

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 3, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chair Barbara D'Angelo.

Supervisors present: Barbara Z. D'Angelo
 Robert D. Jones
 William T. Moore

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisors began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MINUTES

The minutes for the November 12, 2015 meeting were presented for review. After discussion and correction of a formatting issue, Supervisor Moore moved that the minutes be approved in the form as modified. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was tabled until the Board's December 17, 2015 meeting.

POLICE REPORT

Supervisor Jones presented the Pennsylvania State Police report. Forty-five (45) incidents were noted for the month of November. It was noted that the newspaper's article, "body found in the woods," referenced a suicide that occurred in a wooded area of the Township, not a murder, assault or other criminal action. Additionally, it was noted that the State Police are continuing to investigate the recent car vandalism incidents.

Next, Supervisor Jones gave a presentation and overview as to the consideration for contracting with West Brandywine Township for part-time police services. The focus would be on traffic enforcement during peak hours, and discussions have taken place with the WBT Police Chief and officials as to the scope of police coverage to be provided. Any services would not

affect how residents contact the police for emergency issues, but would aimed at providing enhanced, focused and cost-effective police coverage to the Township and residents. Residents Brian Funk and Scott Juenger commented favorably as to the proposal and inquired as to the number of hours and other considerations. Ultimately, the Board noted that any services would be memorialized in a written agreement to be presented at a meeting and approved by each Township. The Board is hopeful that the agreement can be ready for its consideration at its December 17th meeting.

EMC

Mac Kirkpatrick was in attendance, but had no report.

DARC

No report.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

GMFC representative Richard King presented the report of Glenmoore Fire Company. It responded to twenty-two (22) calls in November, seven (7) of which were in the Township. The GMFC also maintained an average of 6.4 volunteers per call. Next, Joe Carmen provided the report of the Elverson Ambulance. It responded to one (1) call in Wallace Township for the month of November, with a response time of ten (10) minutes. Mr. Carmen additionally requested permission from the Township to obtain the response information for the past two years from the County. Supervisor Jones noted that he would review and follow up with the County. Lastly, John Sly of Westwood Ambulance emailed his report to the Township given a meeting conflict. It responded to eight (8) calls for the month of November in the Township, with an average response time of fourteen (14) minutes.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore presented the report of the Park and Rec Board. She noted that the Annual Tree Lighting and Bonfire is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, she noted the momentous occasion of Supervisor Moore's birthday. All joined in a spirited chorus of Happy Birthday and enjoyed homemade cupcakes.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

No formal report was provided, although a discussion took place as to the open volunteer positions on the Commission.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

No report. However, a discussion took place about the status of the loop trail in response to a question by resident Brian Funk. Finalized grading of it will be addressed in the spring or early summer. The Board discussed the possibility of a ribbon cutting event at Community Day.

EAC

No report.

GLENMOORE VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Brian Funk raised discussion points on behalf of the GMVEC. First, a discussion took place as to the temporary ice rink to be installed at Wagenseller Park. The Board reiterated its agreement with the concept. The Board had requested pricing information in September, October and November. Mr. Funk will obtain the requisite information on pricing and materials for the Board to consider at its next meeting. Mr. Funk next introduced resident Darryl Dostalík, who lives on McConnell Drive. Discussion occurred as to 39 McConnell Drive being for sale and the potential that it could be purchased by the Township. Supervisor Jones noted that an appropriate cost analysis would be required in order for the Board to consider it. There are several substantial hurdles to any consideration, given that the lot contains the roadway, a dilapidated structure and is burdened by a variety of liens. Supervisor Jones noted that the Board is also required to be sensitive to the fact that this request is being made to expend Township funds contributed on behalf of all residents, not just those of a particular private street. Supervisor Moore indicated that he is against the concept of the Township purchasing the home given the variety of issues with the lot, i.e., the increased burden of bringing the road up to public road specifications and subsequently maintaining it. Solicitor Crotty noted that the McConnell Drive residents could consider approaching the mortgage provider (which now owns the property) to inquire as to splitting off the road and then creating a homeowner's association to provide for its continued maintenance.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Moore noted that the Planning Commission has continued its discussions on additional potential zoning ordinance revisions.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Wagenseller Park: Supervisor Jones noted that he would like the Township to review and consider planning and design for improvements to Wagenseller Park in the coming year.
- b. Cell Tower: Follow up discussion occurred as to the potential for a cell tower at the Township building property. A balloon test is scheduled for December 4th, with renderings to be produced for the views from each surrounding residential street. Resident Scott Welker, who lives in the vicinity, noted that he would advise the neighborhood residents of the test. A rendering would then be prepared and the proposal would be further discussed at a public meeting or meetings.

- c. Eagle Scout Projects: Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that the kiosk has been removed from Burgess Park for one of the Eagle Scout projects. It is expected that the Scout will move forward with installation of the new kiosk in the coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lakeview: Solicitor Crotty noted that the Township Engineer's office prepared a certificate of completion for the improvements in the Lakeview development. Supervisor Jones noted that he would abstain from the vote as he performed work for the developer in the past. After discussion, Chair D'Angelo moved that, pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer, the Township authorize the release of \$146,452.52, the balance of the Lakeview development financial security. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried with the affirmative votes of Chair D'Angelo and Supervisor Moore. Next, Chair D'Angelo moved that the Township approve Resolution No. 2015-11, to accept dedication of Watkins Lane and to take all necessary actions to have it placed on the Liquid Fuels rolls. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried with the affirmative votes of Chair D'Angelo and Supervisor Moore. Lastly, Chair D'Angelo moved that the Township approve the execution of the Lakeview Maintenance Bond Agreement, in the form as presented by the Township Solicitor. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried with the affirmative votes of Chair D'Angelo and Supervisor Moore.
- b. 2016 Budget: The 2016 budget has been advertised and was presented for final consideration. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township adopt the 2016 Township general and liquid fuels budgets in the form as advertised. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- c. Real Estate Tax for 2016: Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve Resolution 2015-12, establishing the Township's 2016 real estate tax rate at zero mills, for the eighth year in a row. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion and read the entirety of the Resolution into the record. Resident Scott Juenger commented that the Township should consider re-introducing a real estate tax. The Board rejected the concept, noting the positive fiscal condition of the Township and fundamental objections to the concept of the tax. The motion to approve the budget was thereafter unanimously approved.
- d. Personnel: Supervisor Jones moved that the Township accept the resignation of Cassandre Chandler as an administrative assistant. Chair D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment (Cont'd)

- a. None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary

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