

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 8:00 AM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan W. McDonough
Robert D. Jones
Robert V. Bock

Solicitor: Stephen V. Siana, Esquire
Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Sessions

None.

Township Building and Facilities Report

None.

Correspondence

Sixteen pieces of correspondence were noted as received. A list of the correspondence as well as the individual pieces of correspondence is available for public inspection.

Planning Commission

No report.

Old Business

- a. 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.
- b. Bulk Trash Day: Chairman McDonough announced that bulk trash collection will be on Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon.
- c. Stop Signs: Chairman McDonough announced that multi-way stop signs have been installed at the three designated intersections; Little Conestoga, Marshall and Chalfant Roads, Route 282 (Creek Road and Marshall Road, Route 282 (Creek Road) and Fairview Road. Township Resident Sandy Neufeld

questioned whether some of the blinking lights had been removed from the stop signs. The roadmaster stated that the Township has no control over whether and how long PennDOT will provide the blinking lights on the new stop signs. The Supervisors were unaware of whether PennDOT had removed the blinking lights, or whether PennDOT had internal protocols as to how long the blinking lights remain in place. The Township Secretary indicated that she would send a letter to PennDOT to inquire as to the blinking lights and whether they could be placed back on the signs.

New Business

a. New Tractor: The roadmaster announced that the Road Department would like a new tractor. The current tractor is getting old and it is becoming difficult to find replacement parts. He has received specifications for a new tractor with a front-end loader and boom mower for approximately \$50,000 – trading in two Township vehicles. Payments would be made over a three (3) year period out of liquid fuels monies. Supervisors McDonough and Jones questioned as to the extent of the use of the tractor and whether certain of the mowing and trimming services could not be subcontracted out or whether certain of the equipment could not be rented. The Supervisors noted that they would take the purchase of the tractor under consideration.

b. Usage of DASD Facility on Fairview Road: The Downingtown Area School District has offered to allow the Township to use DASD's facility on Fairview Road. The Supervisors noted that they did not foresee the need to use the facility for Township purposes in the near future. However, the Supervisors suggested that the facility could be used as a youth center, or possibly by GEYA or GCS.

c. Glen Moore Fire Company letter of 2/26/08: Chairman McDonough announced that the Glen Moore Fire Company has invited the Supervisors to a meeting on March 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., with the Glen Moore Fire Company and the East Brandywine Fire Company. The two fire companies will discuss the potential for cooperative efforts between the two fire companies in the future. After discussion, it was decided that Supervisor Jones would attend on behalf of the Township and will report back.

d. W. Patrick Corry – release of escrow funds: A written request dated February 20, 2008, had been made by W. Patrick Corry for the Township to release escrow monies relating to his subdivision. The Township Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer reviewed the inspections and recommended that the Township approve a partial escrow release in the amount of \$3,500 (\$2,500 being for stormwater management improvements, and \$1,000 being for E&S control improvements). The Code Enforcement Officer noted that the remaining \$1,500 earmarked for driveway and drainage improvements within the PennDOT right of way could only be released after written confirmation from PennDOT as to completion of that portion of the project. Chairman McDonough moved to approve the partial release of the escrow, in the amount of \$3,500, pursuant to the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer. Supervisor Jones seconded the Motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Meeting schedule: Chairman McDonough proposed that the Board consider **reducing** the number of Board of Supervisors meetings. After discussion, the Supervisors **decided** that they would cancel the morning meetings in the month of March on a trial basis in order to gauge whether the additional morning meetings would be necessary. Supervisor Bock thought that it would be beneficial to maintain a morning meeting. Chairman McDonough made a motion to cancel the Board of Supervisors morning meetings for the month of March. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of 2 in favor and 1 opposed. The cancellation of the morning meetings on March 13 and 27, 2008, will be announced at the upcoming Supervisors meetings.

Public Comment

a. Newsletter: John Miller announced that the newsletter had been finalized. Additional revisions will be made in order to reflect the meetings in March that will be cancelled. It was provided to the Board for their review and comment. The Board thanked Mr. Miller and Catherine Poole for their hard work in putting together the newsletter.

b. Stop signs: Stephen Mueller sent an email to the Township as to his concern over the stop signs posted by PennDOT at 282 and Fairview Road. While visible, one of the stop signs is obstructed by a telephone pole and another partially obstructed. The roadmaster offered to trim back the branches from the stop sign and to contact the homeowner to request that the branches be trimmed. However, since the tree is on private property and not in the Township's right of way (being in the PennDOT right of way), the Township does not have the authority to do any trimming. Stephen Siana of the Township Solicitor's office recommended that the Board send a letter to PennDOT to advise it of the concerns and to request that it take all appropriate measures. The Township Secretary will call the homeowner in order to request that they trim back the branches, and will send a request to PennDOT to notify them of the concerns and request a response.

c. Verizon Franchise Agreement: Michael Crotty, Esq., from the Township Solicitor's office noted that he received a call from the representative at Verizon, who apologized for not having been able to make the Board's meeting on February 21, 2008. The Verizon representatives will attend the Board's meeting on the evening of March 20, 2008, in order to give a presentation about a proposed cable television franchise in Wallace Township.

Adjournment

Mr. McDonough announced that an executive session will be held immediately following this meeting, on February 28, 2008, to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Secretary