

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 3, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, August 3, 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

Twelve (12) pieces of correspondence were noted on the correspondence list, which is available for review at the Township building.

MINUTES

The minutes for the July 6, 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. Eleven (11) invoices were presented for review, together with the approval and ratification of the July PLGIT payment, and approval of the payment to Martin Paving for the road project. After the Board reviewed the invoices, Chairman Jones moved the Township approve payment for the eleven (11) invoices listed on the bills list in the amount of \$39,503.47. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify the payment to Commonwealth Central Heating in the amount of \$6,440 for the HVAC repairs to the Township building. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify payment of the July PLGIT invoice in the amount of \$17,304.44. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the payment to Martin Paving, out of the Township Liquid Fuels account, in the amount of \$47,965.00, related to the completed portions of the road paving project. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Jones stated that the Pennsylvania State Police submitted a written report, indicating twenty-six (26) incidents in the Township in July. None appeared to be significant. Next, Lt. Kimes provided the report of the West Brandywine Township Police Department. In July, it issued twenty-one (21) citations and responded to 176 other calls for service. Lt. Kimes also noted that the Department and Township have proactively followed up with Devereux as to the past escape issues, having additional meetings on site and interfacing with the new Commonwealth Department responsible for oversight of the facility. No escapes were reported in June. Supervisor Moore provided an update as to meeting with Representative Hennessey to address legislative and regulatory avenues for bolstering safety of the community. Chairman Jones also noted that meetings and discussions were held with Senator Rafferty's on these issues and his legislative efforts. Both were helpful, and the Township will continue to call on them for action in resolving issues with the facility.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

No reports were submitted by the Glen Moore Fire Company or Elverson/Honey-Brook Ambulance Company. Chairman Jones provided the report of Westwood Ambulance, which responded to nine (9) calls within the Township in July, with an average on-scene time of thirteen (13) minutes. With respect to Elverson/Honey Brook, it was noted that the merged entity has preliminarily indicated that it is having financial distress. A discussion took place as to funding, with it being noted that the Township donates an amount in excess of its proportional share for the services compared to other areas served. The Township will wait for further information from the representatives of E/HB Ambulance.

EMC

No report.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore provided the report of the Park and Rec Board. She provided an update on the Community Day festival and parade preparations. The Board is looking for volunteers for the event and parade, and otherwise looks forward to it being a wonderful event.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

No report, except to note that the Archivist has started to electronically scan and catalogue the Township's historic records with the PastPerfect software.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

Dan Wagner was present on behalf of the Trails Preservation Board, and had no report.

EAC

Tish Malloy of the EAC was present. A discussion of the Sunoco pipeline took place. Any residents experiencing issues related to the pipeline are encouraged to contact Sunoco the PA Department of Environmental Protection and/or the Pennsylvania Public Utility Corporation. Contact information for Sunoco will be posted on the Township website. Tish noted that she was awaiting a call back from the Sunoco representative, and Manager/Treasurer Randzin indicated that she would contact the representative to prompt her to respond.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report. It was noted that the draft Floodplain Ordinance received clearance from the FEMA coordinator, and will be ready for Board consideration at its September 7th meeting. A hearing on the Zoning Ordinance amendment to more expansively permit the keeping of animals provisions is also slated for consideration at the Board's September 7, 2017 meeting.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

The Road Foreman, Steve Senn, provided his report. The Department secured the plaque from the Indiantown Road Bridge; mowed and landscaped; made stop sign repairs; assisted in the walk of the proposed trail on the Wheeler/Zindel properties; performed park maintenance; and cleaned gutters at the Township building. The new mower is set for delivery in September, and Mr. Senn is reviewing the potential purchase of a boom mower. The Board thanked Mr. Senn for the Department's efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Eagle Scout Projects: Three Eagle Scout candidates made presentations to the Board for project consideration. First, Ethan Matlack proposed as his project the installation of public trail improvements on the Wheeler and Zindel tracts, as well as around the perimeter of the Township building property. Craig Kologie and Road Foreman Steve Senn attended a site walk of the Wheeler/Zindel property, however had not been made aware of any consideration for a trail around the Township building property. The Board indicated that Ethan's focus should be on the Wheeler/Zindel property trail improvements (instead of the Township building property). Further discussion took place as to modifications to the scope and parameters of that project, with the Solicitor noting that an easement agreement needs to be in place prior to the Township authorizing any work on the Wheeler and Zindel tracts. After discussion, Mr. Matlack is to revise his project scope, present the plans to the Township, Wheeler and Zindels for sign-off, and thereafter obtain Board signature on the project. Chairman Jones moved that the Board authorize his (Chairman Jones's) signature on the Eagle Scout project application of Ethan Matlack, subject to him revising the plan to incorporate additional improvements discussed by the Board in form acceptable to Chairman Jones (such as a bench, blazing and other trail improvements), subject to him obtaining approval from Wheeler and Zindel as to the scope of work, and subject to Wheeler and Zindel executing the Trail

Easement Agreement with the Township. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which affirmatively carried.

Next, Francis Kane gave a presentation as to his proposed project, which would be to incorporate additional flagpoles and to perform landscaping improvements to the exterior of the Township building. A discussion took place as to the scope and design of the project. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Board authorize Chairman Jones to sign the Eagle Scout project application of Francis Kane, with the revisions to the scope of the project as outlined by the Board. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Lastly, Paul Kane presented several options for his proposed project, which involves improvements to the trail head on the Authority loop trail. In one option, Mr. Kane proposed a single, large resting area with tables, landscaping and benches. In the second option, he proposed multiple, smaller rest areas with tables, landscaping and benches. Supervisor D'Angelo noted that some of the existing vegetation could be used in deciding the placement of proposed benches. Care should also be taken in the placement of the benches, so as to not intrude on the privacy of the neighboring properties. The Board noted its preference for the multiple, smaller rest areas. After discussion, Supervisor D'Angelo authorized Chairman Jones to sign the Eagle Scout project application of Paul Kane for Option 2 (multiple, smaller rest areas), with the revisions as noted by the Board. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 2) Rouse Chamberlin/Schneider, Spring Mill Subdivision: Jon Penders and Greg Graham gave a presentation as to the trail/sewer line alternatives for the Schneider/Spring Mill subdivision. The Applicant has revised the proposed, more direct route for the sewer line in an effort to reduce clearing of five (5) additional large diameter trees. As an alternative, the sewer lines could be routed along and under the proposed road access, but doing so would require the installation of a pressurized, grinder pump system. Supervisor D'Angelo noted her belief that either system could result in the reduction of rates overall (in varying levels). Supervisor Moore noted the concern as to the original intent of the Township accepting the open space through which direct sewer route would go – which would increase tree clearing and create long-term issues of understory regrowth per NLT's last review letter. Applicant indicated that it would remove another, redundant nearby trail segment (closer to the Highspire Estates homes) in the event that it incorporates the new, direct sewer route. After discussion, Solicitor Crotty suggested that the Board authorize his office to continue discussions with the applicant as to the potential parameters for an easement through the open space area, with Ann Hutchinson to provide an updated assessment of the impact on the new alternative plan, and with the applicant to provide more detail as to the proposed restoration and removal of the existing trail stub. The Board agreed for him to do so.
- 3) PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Agreement (Year 4 of 5): Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented the PennDOT Winter Services Agreement Year 4 of 5 (2017/2018 season) for consideration and renewal by the Township. With the proposed increase, the services agreement provides for an annual reimbursement to the Township of approximately \$26,000 in exchange for the Township plowing certain of the state roads. Doing so allows for more prompt plowing than the Township and residents would otherwise receive. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Board authorize and approve

the 2017/2018 PennDOT Winter Services Agreement in the form presented in the estimated amount of \$26,190. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 4) Scenic Byways Designation for Route 282: Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted the potential for the Township to participate in seeking designation of Creek Road as part of Pennsylvania's Scenic Byways program. The Board noted its interest in doing so, and requested that the Township confirm whether doing so will have any impact on road improvements to the road.
- 5) Bike the Brandywine Cycling Event: Brandywine Conservancy has requested Township authorization to hold its cycling event on certain roads within the Township in September. No Township roads will be used; only state roads. Manager/Treasurer Randzin will note the Township's acknowledgment of the event, advising the Brandywine Conservancy to arrange for fire police at course intersections.
- 6) August 17, 2017 Meeting: Chairman Jones moved that the Board cancel its August 17, 2017 meeting. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) P3 Towers Update: Solicitor Crotty and Craig Kologie provided the update as to the P3 Towers project. A site walk was done for the route of the utilities to the tower. Per P3 representative, Larry Romanowski, construction is anticipated in October. Road Foreman Steve Senn indicated that he would advise Mr. Ley regarding any crops in the vicinity.

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