

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

The Chairman called the meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors to order on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 7:32 PM in the Municipal Building.

Supervisors present: Robert V. Bock, Chairman
Janet A. Grashof, Vice Chairman
Bryan M. McDonough, Member

APPOINTMENT OF NEW WALLACE TOWNSHIP SECRETARY – Mr. Bock introduced Ms. Betty Randzin as the new Township secretary and discussed her previous experience and extensive qualifications. A motion was then made and passed unanimously (motion McDonough/second Grashof) to appoint Ms. Randzin to the secretary position.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Stuart Frederick (resident) re: Political common ground (the interim secretary (Mr. Glisson) noted that Mr. Frederick had requested to be deferred later in the agenda due to a later arrival). No other public comment was offered at this time.

MINUTES (OCTOBER) – The October minutes for the 17th were still pending completion and the Board elected by consensus to table approval for the 3rd of October as well.

FIRE COMPANY - Mr. Jack Stewart Sr., president of the Glen Moore Fire Department, represented. He provided a copy of the October monthly report. There were a total of 19 calls (11 within the Township) with 164 men responding. Further details were included within the report. Mr. Bock thanked Mr. Stewart for attending and did note that there had been some questions as to the final resolution of a couple of audit discrepancies for the department. Mr. Stewart thereupon explained that two charges for training for CDL licenses for members had been paid for by the department as necessary for operating fire vehicles, but were disallowed by auditors. This was resolved by the members reimbursing the department and was satisfactory to the auditors. After the exchange of several more questions and answers, the Board appeared satisfied in regards to the audit.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Mr. Bock noted that the deposits for the General Fund in October were \$115,571.72.
- B. A motion was made to pay the bills and approved unanimously (motion Bock/second McDonough) for 42 items totaling \$143,910.97 from the General Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE – Mr. Bock noted that some 20 items were received as listed and were available for review through the secretary.

1. U. S. Census ltr. of 10/10/07, requesting assistance in recruiting field representatives for census work in 2008.
2. Sketch Plan from Robert Bryan for two lot subdivision of 11/07/007.
3. Court reporter transcript of public hearing for ordinance adoption of 10/3/07.
4. CCPC ltr. dtd 10/22/07 re: Vision Partnership Program (VPP), Grant increases.
5. MS-ISAC ltr. dtd 10/07, re: cyber security.
6. PA Liquid Fuels payment notice for 2008 dtd. 10/07.
7. Downingtown Library ltr. dtd 10/17/07, re: request for funding.
8. Tax collector's monthly report for October 2007 as of 10/26/07.
9. DASC newsletter for November 2007.

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10. CCPC ltr dtd. 10/18/07, re: 2007 Chester County Transportation Improvements Inventory.
11. Wallace Trust ltr received 10/23/07, re: response to Mr. Camp concerning mowing Lamb Tavern Wildlife Preserve.
12. Ltr. From Mr. Steve Mellas to Board and Planning Commission dtd 10/3/07, re: proposed Valhalla Development.
13. Minutes of Northern Federation of 10/9/07.
14. ChesCo Dept. of Emergency Services ltr. dtd 10/18/07, re: Homeland security grants.
15. Uwchlan Ambulance Corps October 2007 Statistics report for 10/31/07.
16. State Local Gov. Commission ltr. dtd 10/26/07, re: Acts signed into Law.
17. ChesCo Dept of Emergency Services November newsletter.
18. ChesCo Dept. of Community Development summer newsletter, received 10/10/07.
19. Environment Advisory Council minutes for 8/21/07.
20. FAX from Steve Boyer to Board, received 10/17/07, re: Marguerite Galuska Deed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Mr. Wloczewski provided his monthly building/zoning report for October. A total of 18 building permits were issued along with miscellaneous others. Normal zoning requests were responded to from contractors, realtors, and residents.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Kocsi was on vacation. Mr. Bock discussed some of the issues at the recent Brandywine Regional Police Commission meeting. These included the status of the suit against the individual that had mistakenly shot and killed the new police dog on the force. Traffic concerns were addressed, especially the recent heavy truck traffic on Highspire Road. The other Board members voiced their same concerns. A discussion ensued on this item. Mr. McGrew, a member of the Planning Commission, pointed out that truck traffic should be decreasing now that a big subdivision which was generating a lot of truck traffic was leveling off. Mr. Ray, a resident of Highspire Road questioned the police enforcement there and stated that everyone was going too fast. He also had other questions regarding police operations. He was encouraged to attend the next Brandywine Regional Police Commission public meeting on the 15th of November at Wallace Township at 8:00 am.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION – Mrs. Bock, commission chairwoman, provided a report. She particularly thanked Mr. Wloczewski and Mr. Smith and Mr. Hammond of the Township road crew for their efforts in capping the walls with cement of the historic Lamb Tavern springhouse. This was done to preserve the remaining structure. Mr. Wloczewski donated his time.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD – A summary report was made.

EAC/WOODLANDS TASK FORCE – Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Moore, commission chairman, noted that they did not meet in October. He also suggested that the Board should provide guidance as to what work should be undertaken by the commission for current financial issues as opposed to long range planning.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Ms. D'Angelo, commission chairwoman, discussed current issues before the commission. She noted that they have not yet discussed the Conditional Use

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application for the Valhalla/Brandywine development, but are to discuss it on the 14th of the month. In this regard, she asked the Board to appoint the law firm of Parke, Barnes, Spangler, and Bortner of West Chester to provide separate legal advice to the commission in regards to the Conditional Use hearing. The Board agreed with the appropriateness of this and by unanimous motion (motion Grashof/second McDonough) authorized retention of the aforementioned law firm to provide legal counsel and representation to the commission. She also noted that the Gulick subdivision required either a time extension from the 9th of November or required action by the Board. If no time extension is granted by the applicant the commission recommended denial based on the most recent Township engineer letter of unresolved issues. The Board agreed and by unanimous motion (motion Grashof/second McDonough) denied approval of the Gulick subdivision based on unresolved engineering issues noted by the Township engineer unless a time extension was received from the applicant, which would be acceptable to the Board to complete the review process.

SUBDIVISIONS – The Board had no specific comments.

1. #04-1 – Old Orchard Estates – Final Plan
2. #05-5 – Popjoy
3. #06-4 – Devereux Land Development
4. #07-1 – Gulick
5. #07-3 - Siebert

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Hankin – Water Agreement – As this had been previously passed by motion subject to resolution of several legal wordings by the Township solicitor with the applicant’s attorney and these having been completed; the Board agreed to sign the agreement upon presentation and directed this be dropped from the agenda.
- B. Greenfield/Valhalla Farms – Since this was pending a Conditional Use hearing, the Board declined to discuss the project.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Act 205 Reporting Form Approval – The interim secretary explained that the Board had to approve the content of the form for annual submittal to the state. The Board after review, made a unanimous motion (motion Bock/second Grashof) to approve the form.
- B. Motion for disposition of excess interest for Pa. Municipal Retirement System – Again this form required approval by the Board. The interim secretary explained that the proposed distribution was in keeping with past practice by the Board. The Board after questions and review made a unanimous motion (motion Bock/second Grashof) to approve the proposed allocation.
- C. Appointment of a new Township Treasurer/Administrative Assistant – Mr. Bock commented on the need he saw for a full-time employee and pointed out that he was prepared to nominate a candidate that the Board had interviewed. Mr. McDonough disagreed on the need for a full-time position and stated that he

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wanted some input from the new secretary (Ms. Randzin) and wished to see how she does. He stated that appointment of a full-time treasurer now could not be certain for re-appointment in January. Mr. McGrew, a resident on several commissions, asked how the Township proposed to get through this impasse. Mr. Thomas also in the audience saw a conflict in not having a Treasurer. After further discussion among the Board regarding the merits of each argument, no action was taken. Mr. Bock then announced he was resigning as chairman of the Board at the end of the meeting. He stated he did this due to his opposition to only planning on a part-time treasurer when he believed as did Ms. Grashof that a full-time position is warranted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

– Mr. Frederick wished to comment on some discussion he had after the most recent election and his hope that the outcome of that dialogue could plant a seed as to future conduct of elections in the Township. He stated that with cooperation from the candidates and their committees that there did not have to be a “war of the signs” while still promoting each respective candidate. He noted that some people would not vote due to the feeling of having to run a gauntlet of candidates and supporters to enter the polling place. He suggested an agreement be made among the respective candidate staffs to remain a certain distance from the entrance. Further, he advocated more open forums and how to work for unity after an election.

- Ms. Neufeld, a resident on Andrews Lane wished to compliment the many volunteers on the various boards and commissions. She then voiced her concern about speeding on Chalfant and wondered about lowering the speed limit. She also asked about obtaining a four-way stop at Chalfant and Little Conestoga/Marshall. This precipitated a number of other residents to comment on traffic in these areas or in general. Ms. Sheehan stated that the current stop as previously mentioned is horrendous due to the layout. Ms. Ray commented on getting the posted speed limits better enforced. Mr. Miller asked about lowering the speed limit on Chalfant. The Board provided clarification and/or their own comments regarding the difficulty of having the police be present in so many different areas and agreed with the problem of increasing speeds by drivers. The Board also pointed out that many of the roads discussed are state roads and thus subject to state control.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. Glisson
Interim Secretary