

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 2, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman D'Angelo.

Supervisors present: Barbara D'Angelo | 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nine (9) items of correspondence were noted on the correspondence list, which is available for review at the Township building.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting held on July 5, 2018 were presented for review. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the minutes for the meeting of July 5, 2018, be approved as presented. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented the Treasurer's report. Sixteen (16) invoices were presented for review, together with the July 2018 PLGIT and PECO payments. The Supervisors inquired as to the excavating and pipe invoices, which the Road Foreman explained as being related to road maintenance. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve payment of the sixteen (16) invoices on the bills list in the amount of \$49,351.12. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Next, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve and ratify the PECO utility payment in the amount of \$594.47. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, the July PLGIT invoice was presented. Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that a credit will be applied toward next month's invoice due to an incorrect/fraudulent charge. With that understanding, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve and ratify the July 2018 PLGIT payment, in the amount of \$10,465.11. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORTS

Cpl. Moore provided the report of the West Brandywine Township Police Department. In July, it issued 31 citations, responded to 315 other calls for service, and performed follow up investigations. Of note, there were seven missing person calls related to Devereux (who were all subsequently located).

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Assistant Fire Chief Andy Chambers was present from the Glenmoore Fire Company. In July, it responded to 15 calls, 10 of which were in the Township. He also provided the QRS report for the Fire Company, responding to 9 incidents. The GMFC has also done updates to its website and is continuing to lead the charge in regional recruitment efforts. Chairman D'Angelo noted that, in conjunction with the Wallace Trust 5k on October 20th, the Fire Company has designated the race as one of its fitness challenge races. A representative from Elverson/Honey Brook Ambulance was unable to attend the meeting, but provided its report by email, noting that it responded to 5 calls in the Township in July (2 of which were on the Turnpike). Lastly, Joe Kennedy from Westwood Ambulance presented its report, advising that it responded to 14 calls in the Township in July, with a 14 minute average response time. He did note that one ambulance call was delayed because of the lack of communication/radio service in the new Wawa in Caln Township. Wawa has been notified of the issue, and is in the process of installing a repeater in its store. Mr. Kennedy also gave an update on the opioid epidemic and efforts to curtail it.

EMC

Mac Kirkpatrick was present to provide the report in his capacity as EMC. He noted that the County has updated the draft of the Hazard Mitigation Report. After an opportunity by the Board to review it, it appears that all revisions sought by the Township have been made. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Board approve Resolution 18-10, approving the Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore was present to provide the report of the Park and Rec Board. Two of the movie nights have been held, which were well attended. The third, Coco, is scheduled for August 17th. The P&R Board is otherwise continuing its planning for Community Day. They are looking for additional parade participants, and may establish an award for the best-designed entries. Discussion also took place as to the parking and set up for the event. Road Foreman Steve Senn noted that he obtained updated pricing for the microphones and speaker system. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township purchase the JVL portable speaker system (with wired microphones) from Fitch Electronics, in an amount not to exceed \$900. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

John Miller was present to give the report for the Historical Commission. It conducted a site view for the Class 1 Historic Structure on the Corry property. It noted that the impact of any potential development of that site will need to be assessed when plans are received. Next, the Historical Commission is continuing its work to complete the display case in honor of Sandy Brennan. A luncheon will be held on August 22nd. In his capacity as the Township's Archivist, Mr. Miller noted that they are continuing their Monday afternoon archiving sessions, and are continuing to monitor the temperature and humidity of the archival room. Road Foreman Steve Senn noted that he will look into installing a dehumidifier.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

No report.

EAC

Tish Malloy was present on behalf of the EAC. It is looking into a Japanese knotweed infestation near the new bridge installed by PennDOT. The EAC was also monitoring the potential of Sunoco repurposing its existing lines to handle the liquid gas, but understand that Sunoco will not be doing so given its ability to continue/complete the construction of the new lines in West Whiteland.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Supervisor Moore noted that the Planning Commission discussed and approved the Open Space Resolution, as well as the recommendation that the open space interests of the Keen Parcel be acquired.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Devereux: A number of residents were in attendance to note their concerns as to the escapes from the Devereux facility. Residents commenting included Allison McHugh, Bill Strock, Mike McGuckin, Ann Brysiak, Rhonda Holly, Julie Plazak and Sarah Shute. Supervisor Moore gave a recap of the history/issues with the escapes, noted that the Supervisors, as residents themselves, share the safety concerns. He detailed the various efforts that the Township has made in addressing ways for Devereux to curtail the problem, and that Devereux has been forthright in meeting with the Township to do so. Supervisor Moore noted that Devereux has implemented a number of measures in response over the past year, including alarms, the reverse-911/ReadyChesco alerts, cameras, quarterly meetings with the Township and Police, and more. Overall, the number of escapes has reduced as a result of these measures, but all are interested in pursuing additional measures to further curb the problem.

Several recent escapes were noted (and discussed), which it partially attributes to staffing issues. Devereux is currently pursuing the potential of reclassifying one of its buildings (housing the older children), so that additional measures to further reduce escapes can be implemented. Devereux has advised that the state licensing agency restricts it from installing a fence, locking the doors of its facilities and other hardened security measures, as they are currently licensed. Other ideas as to ways for Devereux to address the escapes were discussed by the Board and public, some of which had been previously discussed with Devereux in its prior attendance at Township meetings. These included the potential for installing exterior motion-activated cameras, landscaping, GPS monitoring, staffing and resident policies (particularly whether the selection of residents can be modified to eliminate the number of older children). Supervisor Moore provided contact information for Dr. Rhea Fernandez, the head Devereux representative at the site. A resident, Mike McGuckin, suggested that residents get in touch with individuals and trustees on the Devereux Board and foundation. It was also noted that residents can get in touch with their state legislators as to the state regulatory and licensing issues. At the conclusion of the discussion, Supervisor Moore noted that the issues with escapes from the property have been occurring since the 1980s, and that the current Devereux administration has been cooperative in looking for ways to address. The Board will continue to press the issue, and expects that the residents will continue to do the same, so that we can work together collectively as a community.

- 2) Resident Sarah Shute inquired as to whether the Township can impose additional regulations on the use of fireworks – which is now otherwise authorized under state law. She commented that her neighbor's use of fireworks has caused issues with her horses.

ROAD FOREMAN

Road Foreman Steve Senn provided the Department's report. It has performed crack sealing, attended LTAP training, made road repairs, boom mowing, and more. Mr. Senn noted that PennDOT is looking into re-decking the Springton Road Bridge, which may take place in the next year (if it proceeds). Mr. Senn also obtained a quote for a stormwater pipe interior liner. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved for the Board to authorize the purchase of the 50' pipe liner from Pipeshark, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Senn presented a quote for three (3) new, composite picnic tables for Burgess Park. The Board noted that it was not interested in an additional bench for the park. After discussion, Chairman D'Angelo moved that the Board authorize the purchase of the three (3) composite picnic tables from Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$2,800. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Mr. Senn noted that he is continuing to explore pricing and options for the possible addition to the Township maintenance garage.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Eagle Scout Project – Paul Kane: Mr. Kane was unable to attend.
- 2) PECO Update: Manager/Treasurer Randzin stated that PECO is commencing a project to upgrade and install new equipment within the Township, with trimming in anticipation in the project expected to begin in the third quarter of 2018.
- 3) Open Space Resolution: A public hearing was held on the Township's acquisition of the open space interests of the Keen Parcel. The many open space benefits to preservation of the parcel were discussed, with Supervisor Moore noting that it was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Township Planning Commission. After discussion and conclusion of the public hearing, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township approve the acquisition of the Keen open space interests as proposed, under the Open Space and Lands Acquisition Act. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 4) Rouse Chamberlin Spring Mill Subdivision Escrow Release No. 1: The Township Engineer has reviewed, and provided a recommendation for, the request by Rouse Chamberlin for Escrow Release No. 1 for the Spring Mill subdivision. There are additional corrections to be made to the basin level spreader, which the applicant is addressing (and there is sufficient remaining financial security for that purpose, if necessary). Pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer, Supervisor Moore moved that the Board approve Spring Mill Escrow Release No. 1, in the amount of \$115,638.35. Chairman D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5) Bike the Brandywine: Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that a request was made by the Brandywine Conservancy for Township acknowledgment of the Bike the Brandywine ride. It will be the same course as previous years, staying on state roads within the Township. Subject to the same restrictions and conditions as imposed last year, Manager/Treasurer Randzin will notify them of the Township acknowledgment.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager/Treasurer Randzin noted that she and Heidi will be attending the PAMA Conference from August 12-14. Solicitor Crotty will be presenting as a speaker. Next, a resident was ticketed for parking in the handicap parking space at Wagenseller Park. However, it is poorly marked. The Road Foreman was requested to review it to ensure that it is properly marked and painted. Lastly, a discussion was held as to planning for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Adjournment

Supervisor Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Chairman D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary

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