appreciation to the PSP for their speed enforcement activities around the school bus locations and it was requested that those efforts continue.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY

Scott Welker attended and provided the report of the GMFC. Given the timing of the meeting, the official statistics for the month of October were not yet available. The GMFC, however, expressed its appreciation to the Supervisors and the Road Crew for their assistance during the hurricane. The Supervisors likewise noted their thanks to the GMFC, the EMC and Road Crew. A discussion then ensued as to the status of the radio communications equipment. Chairman Jones expressed a desire for the current equipment to be upgraded and integrated between the Township, the GMFC and the EMC. Representatives from each entity would be brought together to discuss the equipment needs and funding opportunities in the near future.

Fire Police: In addition to the above, it was noted that the GMFC has recommended that the Township appoint two individuals as Fire Police – Mac Kirkpatrick and Dylan Seese. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township appoint Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Seese as Township Fire Police. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Both individuals were then sworn in by Chairman Jones.

EMC

Mac Kirkpatrick provided his report, noting the hurricane response activities referenced above. Additionally, it was noted that the County has requested that the Township adopt its Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Township has been provided with a copy of the form resolution to do so, but has not been provided with the Plan itself. The matter was therefore tabled. The Supervisors requested that the Solicitor reach out to the County representatives to obtain a copy of the Plan.

DARC

No report.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

No report. Secretary/Treasurer Randzin was requested to confirm the Park and Rec Board meeting schedule for 2013. Secretary/Treasurer Randzin noted that the Halloween events went well. They were very well attended and enjoyed by the participants. The Township thanked the GMFC for its assistance throughout. The Township has received notes of appreciation and thanks from the residents. Lastly, Chairman Jones announced that the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at Wagenseller Park on December 2, 2012.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

No representatives from the Historical Commission were present. Secretary/Treasurer Randzin noted that the Historical Commission had begun planning for a celebration of the Glenmoore Historic District's official designation. The Board noted that the planning must be coordinated through the Township and the Supervisors. A representative from the Historical Commission will attend the December meeting to discuss.

TRAILS

No report.

EAC

No report.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. 2013 Budget: Chairman Jones noted that the Board formulated the draft 2013 budget at the last meeting. It is available at the Township building for review. The budget notice is scheduled to be advertised in the Daily Local within the next day or so, with the budget to be considered for adoption at the December 6 BOS meeting.
- b. Township Park Use Policy: As a follow up to the discussion at previous meetings, further discussion was held as to the Township's Park Use Policy. It was noted that camping could be allowed, but only with prior permission by the Township. The draft would be further considered by the Board at its December meeting (at which time the ordinance implementing it can be authorized for advertisement).
- c. Township Door: An update was provided as to the glass repair for the Township door. The vendor has delayed in moving forward with the work. It now requests that the Township sign a design plan. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township authorize the execution of the design plan for the glass door replacement, subject to the condition that the vendor must complete the installation by December 14, 2012. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. DASD-SMES Escrow Release Request: The Downingtown Area School District previously submitted a request for release of \$323,915.83 in escrow monies related to the Springton Manor Elementary School project. The Township Engineer reviewed the request and submitted a certificate to recommend full release. Chairman Jones therefore made a motion that, pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer, the Township authorizes the release of the remaining monies held in escrow for the Springton Manor Elementary School Project. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- b. Year End Meeting Notices: Two notices are required to be advertised in preparation for organization meeting: a notice of the organization meeting and a notice of the Township's intent to appoint an independent CPA in lieu of the elected auditor position. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township authorize the advertisement of the above-referenced notices. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- c. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: Secretary/Treasurer Randzin announced that the Township's volunteer appreciation dinner is tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2012.
- d. BOS Meeting on November 15, 2012: After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township cancel the November 15, 2012 Supervisors' morning meeting. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- e. Trails: It was noted that confusion surrounds the status and role of the Wallace Trails Preservation Board as it compares to those of the Wallace Trails Preservation Association. The Trails Board has been determined to be the officially-designated Township planning agency, with the Trails Association being a group of private citizens who undertake efforts to use/obtain private trail easements. The Township website would be updated to reflect the same. Concern was noted as to likelihood of third parties mistaking actions of the Trails Association for actions of the Township. As one effort to address the issue, a draft ordinance has been prepared to confirm the Trails Board as the official entity and to spell out its duties and advisory capacity on planning issues. Pursuant to the State Ethics Act, it will also be confirmed that the Trails Board does not have direct control over the expenditure of any Township funds. Instead, it serves as an advisory agency that can recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize public trail related expenditures. Further consideration will be given to the name conflict issues between the two groups. The matter would be more fully discussed at the next Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Additionally, it was noted that a complaint was submitted by the Trails Board about homeowner conflicts with the trails in the Highspire Development. The Township Zoning Officer was again directed to review the issue and enforce all applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and the approved plans if any violations have taken place. The Supervisors also inquired as to the propriety of the Trails Board

submitting the complaint to the Township as a Township entity, a role that falls outside of its stated purview.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Chairman Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary/Treasurer

FINAL