

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 1, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, June 1, 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

Engineer: Craig Kologie, Castle Valley Consultants

Road Foreman: Steve Senn

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 to discuss personnel matters immediately prior to this Board meeting (June 1st).

CORRESPONDENCE

The Township received thirty-six (36) pieces of correspondence, which are available for review at the Township office.

MINUTES

The minutes for the May 4, 2017, meeting were presented for consideration. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented the Treasurer's report. Twenty (20) invoices were presented for review, together with the approval and ratification of the May PLGIT payment, and the approval of the payment to Martin Paving for the 2017 road project. After Board review of the invoices, Chairman Jones moved the Township approve payment for the twenty (20) invoices listed on the bills list in the amount of \$60,264.47. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify payment of the May PLGIT invoice in the amount of \$14,940.60. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the payment to Martin Paving for the 2017 paving project, in the amount of \$88,665.92. It was noted that the final invoice was ultimately \$4,000 less than the bid award. 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 seventeen (17) incidents in the Township in May. Chairman Jones noted that the one burglary referenced on the report the theft of an ATV. Next, Lt. Kimes provided the report of the West Brandywine Township Police Department. The WBTPD issued 47 citations for the month of May, as well as 268 other calls for service and premises checks. He noted that the increased charges for the month resulted from additional time devoted to Devereux.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Joe Edwards provided the report of Westwood Ambulance. In May, Westwood responded to 132 calls, 14 of which were in the Township. Its average response time was 15 minutes. He also noted that Brandywine Hospital was recently purchased by the Reading hospital system, but no changes in service are anticipated. Elverson Ambulance reported that it had only one incident in the Township in May. Lastly, Jeff Camp provided the report of the Glen Moore Fire Company. He noted that the GMFC responded to 8 calls in May, 5 of which were in Wallace Township. He also stated that the GMFC recently finished a recruitment drive, and was pleased with the responses.

EMC

No report.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore and Laura Braun provided the report of the Park and Rec Board, and its preparations for Movie Night. For Community Day, they are exploring the use of a local band, and will get a song list for the Board's review.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

No report.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

Mary McCabe was present on behalf of the Trails Preservation Board. They have conducted trail walks in the Brandywine Hill development, and are continuing their review of potential connections to the trails at Springton Manor. They expect to present their sketch and recommendations in the near future. The Board thanked them for their efforts.

EAC

Tish Malloy was present on behalf of the EAC, but had no report.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Moore noted that the Planning Commission provided a recommendation of approval for the Popjoy/Moser development, which was addressed later in the meeting (below). The Planning Commission also continued its review of the Schneider subdivision. The applicant indicated that they would attend the Board of Supervisors' meeting to discuss the necessary easement over the open space, but were not in attendance. Lastly, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft provisions for the keeping of animals, which is expected to be finalized for Board consideration at the next meeting.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

The Road Foreman, Steve Senn, provided his report. The Department performed various building and equipment repairs (to the snack shack and Township vehicles/equipment), did clean up work on the Authority Trail, boom mowing, improvements to the park and other maintenance activity. Supervisor Moore requested that Mr. Senn assess whether there are any potential Eagle Scout projects available in Burgess Park.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Moser Builders/Marsh Lea-Popjoy Subdivision: The applicant's engineer, Adam Brower, made a presentation as to the development to the Board and residents. Six lots have been proposed for the Township, which will be served by on-lot water and on-lot sewer service. The Homeowners' Association will manage the open space, and the proposed road will be dedicated to Upper Uwchlan Township. Solicitor Crotty noted that his office prepared a form of decision for consideration by the Board. After discussion and questions from the Board and public, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the application for preliminary/final subdivision and land development for the Moser/Popjoy development, subject to the conditions and the form of decision as presented by the Township Solicitor. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board then executed the written decision, and a copy was provided directly to the Applicant.
- 2) Rouse Chamberlin, Schneider/Spring Mill Subdivision: Applicant was not present.
- 3) Eagle Scout Project – Jacob Allwein: Jacob Allwein presented his proposal for an Eagle Scout project. He proposes to make improvements to the swing area in Wagonseller Park, and submitted a written proposal as to the scope of the work. He is currently fundraising, and the Township noted that it could supply certain of the materials (which it has on hand). He anticipates concluding the project by the end of the summer. The Board thanked him for his detailed proposal and service to the community.

- 4) Presentation – PA Fair Districting Reform: Maria McCabe provided a presentation on redistricting issues in the state and the proposed state legislation to revise the Pennsylvania Constitution. Resident Joan Tlush commented on the issue as well. Maria McCabe also presented a draft resolution of support that she would like the Board to pass (for the pending legislation). Supervisor D'Angelo noted that she is personally in agreement with efforts to ensure that legislative districts are appropriately and fairly drawn, but that her views are personal ones and not those made in her capacity as a Township Supervisor. Chairman Jones noted that the issue is outside of the scope of the representation of a Supervisor for the residents (who may have a variety of views on the subject), and that there is not an interest by the Board to take a position on the issue.
- 5) Corey Besack Memorial: A discussion was held as to contributing toward a memorial for Township resident Corey Besack. The possibility of a bench in his honor was discussed, as well as placement and maintenance. The Board will further review the issue at an upcoming meeting.
- 6) PAMA Conference: Manager/Treasurer Randzin requested authorization to attend the PAMA Conference from August 16th-19th. After discussion, Chairman Jones approved attendance, travel and accommodations for the conference, not to exceed \$1,000. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 7) Personnel: Chairman Jones noted that the Board conducted reviews of the employees (several of whom just reached their one year mark of employment), and the Board thanked them all for their hard work. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve the following wages for staff, retroactive to May 1, 2017: Heidi Welker, \$17.00 per hour; Steve Senn, \$26.50 per hour; Jeremy Corros, \$20.00 per hour; and Manager/Treasurer Randzin at a salary of \$74,500. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 8) June 15, 2017 Meeting: The Board has not yet made a determination as to cancellation of the Board's June 15th morning meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Devereux: Chairman Jones provided a further update on Devereux. The Township and police recently held the first of the scheduled quarterly meetings with the Township. A recent escape occurred, which resulted in the issuance of a reverse 911 notice. Chairman Jones noted the different measures that Devereux has implemented, including the staff uniforms, security monitoring upgrades, reporting requirements for escapes, and other efforts. As to the fence, Devereux has noted its agreement with a fence for the site, but is waiting for further word from its regulators as to the ability to do so. The fence would not be a barbed wire or chain linked fence, but would instead be more of an aluminum fence consistent with the character of the community. Otherwise, the Township and Devereux are continuing to finalize the letter of understanding as to the various measures.
- 2) Indiantown Schoolhouse: Road Foreman Steve Senn provided an update. The Department has started to prepare the building for the concrete sub-floor to be poured.

- 3) P3 Towers Update: Solicitor Crotty provided an update, noting that the counsel for Verizon is performing its due diligence.
- 4) Township Building and Maintenance Garage: Supervisor Moore provided an update on the security system upgrades at the Township building.
- 5) Fire and EMS Donations: A discussion was held as to the Township's annual donations to the Glen Moore Fire Company and other emergency responders, as well as contributions to their capital improvement funds. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve: the annual, 2017 donation to the Glen Moore Fire Company in the amount of \$50,000; a donation to the Elverson/Honey Brook Area EMS in the amount of \$4,000 for its 2016 donation and \$4,000 for its 2017 donation; a contribution toward a capital improvement fund for Elverson/Honey Brook in the amount of \$2,000; and a donation to Westwood Ambulance company in the amount of \$5,000 for 2016 and \$5,000 for 2017, together with a contribution to the capital improvement fund for Westwood in the amount of \$2,000. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

- 1) Scott Juenger inquired as to the potential for PennDOT widening Route 282 to allow for a bike lane in the context of other work that it is doing. The Board has previously made this request to PennDOT, given that the area is along an active bicycle route. The Township will continue to pursue the request with PennDOT.
- 2) Tish Malloy inquired as to the status of the Greenfield/Valhalla properties. The Board noted its understanding that the Valhalla Brandywine project is moot and that the various parcels are being sold off. The Township has taken efforts in conjunction with NLT to seek to acquire areas of the sites for trail connections (as well as to extinguish any potential trail connections in the back yards of the Glenmoore Village properties).

Adjournment

Chairman Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary