

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 6, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, April 6, 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

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Road Foreman: Steve Senn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None.

DEVEREUX – BRANDYWINE CAMPUS MATTERS

Chairman Jones provided a lengthy, detailed summary of the various additional measures that the Township has pursued in order to address public safety issues associated with the runaways from the Devereux Brandywine campus. He provided progress updates on: the meetings with Devereux representatives; setbacks that Devereux has had over the past month; discussions with the respective State Representatives; each of the new/additional security features sought by the Township (some of which have been implemented); and other concerns raised by the Board and public as a result of the last meeting. The new measures discussed include: a modification of police patrols (with the WBTPD being the primary department to handle calls related to the campus); re-confirmation of a primary points of contact with the Devereux facility; immediate notices by Devereux of any escapes, runaways, elopements, etc.; installation by Devereux of door, window and bedroom alarms; installation by Devereux of additional security cameras, with remote monitoring by its administration; installation of additional exterior lighting; an enhanced, electronically monitored bed check regimen (with bed checks every 15 minutes as confirmed by key fobs); confirmation and monitoring of the 1:4 staff to client ratios; Devereux file maintenance for each juvenile (with a ready descriptive profile of each); establishment of quarterly status meetings with the WBTPD and PSP; and Devereux providing additional police training/response protocols for juveniles with the types of conditions in the facility.

With the immediate notification of any escapes, the intent is that it will be redundant. First, the County Dispatch and Police will be able to make a determination as to whether to issue a reverse-911 notice (which automatically issues a readychesco.org alert). In addition, Devereux is to call the Township in the event of any escapes, to allow the Township to issue an alert through the ReadyChesco service if a reverse-911 has not already been issued. Residents are encouraged to sign up. The Township would further desire additional security enhancements to

be implemented, which might include fencing, ankle monitoring, dedicated security personnel established by Devereux, and for Devereux to stop accepting adjudicated or delinquent juveniles, juveniles who have had past attempts at escapes, or those who pose and exhibit violent behavioral tendencies. Devereux has indicated that it cannot implement these latter measures due to its license as an open facility with the Commonwealth. Solicitor Crotty was requested to further address this issue with the Devereux representatives, as the Township's interpretation of the DHS regulations does not so explicitly restrict Devereux. Chairman Jones also summarized his tour of the campus, where he could confirm the installation and functionality of the window alarms, upgraded door alarms and upgraded camera system; as well as interview staff in relation to procedures and relevant scenarios. In addition to meeting staff, Chairman Jones toured much of the property and buildings during school hours and observed and interacted with students. He noted that, while there is focus on additional measures to eliminate the public safety issues, it should not be overlooked that the facility does do good work in helping troubled juveniles.

A comprehensive period of public comment was held, with comments about the issue made by Leslie Stevens, Maria McCabe, George Ley, Jason Piccolo, Cathy Poole, Marcell Moore, Julie Plasak, Lieutenant Kimes, Brian Cleaver, Larry McCue, Mac Kirkpatrick, and Liz Stenatis. Comments and questions were raised as to: the types of juveniles in the facility; screening procedures employed by Devereux; the security measures mentioned above; observations of Devereux not complying with the 1:4 staff to student ratio; the scope of Devereux's use and status of past zoning/land development applications; and other safety-related questions, comments and concerns. At the conclusion of the public discussion, Chairman Jones noted that representatives from Devereux will be in attendance at the next Board meeting (on May 4th), with all residents and the Board being able to address questions and concerns directly to them. As a result of these discussions, the Board expects to have a letter of understanding prepared and finalized, for public discussion and for each party to sign in order to confirm ongoing compliance with appropriate measures.

After a 10 minute break, the meeting resumed at 9:35 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MINUTES

The minutes for the March 2, 2017, meeting were presented for consideration. After discussion, Chairman Jones 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 March PLGIT payment and ratification for a payment to Eagle Transmission. After further Board review of the invoices, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve and ratify the payment for the repair bill to Eagle Transmission, in the amount of \$3,250. Chairman Jones seconded the

motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor D'Angelo moved the Township approve payment for the eighteen (18) invoices listed on the bills list in the amount of \$52,202.50. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify payment of the March PLGIT invoice in the amount of \$12,571.42. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that the Pennsylvania State Police submitted a written report, indicating thirty three (33) incidents in the Township in March. Next, Lt. Kimes provided the report of the West Brandywine Township Police Department. The WBTPD issued 46 citations for the month of March, as well as 341 other calls for service. These include a substantial increase in the number of premises checks, as well as monitoring the parks and handling various other police services. Signage and the potential for gate at the upper field in the park were discussed. Lt. Kimes noted that the County and police now have the ability to receive 911 calls by text. Lastly, Lt. Kimes noted that a Megan's Law notification was issued in that a convicted sex offender has moved back into the Township (on McConnell Drive).

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

GMFC President Jeff Camp provided its report for March. The Fire Company responded to thirty-two (32) incidents in March, eight (8) of which were in the Township. The representative from Elverson/Honey Brook had to leave the meeting early, but had submitted its written report. It responded to 204 calls in March, 3 of which were in the Township. Lastly, Westwood responded to 11 calls in the Township in March, with an average response time of 17:00 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

No report. Manager/Treasurer Randzin announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8, 2017, in Wagenseller Park. All thanked Sandy Brennan for her hard work in filling the thousands of eggs for the event.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

Bonnie Radford provided the update for the Historical Commission. The Commission members met with Steve Nash to review historic boundary stones, and has scheduled a walk for April 8th on Springton Manor Farm. It also finalized its Fire Company historical display, and has planned an event with the Fire Company to unveil.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

No report.

EAC

No report.

AUTHORITY

Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the turnaround and building repairs to the Highspire Treatment Plant have been completed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Planning Commission has a meeting next week. Separately, the Township is in receipt of a sixty (60) day MPC extension for the Popjoy project (extending its review period to June 11, 2017).

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

The Road Foreman, Steve Senn, provided his report. The Department performed various building and equipment repairs, met with Unlimited, met with the Health Department (regarding the park), installed the new sign at the Township building, responded to one snow event, attended the DEL Chester Public Works' forum, and met with PennDOT regarding its road improvements. Mr. Senn also noted that he obtained his food handler's license. It was announced that PennDOT will be installing additional stop signs at the intersection of Devereux Road and Fairview Road, and will soon begin its repairs to the Indiantown Road Bridge. Next, Mr. Senn requested authorization to authorize for sale a miscellaneous bin of parts on Municibid. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township authorize the sale of the miscellaneous scrap parts in the amount of \$111 on Municibid. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, the Township is required to submit a safe drinking water permit application with the state for the water fountains at Wagenseller Park. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township authorize the Township Manager to execute and submit the application. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Sunoco Pipeline Road Use Agreement: Solicitor Crotty that the Township Staff and Consultants held a meeting with Sunoco about its upcoming project. A summary was given, noting that Sunoco intends to commence on the project in the very near future. A Road Use Agreement has been prepared and negotiated between counsel, and is ready for consideration by the Township. The Agreement requires Sunoco to bond over certain Township roads over which it might operate heavy equipment. The Solicitor provided the form of the agreement, which has been executed by Sunoco. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve and authorize the form of the Road

Use Agreement as presented by the Township Solicitor. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 2) Zoning Ordinance Codification: A public hearing was held on the Zoning Ordinance codification. Solicitor Crotty summarized the purpose of the new ordinance, which will create the Wallace Township Zoning Ordinance of 2017. The ordinance has been advertised, sent to the County Planning Commission and County Law Library, and notice of it has been appropriately posted. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve the Zoning Ordinance codification in the form as presented. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 3) 2017 Road Projects: Solicitor Crotty noted that three (3) quotes were received for the 2017 road projects. Each were opened and read by Solicitor Crotty: Dan Malloy Paving, \$147,472.50; AMS, \$202,550; and Martin Paving, \$141,120.00. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township award the 2017 road project contract to Martin Paving in the amount of \$141,120.00, subject to final review by the Township Solicitor and Engineer. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 4) April 20, 2017 Meeting: The Board has not yet made a determination as to cancellation of the Board's March 16th morning meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Indiantown Schoolhouse: A proposal for the concrete/floor renovations was submitted by Minahan Construction, in the amount of \$3,260 to form and pour the footings and to lay concrete block to support the existing interior walls; and \$4,700 to pour the 4" thick 3000 psi concrete over a 6 mill vapor barrier, all of which must be in conformance with OSHA requirements. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve and authorize the work pursuant to the Minahan proposal in an amount not to exceed \$7,960. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 2) P3 Towers Update: Solicitor Crotty provided a brief update on the P3 Towers cell tower project.
- 3) Township Building and Maintenance Garage: The Township received an updated professional services and installation proposal from Unlimited for the security system improvements to the Township building. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township authorize and approve the Unlimited proposal in the amount of \$10,688.14. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary

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