

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 6, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

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

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Sessions

Chairman McDonough announced that an executive session was held immediately prior to tonight's meeting, on March 6, 2008, in order to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

Township Building and Facilities Report

Chairman McDonough noted that the filing room at the Township building was organized and prepared. Additionally, the internet satellite dish for the Township was installed today.

Correspondence

Twenty-two (22) 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.

Treasurer's Report

Chairman McDonough noted that the Township Treasurer's report is available at the Township Building for review. The Tax Anticipation Note was received by the Township. Chairman McDonough requested that the Treasurer incorporate into future reports the actual vs. projected budget figures, as well the reimbursables. Supervisor Jones moved that the bills list totaling \$152,780.83 be approved for payment. Supervisor Bock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Brandywine Regional Police Report

Chief Kocsi presented a summary of his written report, which is available for inspection at the Township Building. With the help of State Representative Curt Schroeder, the Police Commission was able to secure a grant of \$5,000 for ballistic shields.

Chief Kocsi also noted that he made a request to Penn DOT for it to place reflective poles on the newly installed stop signs. Resident Ward Albert also questioned as to whether it would be appropriate to request Penn DOT to install intersection markings at the intersections where the stop signs were installed. Chief Kocsi indicated that he would follow up with Penn DOT to make that request.

Resident Jennifer Harkins also inquired as to whether there has been an increase in burglaries in the area. Chief Kocsi indicated that there has been no increase in burglaries in either Wallace Township or East Brandywine Township, but that residents could check the Police Department's website for notices of any trouble areas.

Historical Commission

Jennifer Harkins presented a report on behalf of the Historical Commission. The Historic Commission noted that it is in the process of preparing a report on the condition of the old schoolhouse. The application to place it on the list of the eleven (11) most endangered historic places remains pending. Ms. Harkins noted that the old schoolhouse has many structural problems that require repairs. Supervisor Jones noted that the Board is supportive of the Historic Commission in its efforts and would appreciate if the Commission could compile the report to present to the Board at a future meeting. Resident Albert Greenfield suggested grants may be available to help defray the cost of these improvements. Supervisor Jones stated that it would be helpful if the Historic Commission could identify both near-term and long-term repair recommendations.

Park & Recreation Board

Chairman Mark Bainbridge provided the report on behalf of the Park and Recreation Board. The Board has three new members. The Faith Alliance Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 15, 2008, with a rain date of March 22, 2008. Also, Community Day has tentatively been scheduled for June 21, 2008. Volunteers are needed for event preparation and clean up. A DARC update was given. There has been some interest in establishing a high adventure course in the Township park. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2008.

EAC

Nothing to report. The EAC has scheduled a trip to Mt. Cuba in April, which will be posed on the Township website.

Trails Association/Board

Dorothy Kirk presented the report for the Trails Board and had a few announcements for the Trails Association. With regard to the Trails Board, it has finished up its review of the trails on the Highspire Estates property. The Trails Board has found some issues regarding the need for clearing, some drainage problems, and missing signage. With regard to the Brandywine Hill trails, signs have been ordered. With regard to the trail through the elementary school property,

the Trails Board found that the trails were not being developed pursuant to the plans. The School District has agreed to correct any problems. With regard to the Municipal Authority property, the Trails Board requests that the Township and its Solicitor interface with the Municipal Authority Solicitor in order to discuss the possibility of a Township trail through the property. The Municipal Authority Solicitor has previously advised against the Authority placing a trail through the property. With regard to the Camp Indian Run development, the Trails Board was asked to take control of the trail for low level maintenance. The trails are currently closed due to the construction.

Dorothy Kirk also had some announcements for the Trails Association. The Association had a successful trail clearing a few weeks ago, and a new trail has been established near the dam. The Association is sponsoring a spring pond party in order to generate more involvement.

Wallace Trust

Barbara D'Angelo noted that the Trust is working on establishing easements on current subdivisions under consideration.

Municipal Authority

No report.

Planning Commission

Chairperson Barb D'Angelo provided the report by the Planning Commission. She has provided the Supervisors with a proposed form of a volunteer application for the various Township boards and commissions.

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. **County GIS Data**: Chairman McDonough announced that the Township Zoning Officer requested that the Township obtain the County GIS data for a purchase price of \$170. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township purchase the County GIS data for the price of \$170. Supervisor Bock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- d. **Volunteers**: Chairman McDonough noted that the Township is still accepting recommendations for volunteers for the various Township boards and committees. The Chairman of the Planning Commission, Barb D'Angelo, stated that she has a

form for all volunteers to fill out. The Board of Supervisors were advised by the Historical Commission that Janet Grashof would like to participate on that Commission, and she was requested to fill out a form.

- e. BOS Meeting Schedule: Chairman McDonough announced that the morning meeting scheduled for March 13, 2008 has been cancelled.
- f. 2008 SPCA Contract: The Township's contract with the SPCA for the calendar year 2008 is up for renewal. For a cost of \$1,600 for the entire year, the SPCA will fully service the Township. Supervisor Jones moved to approve the execution of the 2008 SPCA contract. Supervisor Bock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- g. Marshman Triathlon: Chief Kocsi noted that he was contacted by Neil Semmel of Multi-Sports Management concerning the Marshman Triathlon. The Chief was informed that the route had changed, and he indicated that he would shift coverage accordingly. The Chief was also informed by Mr. Semmel that he is seeking PennDOT approval for the route and he believes that Wallace Township would have to make a motion to approve the triathlon route through the Township. However, during the meeting, it was indicated that the Triathlon did not traverse any Township roadways. The only roadways within the Township were Penn DOT highways. Chairman McDonough referred the matter to the Township Solicitor for its review.

New Business

- a. The Supervisors expressed their heartfelt thanks to John Miller and Cathy Poole for their hard work in putting together the Township Newsletter.
- b. Minutes: Supervisor Jones moved that the minutes for February 7, 2008 and February 14, 2008 be approved. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion. Supervisor Bock abstained from voting on these minutes since he was not present. The motion was approved by Supervisor Jones and Chairman McDonough.

Supervisor Jones also moved that the minutes for February 28, 2008 be approved. Supervisor Bock seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Supervisor Jones lastly moved that the minutes for December 5, 2007 be approved. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion. Supervisor Bock abstained from voting since he was not present. The motion was approved by Supervisor Jones and Chairman McDonough.

Public Comment

- a. Hankin: Mike Malloy of the Hankin Group was present to request an update from the Supervisors as to its request that the Township Solicitor not be utilized for matters involving Hankin. Supervisor Jones noted that he met with the Township's independent counsel, Justice William Lamb. Chairman McDonough noted that the Township will proceed forward utilizing

the Township Solicitor, and that there is no impediment to Hankin moving forward with its necessary post-approval development agreements. Mr. Malloy was advised to forward any questions regarding the Township's decision to proceed in this manner to Justice Lamb.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Secretary

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