

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 6, 2017

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

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

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MINUTES

The minutes for the June 1, 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 June PLGIT payment, and the ratification of a payment to Richard J. Eisenacher. 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 \$48,613.13. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Board approve and ratify payment of the June PLGIT invoice in the amount of \$8,525.74. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve and ratify the payment to Richard J. Eisenacher in the amount of \$625. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Jones stated that the Pennsylvania State Police submitted a written report, indicating forty-two (42) incidents in the Township in June. Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that Lt. Kimes is away on vacation, and the Township is awaiting receipt of the report from the West Brandywine Police Department.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Jeff Camp provided the report of the Glen Moore Fire Company. In June, it responded to sixteen (16) calls, five (5) of which were in the Township. Next, Joe Carmen provided the report of Elverson/Honey Brook Ambulance. It responded to 202 responses in June, with two (2) of them in the Township. Its average on-scene time was ten (10) minutes. Lastly, Joe Edwards provided the report of Westwood Ambulance. In June, it responded to 104 calls, 5 of which were in the Township. Its average on-scene time was fifteen (15) minutes.

EMC

Chairman Jones provided a report for the EMC. The Township will be posting information about emergency response/disaster preparedness training for residents on the Township website.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore and Laura Braun provided the report of the Park and Rec Board. As to movie night, it was twice cancelled due to weather conditions. The new night has been set for Friday, July 28th. Next, Marcell and Laura provided an extensive update on Community Day preparations. The band (The Burners) submitted a playlist, and, after discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the engagement of the band for Community Day at a rate of \$500. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The route, theme and staging of the parade and Community Day activities were also discussed. The Board will reach out to the Church as to the possibility of using its field and parking lot for parking of the classic cars. The Supervisors noted their appreciation for the hard work of the P&R Board and others who have helped out in planning the event.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

No report.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

Dorothy Kirk was present on behalf of the Trails Preservation Board. She presented a map of a proposed trail through the Wheeler and Zindel properties. The trail would be all natural surfaces, and would not be paved. It would be a varying width. The Board noted that it would not be inclined to pursue the eastern leg of the trail (circling around the side to the front of the Wheeler frontage). After discussion, the Board asked that the Township Engineer perform a site walk to assess the site, and for the Solicitor to prepare the necessary easement documents.

EAC

No report.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Moore noted that the Planning Commission provided a recommendation of approval of the draft Floodplain Ordinance and of the Zoning Ordinance amendment to address keeping of animals as a residential accessory use.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

The Road Foreman, Steve Senn, provided his report. The Department has been busy mowing, pumping the septic tank at the Township building, participating in 811 Safety Days training, installing new stop bars, and other work throughout the Township. In order to more efficiently mow certain areas, a discussion was held as to the purchase of a replacement for the existing rotary mower. Three quotes were received for a roadside flail mower. Chairman Jones moved that the Township purchase the roadside flail mower from Hooper in the amount of \$4,800. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, it was announced that the Indian Run Road Bridge replacement will start on July 17th. Steve Senn indicated that he would secure and preserve the plaque affixed to the bridge. Next, there was discussion as to the Eagle Scout project in Wagenseller Park. Mr. Senn obtained quotes from a COSTARS vendor for the requisite amount of black rubber mulch, together with swing mats and rubber curb edging. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Board authorize the purchase of the 4 tons of black rubber mulch, swing mats and rubber curb edging, from RubbeRecycle in the amount of \$3,145. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Rouse Chamberlin, Spring Mill Subdivision: Jon Penders gave a presentation as to the current draft of the Spring Mill subdivision plans. They will appear before the Planning Commission at its next meeting. In the interim, they wanted to discuss with the Board the route of the sewer facilities and the recreational components of the development. After discussion, Mr. Penders noted that the applicant would submit the requisite rec-fee-in-lieu as provided in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. With respect to the route of the sewer easement, it would traverse through the Township's owned open space. Much of that open space area is wooded, and the sewer line would bisect the existing wood areas, with the 20 foot wide sewer line easement. Supervisor Moore noted the purpose of those open space areas was to preserve the wooded areas, and that neighbors had separately commented to the Planning Commission about concerns of woodland removal required as a component of other areas of the development.

Alternatives to the sewer route were discussed, which might require grinder pumps. The Board noted that they would like to perform a site walk to review the areas. The Municipal Authority was also requested to look at the impact of grinder pumps on the overall fees for the users.

- 2) Floodplain Ordinance: Township Engineer Craig Kologie presented the draft Floodplain Ordinance. No dwelling units are being affected by the FEMA change to the Floodplain Mapping. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the draft Floodplain Ordinance be advertised for a hearing to adopt on September 7, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 3) Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Keeping of Animals: The Board discussed the draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to lessen restrictions on the keeping of animals as an accessory to a residential use. A discussion took place as to the threshold size restriction for the keeping of medium and large sized livestock. The recommended draft from the Planning Commission sets the standard at three (3) acres. Chairman Jones indicated that it should be only one (1) acre of continuous pasturage, with setbacks related to buildings or structures related to the storage or stockpiling of manure. After the discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the draft ordinance amendment be advertised for a hearing on September 7, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., in the form as recommended by the Planning Commission. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried with the affirmative votes of Supervisor D'Angelo and Supervisor Moore. Chairman Jones voted nay.
- 4) July 20, 2017 Meeting: Supervisor Moore moved that the Board cancel its July 20th meeting. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Devereux: Resident Russ Carlisle noted his continuing concerns with Devereux escapes. Chairman Jones and the Board provided a further update on the Township's efforts in continuing to pursue the issue in conjunction with Devereux, including the upgraded security (confirmed with on-site visits), remotely accessible cameras, alerts issued for each escape, and other measures. These efforts have helped to halt night-time escapes, but day-time escapes, when students are already outside of the buildings, have continued. The Township continues to push for the installation of a fence around the facility, and understands that state regulators have been the roadblock. The fence would be appropriate for the area, in the style of an aluminum wrought-iron look consistent with the community. Comments were made by Liz Stenatis, Dorothy Kirk and Mrs. Carlisle as to the issue. Supervisor Moore confirmed that the Board did expand its coverage through the West Brandywine Township Police Department, which responds to all Devereux incidents, regardless of whether they occur during scheduled shifts. In terms of next steps, the Board will continue to work with Devereux to obtain renderings for the fence and to pursue regulatory approval of it. Comments were made as to the residents contacting their state representatives to note their concerns. Separately, the Board will continue to meet with the Township state legislators to press for effective legislation to

allow for the fence and other measures. The potential of a petition for signature by Township residents was also discussed.

- 2) Indiantown Schoolhouse: Road Foreman Steve Senn provided an update. Work has begun on the upgrades to the building.
- 3) Township Building and Maintenance Garage: Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that the A/C system for the Township building has been repaired. An update was also given on the alarm system, which is ongoing. Lastly, Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented a proposal for rolling storage cabinets for the filing room. The proposal would triple the space available. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the purchase and installation of the rolling storage cabinets from Diversified Storage Solutions in the amount of \$13,858.51. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 4) Fulton Bank CD: Supervisor D'Angelo raised the potential of opening a CD with a portion of the Township funds in order to secure a stronger interest rate. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township authorize the opening of a no-fee CD with Fulton Bank in the amount of \$500,000, subject to review by the Solicitor of the legal requirements in doing so. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

- 1) Public comment was made about the Devereux facility, noted above.

Adjournment

Chairman Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary