

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 7:34 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan W. McDonough
Robert D. Jones

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

The Supervisors began the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Sessions

An executive session was held earlier today, on February 21, 2008, in order to discuss personnel issues as well as potential litigation issues pertaining to the Hankin letters.

Correspondence

A list of eighteen (18) pieces of correspondence, as well as the individual pieces of correspondence, are available for public inspection at the Township Building.

Park & Recreation Board

Chairman McDonough stated that Community Day is scheduled for June 21, 2008. The Park and Recreation Board noted that its next meeting will be on March 10, 2008.

Environmental Advisory Committee

The EAC noted that it was organizing a community outreach program. Additionally, per the Supervisors' request at the last meeting, the EAC recommends that the Woodlands Preservation Taskforce be utilized in consideration of the amendment and re-adoption of the repealed Ordinances.

Wallace Trust

No report.

Planning Commission

No report.

Old Business

A. Greenfield/Valhalla Brandywine – Chairman McDonough noted that the conditional use hearing for the Valhalla Brandywine development that was previously scheduled for February 25, 2008, has been cancelled. This conditional use application has been withdrawn.

B. Faith Alliance Easter Egg Hunt: Chairman McDonough announced that the Faith Alliance Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Wagenseller Park on Saturday, March 15, 2008, with a rain date of March 22, 2008.

New Business

A. Internet Service at Township Building- Supervisor Jones noted that the internet service at the Township Building was extremely deficient. The Township has previously reviewed whether Comcast could provide the service, but it would be cost prohibitive since approximately \$15,000 in upgrades and lease of space on utility poles would be needed by the Township. Supervisor Jones has researched other means of faster internet service for the Township. Only two (2) carriers could be found to provide satellite internet service. The less expensive of the service providers was Wild Blue, which would require a two (2) year service contract at a cost of \$80.00 per month. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township purchase the internet service from Wild Blue. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Spring Bulk Trash Day: Chairman McDonough announced that bulk trash collection will be on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

C. Steepleview HOA Meeting – It was announced that the Steepleview Homeowners' Association would hold a meeting on March 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

D. Highspire Estates Escrow Release #14 – A representative from Highspire Estates sent a letter to the Township to request a partial escrow release. The Township Engineer reviewed the escrow release request and recommends that the Township release \$12,176.29 pursuant to the escrow release request. Chairman McDonough moved that the Township approve Escrow Release #14 in releasing the escrow in the amount of \$12,176.29, as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. Downingtown Area School District- Bill McLaughlin of the Downingtown Area School District wrote a letter to the Township to request that the Board present the Glen Moore Fire Company with a check in the amount of \$10,000.00. As no representatives from the School District or the Fire Company were present, the Township Secretary was directed to forward the check to the Fire Company.

F. Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement- Representatives from Verizon were scheduled to come before the Board to make a presentation as to cable television service in the Township. However, no Verizon representatives were present. Solicitor Crotty noted that he would follow up with representatives from Verizon.

G. Hankin – Buck Riley, Esquire, representing the Hankin Group, was present. Mr. Riley demanded that the Township Solicitor not be permitted to represent the Township in matters relating to Hankin. Mr. Riley noted that he had sent a letter to the Township on February 15, 2008, to set forth its position, and reiterated the reasons behind his belief that the Township should not be permitted to use the Solicitor. Solicitor Crotty noted that he disagrees with Hankin’s characterization of any bias. Chairman McDonough noted that this matter was being turned over to independent counsel for its review and recommendation to the Board. The Supervisors noted that a meeting was set up with independent counsel for February 29th, and it hoped to have the recommendation shortly thereafter. The Supervisors again noted that Hankin is free to pursue discussions concerning the post-approval development agreements with the Township Solicitor at any time. Chairman McDonough also moved that the Township’s insurance carrier be notified of Mr. Riley’s latest letter given the threat of litigation that it implies. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Secretary

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