

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**March 4, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough  
Robert Jones  
Barbara D'Angelo

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was begun with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Executive Sessions**

None.

**Correspondence**

Seventy (70) 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.

**Minutes**

The Supervisors tabled discussion on the February 18, 2010, minutes as the Board had not yet had the opportunity to fully review them.

**Treasurer's Report**

Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin gave the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Forty-nine (49) invoices were presented for review. Chairman McDonough suggested that the Castle Valley Consultants invoice be tabled until the next meeting in order to address issues questions be certain developers as to outstanding balances. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that forty-eight (48) invoices, totaling \$34,671.04, be authorized for payment. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Additionally, the Board discussed the transfer of money from its account in excess of \$250,000 into an interest bearing account with DNB First. After discussion, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Township transfer \$245,000 from its general account into an interest bearing account with DNB First Bank. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Pennsylvania State Police**

A report for the month of January was presented by State Police Officer John Sours. The police report is available for review at the Township building. Officer Sours reminded residents to lock the doors of their homes and vehicles to deter burglaries. Overall, there were thirty-three (33) calls for service in February.

### **Glenmoore Fire Company**

GMFC representative Robert Brown was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict. Supervisor Jones summarized the GMFC report, which is available at the Township building for review. The GMFC expressed its thanks to the Township Road Department for assisting with a cardiac arrest incident during the snow storms.

### **Elverson EMS**

No report.

### **Historical Commission**

No representative from the Historical Commission was able to attend, and the report was tabled until the next meeting, at which time a representative from the Historical Commission could make its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

### **Park and Recreation Board**

The Township Easter Egg Hunt has been scheduled for March 27, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., with a rain date on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information is on the Township's website.

### **Trails Preservation Board**

No report.

### **Wallace Trust**

No report.

### **Municipal Authority**

Supervisor D'Angelo provided the report for the Authority. The Authority meets next week and will discuss alternative plans for plowing the various Authority properties during snow storms so that the Township's Road Department is not overly taxed in doing so. It was noted that the Road Foreman was keeping track of the hours spent on plowing the Authority property for the past snow storms so that the Authority could be billed.

## **Planning Commission**

Bill Moore provided the report for the Planning Commission. The PC has forwarded five (5) ordinance Articles for the BOS to review. Discussion ensued as to: the provisions pertaining to limitations on the number of horses and other large animals; fire protection ordinance revisions; riparian buffer ordinance revisions; stormwater management ordinance revisions; and greenway management ordinance provision revisions. The Board of Supervisors noted that they would review the draft articles. Resident John Miller also inquired as to the necessity for revisions to Zoning Ordinance Article X – Historic Preservation Standards. Article X currently incorporates language to the effect that the Historic Commission will become a Historic Area Review Board (HARB) upon approval of the historic district by the State. It is estimated that the district will be up for review in approximately two (2) months. It has not been the intent of the Township or the residents of the historic district to create a HARB, and many of the protections provided by a HARB can be provided through other means. Solicitor Crotty noted that Section 1010 of the Zoning Ordinance does not comport with the statute and should be revised. The Solicitor was directed to prepare a revision to Article X to remove Section 1010. Lastly, with regard to the woodland preservation ordinance amendments, Chairman McDonough noted that he would not agree to the adoption of the woodland preservation maps or botanical study as required elements of a subdivision. Supervisor D'Angelo agreed, noting that the maps and study are useful tools for a developer to consider, but compliance with them should not be mandatory. Supervisor Jones also noted his agreement. This issue is before the Planning Commission for its review.

With respect to the pending subdivisions, the end of the MPC review period for Gulick/Fairview is approaching. PC Chairman Moore was requested to send an email to the developer to remind of the need for an extension.

## **Old Business**

a. Spring Bulk Trash Day – Chairman McDonough noted that Spring Bulk Trash day has tentatively been set for Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The Board discussed the reservation list that has been utilized in the past, and agreed that such a list is no longer necessary. Instead, the staff working the bulk trash day were directed to note each resident on a list as they arrived and to monitor to ensure that residents/contractors are not using the service improperly.

b. Verizon: Solicitor Crotty noted that he contacted the Verizon representatives to inquire as to the status of the drop to the Township building, and he is awaiting a response.

## **New Business**

a. Chester County Department of Open Space Preservation: Grant DeCosta of the Chester County Department of Open Space Preservation made a presentation as to the services and monitoring performed by the County of properties maintained under a County grant. Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Wallace Trust and Natural Lands Trust also perform annual inspections of the respective preserved properties. The State typically does not inspect any grant properties. Mr. DeCosta noted that he has not observed any violations in Wallace Township. He

also noted that the County open space grants do not cover structures on the properties, such as the Indiantown Schoolhouse or springhouse, but instead only address the open space uses. In discussing the Lamb Tavern property, Mr. DeCosta stated that he does not have any concerns with the past mowing activities pertaining to the property as long as such does not compromise the existing environmental resources. Instead, mowing would provide more access to the site. Lastly, Mr. DeCosta provided an update as to the status of the trails on the Camp Indian Run property. He spoke with Natural Lands Trust, which would take the lead in addressing the trail closure. Apparently, the trail has been closed because the builder and Natural Lands Trust are exploring a better trail alignment – one which would result in less disturbance and fewer stream crossings.

b. Highspire Road: Supervisor D'Angelo inquired as to whether Heritage adequately plowed Highspire Road per the resident's complaints at the February 4, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting. It was noted that the developer did plow the road shortly after the two snow storms since the last meeting. Additionally, Supervisor D'Angelo inquired as to whether the street sign for Brittany Lane had fallen down. The Township Secretary was directed to send a letter to the developer to inquire.

c. Leaf Collection: Supervisor D'Angelo has been requested by a resident to discuss whether the Township could institute a leaf collection service. All of the Supervisors agreed to the idea in principal, but noted that the Township presently did not have the capability to do so and that there would be numerous practical issues with instituting such a service. Resident Jim Mackrell noted that Township leaf collection services often require residents to place all of their leaves at the curb, which creates a public safety concern with wet leaves and traffic.

d. Comstock: Chairman McDonough noted that the applicant in the Comstock lot line change approval did not recall receiving a copy of the Township's decision approving the application (which was previously forwarded). The Township Secretary would re-send Mr. Comstock a copy of the decision. Due to the timing, the Board discussed granting the applicant a 90 day extension in which to record the plans with the Chester County Recorder of Deeds. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve an extension of ninety (90) days from March 4, 2010, in which the Applicant must record the approved Comstock plans. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Coin Drop Fundraiser: A resident has inquired with the Township in order to obtain authorization for a coin drop fundraiser – where the fundraisers would stand at various intersections throughout the Township to collect coins from passing motorists. The request was forwarded to the State Police. The Supervisors noted their opposition to such a proposal due to the public safety concerns. The Township Secretary was directed to respond by advising that the Township did not give its authorization for such an event and that both the State Police and PennDOT must also be consulted.

f. Mailboxes: The Township Secretary noted that the Township has only received one request for reimbursement due to downed mailboxes after the last snow storms. Two other individuals contacted the Township to note that their mailboxes were knocked down, but that they would take care of the issues themselves. Solicitor Crotty noted that the request for reimbursement should be forwarded to PIRMA for its handling. PIRMA typically appreciates

such requests to be accompanied by photographs, a letter from the resident setting forth the occurrence, an estimate of the repairs, and the resident's automobile insurance declaration page (if the damage was done to the resident's motor vehicle). The Township Secretary/Treasurer was advised to forward the request to PIRMA.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin  
Township Secretary/Treasurer