

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 2, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Robert Jones.

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

Engineer/Zoning Officer: Craig Kologie, Castle Valley Consultants

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Chairman Jones announced that the Board held an executive session immediately before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MINUTES

The minutes for the February 2, 2017, meeting were presented for consideration. After discussion, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented the Treasurer's report. Eighteen (18) invoices were presented for review, together with the approval and ratification of the February PLGIT payment and a payment to the Wallace Township Municipal Authority. Supervisor D'Angelo noted that clarification was provided for the MRM Workers' Comp payment to Caernarvon Township (which is the Township's proportional share of the payment for Elverson/Honey Brook Ambulance). After further Board review of the invoices, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve payment for the eighteen (18) invoices listed on the bills list in the amount of \$41,060.40. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Township approve and ratify the payment to the Municipal Authority in the amount of \$168.00. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify payment of the February PLGIT invoice in the amount of \$5,457.31. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Jones noted that, prior to hearing the monthly police reports, the Board would like to discuss the recent events at the Devereux Brandywine campus. He noted that the Board is frustrated and exasperated at the continued number of security issues associated with the Devereux campus. Its residents make up a substantial number of the police incident calls each month, and the two recent events drive home the serious threat to public safety posed by runaways from Devereux. In one recent incident, a runaway attacked an elderly resident in a neighboring Township, and stole her credit card and car, leaving her bound in a closet for several days. In another incident, just a few days later, two Devereux runaways stole the car of a Township resident, leading the police on a pursuit that ended in a crash. The security protocols at Devereux have apparently failed to address and contain these issues, and do not appear to be living up to the requirements of the 2006 zoning decision issued by the Township. The facility has failed to institute protocols to prevent these incidents, failed to timely advise the Township of these incidents or otherwise issue community alerts to provide for the safety of the residents. Chairman Jones noted that he would like to hear comments from all residents in attendance, but, preliminarily, noted that the Township is taking the matter very seriously and intends to pursue these issues within the full authority of the Township. Chairman Jones noted that the Township demands a meeting with Devereux representatives so that it can address concrete steps to be taken to prevent these incidents from occurring again and to provide notice to the Township and residents when runaways occur. A variety of residents commented on the Devereux security issues, including Laura Slifer, Maria McCabe, Andrew Chambers, Mac Kirkpatrick, John Bravacos, Leslie Stevens, Cathy Poole, Dorothy Kirk, Randy Kovatch, Rhonda Holly, Charlie Wallock, Andrew and Audra Matlack, John Byrne and Mary McCabe. Police service was discussed, with the Board and Lieutenant Kimes explaining the coverage by the Pennsylvania State Police and expanded police coverage by the West Brandywine Township Police Department that began in January 2017. The need to be aware of your surroundings and to lock homes and cars was also discussed. Concerns were also raised as to the type of youth being kept at the Devereux facility, and the apparent ease by which those juveniles leave the facility into the community. Apart from the issues caused by Devereux, one resident raised an issue with their son being chased through the park after dark and noted that cars often park in the area after dusk. Residents were asked to report any unusual activities or other “hot spots” of potential criminal activity, so that both the PSP and WBTPD can be advised to patrol. Chairman Jones noted that the Township will be pressing Devereux for immediate reporting of runaways so that alerts can be issued through the County’s ReadyChesco alert system. Lt. Kimes also noted that residents can “Like” the West Brandywine Township Police Department’s Facebook page, to receive updates and tips that it issues. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Jones thanked the residents for their input and noted that updates on the efforts will be presented at upcoming Board meetings.

After a short break, the meeting reconvened and Lt. Kimes provided the report of the West Brandywine Township Police Department. It provided 156 hours of service and handled 37 calls/incidents in the month of February. A report has not yet been received from the State Police.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

GMFC representative Andy Chambers provided the report for February. It continues to push for more recruits, and is having a volunteer recruitment open house on May 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Otherwise, the GMFC responded to twenty-eight (28) calls in February, six (6) of which were in Wallace. Elverson/Honey Brook Ambulance was unable to submit a report in time for the Board meeting. John Sly provided the report of Westwood Ambulance. It responded to 101 calls in February, 9 of which were in Wallace. Its average on-scene time was also 17 minutes.

EMC

No additional report. As noted at the last meeting, a newsletter article is being prepared to discuss emergency management planning and preparedness.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore provided the report of the Park and Rec Board. She and the Board discussed the various events being planned throughout the year, including Easter Egg Hunt, Community Day, Movie Night, Halloween Parade, and a possible new event, a picnic/food truck-a-thon. Given the timing and big plans for Community Day, the Park and Rec Board requested that Community Day be shifted to the end of the summer and combined with the food-truck-a-thon concept. They plan to continue to incorporate a parade and other events into the Day. The Board agreed with doing so, tentatively setting the date for August 26th.

WALLACE TRUST

Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Trust is planning its Dinner on the Trail event for May 20th, and is separately planning for a 5K run at some point in September.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

John Miller attended on behalf of the Historical Commission and Township Archivist. He noted that the Historical Commission is nearly complete with Article X, after which it will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for its review. He is also working on a newsletter article, and he noted the new materials placed in the display case (the history of the Glen Moore Fire Company). As Archivist, Mr. Miller noted that Sandy Brennan continues to work diligently in scanning the archived materials.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

Dorothy Kirk provided the report of the Trails Preservation Board. She discussed the potential of changing the route of the trail through Burgess Park/Hannum Woods, and to update the trails map. Next, Mrs. Kirk noted that Colonial Woods has offered a trail through its property, to serve as a connector with other Township trails. Solicitor Crotty noted that an

easement should be put in place to do so. The Board requested that the Trails Board present the Board of Supervisors with both proposals for consideration. Next, Mrs. Kirk noted that the Trails Board is waiting for a final report from the Brandywine Conservancy related to the trail assessments. Lastly, Mrs. Kirk noted that the Wallace Trail Preservation Association would be approaching a resident about the modification of a trail across their property. The Board of Supervisors noted that the Trail Preservation Association is not a Township entity, and that doing so would be a private matter between the Association and landowner.

EAC

Tish Malloy was in attendance, but noted that she had no report. A discussion was held as to the downed power lines/transformer last week. A protective boom/sock filter that was deployed into Brandywine Creek to contain and address oil from the transformer. She also noted that a hearing on the petition to change the designation of Marsh Creek is set for some point in March by the state.

AUTHORITY

Supervisor D'Angelo noted that a tree fell on the Highspire treatment plant. Repairs to the roof are underway. She also noted that a turnaround is being installed on the driveway to the plant. Discussion also took place as to continued work to be completed for the Authority loop trail.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Consideration of the draft Zoning Ordinance codification is scheduled for the Board's April 6th meeting. Otherwise, it was noted that the Township received the Preliminary Plan application for the Schneider tract, which is under review. Review is also continuing on the Popjoy subdivision and land development application.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

The Road Foreman, Steve Senn, provided his report. The Department performed various equipment repairs, stored the temporary ice rink, completed the bin block project, and is preparing to complete additional trail work for the Authority trail.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Marsh Lea/Popjoy Planning Module: The Township Engineer presented the sewage facilities planning module for the Popjoy project. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve Resolution No. 17-09, approving the sewage facilities planning module for the Popjoy project in the form as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 2) March 16, 2017 Meeting: The Board has not yet made a determination as to cancellation of the Board's March 16th morning meeting.

- 3) 2017 Road Projects: The Township Engineer and Board presented the proposal for the 2017 road projects. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township advertise notice of the bids for the 2017 road projects in the form as presented and discussed. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 4) 2017-2018 Costars Road Salt Agreement: After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the contract and application to participate in the COSTARS salt program, with the Township to designate up to 500 tons of salt for the 2017-2018 winter season. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5) Township Building Property Sign: Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented a quote for a new lit sign to be installed at the bottom of the Township building driveway. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the purchase of the new sign from Marsh Creek Signs, in the amount of \$1,350. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Indiantown Schoolhouse: Supervisor Moore and Road Foreman Steve Senn provided an update. The Board is awaiting quotes for the concrete flooring work.

Public Comment

- 1) Resident Scott Juenger inquired as to the cell tower project. Solicitor Crotty provided an update, noting that all approvals from the Township are in place, the lot line change plan has been approved, and the engineers/consultants from a major cell phone carrier recently inspected the site. The Township is hopeful that the tower can be built in either of the carrier's 2017-2018 build years. Mr. Juenger also inquired as the possibility of purchasing a new liner for the ice rink before the beginning of the next winter season.

Adjournment

Chairman Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary