

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 7, 2017

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

Supervisors present: Robert D. Jones | William T. Moore

Supervisor D'Angelo was unable to attend the meeting, and, therefore, all motions referenced herein as unanimous were undertaken pursuant to action by Chairman Jones and Supervisor 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 August 3, 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. Twenty (20) invoices were presented for review, together with the approval and ratification of the August PLGIT payment. After the Board reviewed the invoices, Chairman Jones moved the Township approve payment for the twenty (20) invoices listed on the bills list in the amount of \$41,814.14. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify payment of the August PLGIT invoice in the amount of \$12,069.66. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chairman Jones stated that the Pennsylvania State Police submitted a written report, indicating twenty-seven (27) incidents in the Township in August. Next, Lt. Kimes provided the report of the West Brandywine Township Police Department. In August, it issued forty-one (21) citations and responded to 218 other calls for service.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Scott Welker provided the report of the Glen Moore Fire Company, noting that it responded to eleven (11) calls in August, eight (8) of which were in the Township. He noted that they are in the process of obtaining a new brush truck. Next, Steve Jones provided the report of the Elverson/Honey Brook Ambulance Company, noting that it responded to 216 calls in August, 9 of which were in the Township. Lastly, Joe Edwards provided the report of Westwood Ambulance, noting that it responded to 117 calls in August, 7 of which were in the Township. It maintained a fifteen (15) minute response time.

EMC

EMC Mac Kirkpatrick was present, but noted that he had no report.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

The Park and Rec Board gave a presentation as to the success of Community Day. Each member spoke about the different aspects of the event. While they thanked Manager/Treasurer Randzin, Steve Senn, Heidi Welker, Jeremy Corros, and the GMFC, the Board of Supervisors noted its appreciation for the tremendous efforts of the Park and Rec Board members for putting on the event. Discussion was held as to the timing and scope of the event for next year. Otherwise, the Park and Rec Board will continue in its planning for the Halloween party, which will be a trunk or treat event.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

It was noted that the Archivists are continuing to electronically scan and catalogue the Township's historic records with the PastPerfect software.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

No report.

EAC

No report.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Moore noted the passing of Jim Mackrell on the Planning Commission. The Board noted its appreciation for his service to the Township and the community in general.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

The Road Foreman, Steve Senn, provided his report. He noted that students/residents from the Devereux campus assisted the Department with work and improvements to the playground. He thanked them for their hard work. He noted his thanks to Mike Trego and Jack Smith for their efforts in also helping make Community Day a success. Mr. Senn also reported as to the bids received for the 1997 Ford L8000 Truck on Municibid. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township award the sale of the 1997 Ford L8000 Truck to Paul Burgess in the amount of \$6,500. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Senn reported that a follow up meeting will be held with Unlimited as to the security system operations, and that Indian Run Road Bridge is scheduled to reopen on September 8th.

Mr. Senn noted that the Department is in need of replacing the large toolbox, and he obtained several quotes. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township purchase a new Craftsman toolbox in the amount of \$689, with the old unit to be listed on Municibid. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Lastly, Mr. Senn obtained written quotes for the Township's purchase of a Ford Tractor boom mower. Each of them exceeded the purchase price offered by Randy DiLibero. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the purchase of the boom mower from Randy DiLibero in the amount of \$14,000. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Eagle Scout Projects: Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Allwein made a presentation to the Board as to the completion of his park/playground Eagle Scout project. Supervisor Moore noted that, in his troop, Jacob is known for his leadership and his willingness to help others. The Board thanked him for his effort and great work in the playground improvements. Supervisor Moore moved for the Township to approve Mr. Allwein's project as complete and to authorize the execution of all required paperwork associated with the same. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, Eagle Scout Candidate Zach Hannum presented his proposed Eagle Scout project. He is proposing to prepare a rain garden and new signage for Hannum Woods/Burgess Park. He is in the process of preparing a budget and fundraising planning. The Township Engineer will review the site to identify the appropriate sign location. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Board authorize him (Chairman Jones) to execute the Eagle Scout project application of Zach Hannum. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 2) Eagle Scout Resolution: In order to assist the Scouts with an understanding of the functioning of the Township and clarify the process of pursuing an Eagle Scout project with the Township, a Resolution was presented in order to set forth the Township's rules and expectations for Eagle Scout projects. Particular emphasis was noted on the need for scouts to understand and plan for the Township Board of Supervisors' meeting schedule, and for projects to be presented to and approved by the Board (rather than particular committees or other boards). After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve Resolution No. 17-11, related to the process for Eagle Scout project consideration. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 3) Rouse Chamberlin/Schneider, Spring Mill Subdivision: Solicitor Crotty provided an update on the sewer trail easement discussions. Supervisor Moore noted the concern with tree clearing in a preserved area. Discussion was held as to the efforts to minimize the scope of the trail easement area and of the clearing of large trees. After discussion, the Board instructed Solicitor Crotty to prepare a draft easement agreement for its consideration.
- 4) Brandywine Hunt Club: John Williams and Jason Trego of the Brandywine Hunt Club were present to request archery only hunting of certain Township parks. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township grant the Brandywine Hunt Club approval for exclusive, archery only hunting privileges for the 2017/2018 season for Ray, Howson and Burgess Parks, subject to the following conditions: only archery hunting is permitted; the Club must indemnify the Township from any liability; the Club members must submit the appropriate waiver of liability forms to the Township; the Club must post appropriate signage to alert residents of the hunting activity; the Club must use either removable steps for its tree stands when not in use or otherwise take appropriate measures to prevent third persons from accessing the tree stands; all tree stands must be removed at the end of the season, and the owner and their contact information must be identified on the underside of the stand; and the Club must provide the Township with monthly reports as to the number of deer harvested in the various parks. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5) 2017-2018 Deer Hunting: Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented the list of eleven (11) new hunting permit requests for the Township Community Park that have been submitted. As with the Brandywine Hunt Club, archery only hunting is being permitted, and hunters must remove their tree stands at the end of the season and all stands must identify the owner on its underside of the stand. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the eleven (11) hunting permit applications, subject to the applicants complying with the Township's rules and regulations for the same. Supervisor Moore seconded the same, which carried unanimously.
- 6) 2017 Wallace Township Floodplain Ordinance: Solicitor Crotty noted that the form of Floodplain Ordinance authorized and approved by FEMA has been advertised for consideration by the Board. It was modified within the permissible parameters to minimize the impact on landowners of the federal and state regulations. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township adopt the 2017 Wallace Township Floodplain

Ordinance (Ordinance No. 163) in the form as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 7) Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Flood Hazard and Wet Soils District Provisions: Given the provisions in the new Floodplain Ordinance, a public hearing was held to discuss and receive comments on the Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Flood Hazard and Wet Soils District. The draft amendment removes provisions that are duplicative and overridden by the Floodplain Ordinance. After discussion, the public hearing was concluded and the Board went back to the regular portion of the meeting. At that point, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Flood Hazard and Wet Soils District in the form as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 8) Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Keeping of Animals: A public hearing was next held on the draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to address the keeping of certain animals as accessory residential uses. Resident Jason Trego requested a brief explanation of the ordinance, which was provided. The draft ordinance sets forth regulations on the keeping of chickens and other fowl (not otherwise authorized by the Zoning Ordinance), and lowers restrictions on the number of medium sized livestock animals allowed as an accessory to a residential use. Questions and public comment were raised as to guinea hens (as a tick control measure) and 4-H projects. The positions of Supervisor Moore and Chairman Jones expressed at previous Board meetings were noted, with Supervisor Moore expressing the benefit of the balance between the expanded uses allowed and the preservation of the character of the areas in which the uses would be allowed/expanded (with the three (3) acre minimum). Chairman Jones noted his opinion that the threshold for 1 large animal or 2 medium sized animals should start with 1 acre of fenced pasture land, and shared his concerns that residents be able to provide for their families using their pasture land, if necessary. Supervisor D'Angelo was not present at the meeting/hearing in order to express her final thoughts and for the Board to take up the draft for consideration. After discussion, the public hearing concluded and the Board went back into the regular meeting. At the public meeting, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township table further consideration of the draft amendment until its meeting on October 5, 2017. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 9) September 21, 2017 Meeting: The morning meeting will be held to discuss the Ethan Matlack Eagle Scout project and any other business that may come before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Indiantown Schoolhouse: Supervisor Moore noted that the Township is waiting on an update from Matt Shaw as to electrical work on the building.
- 2) P3 Towers Update: Solicitor Crotty and Craig Kologie provided the update as to the P3 Towers project.

Public Comment

Resident Darryl Dostalík inquired as to the status of McConnell Drive. Solicitor Crotty noted that it is a private road not owned or maintained by the Township. The Township had been contacted by the County Tax Assessment Office as to recognizing the private roadway as a separate lot (separate from the parcel at the end of the roadway). The Township noted in response that it has no records of approving such a subdivision, and that doing so creates issues as to the ongoing maintenance obligations for the private road. Next, Mr. Dostalík inquired as to whether the Township will be re-installing the temporary ice rink this winter. The rink did not get much use the past winter due to the mild weather and a tear in the rink liner. Supervisor Moore noted the concern with continuing to pursue the project given the limited use over the past two years (due to the weather). A new liner will be necessary, and Road Foreman Steve Senn was requested to obtain quotes for its replacement.

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