

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 8, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Jones.

Supervisors present: Jeff Seese | Robert Jones | Barbara D'Angelo

Engineer/Zoning Officer: Craig Kologie, Castle Valley Consultants

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisors began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Chairman Jones announced that an executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

MINUTES

The minutes for the January 25, 2024 organization meeting were presented for review. Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented for review by Ms. Grashof. After discussion and review, Chairman Jones moved to approve and pay the twenty-one (21) invoices from the General Fund, in the amount of \$85,875.88. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor Seese moved that the Township approve the list of eleven (11) invoices to be paid with the PLGIT account, in the amount of \$3,117.29. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board ratify the January 27, 2024 PLGIT statement, totaling \$9,371.61. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Kimes provided the report of the WBTPD. In January, the Department responded to 271 calls for service in the Township, with 2 reported from Devereux.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Chief Paul DeCarlo presented the January GMFC report, noting that it responded to 18 calls in January, 10 of which were in the Township. Joe Kennedy from Westwood provided its

report, noting that they responded to 408 calls in January region-wide, with 17 being in the Township. There was an average 14 minute response time and 79% of the calls were ALS responses. A discussion was held as to the age of the Township AED machines, after which it was moved by Chairman Jones that the Board authorize the purchase of two replacement AEDs through Westwood, at a cost of \$2,129 each. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. No report was provided from Elverson Honey Brook Ambulance. Uwchlan Ambulance Corp submitted a written report, noting that they responded to 470 calls in January, with 7 being in the Township.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Lori Casarella provided the PRB report. She discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and other event planning for later in the year.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

Bonnie Radford presented the report of the Historical Commission. She noted her thanks to the Public Works Department for their help in setting up for the recent events. She also discussed the 2024 HC presentations and inquired about the status of the Greenfield home. Solicitor Crotty noted that the matter has been brought to the attention of the developer and that he would follow up.

Archivist John Miller noted that the Historical Commission has undertaken its initial review of the Devereux property sketch plans (and its impacts on the historic resources on the property).

TRAILS

No report.

EAC

Tish Malloy presented the EAC report. The EAC has prepared a brochure on rain gardens, and she noted the upcoming presentation by Rachel Griffiths, the Chester County Sustainability Director.

AUTHORITY

Road Foreman Steve Senn noted that he is still working to get a quote for the tree limb removal and assessing whether it is located on Township, Authority, HOA or third party property.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

<u>Township Subdivision No.</u>	<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Plan Submission Date</u>	<u>MPC Review Periods</u>
19-05	Mila Woods (11 lots)	11/7/19	5/15/24

PUBLIC COMMENT

In order to accommodate the schedules of the public, the public comment period was moved up in the agenda. Tom Stern inquired as to the Sheller/Dalessandro matters. He also noted that they are spreading more stone on the property. The Township Zoning Officer will review as to whether another notice of violation is warranted for that issue. Sheri Dankanich also made comment about the matter.

Resident Amy Scott complained about the dog breeding operation that is apparently taking place on Barneston Road. The barking and other noises coming from the property are a nuisance, and animals are continuously escaping. The Township Zoning Officer noted that a Notice of Violation has been issued against the property.

Resident Brendan Shea noted that there is an issue with the culvert along Park Lane. The Township Road Foreman will go out to inspect.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Tree Limb in Vicinity of Sewer Plant (Highspire Estates): See Authority report above.
- 2) Wagenseller Park Rules: After continued discussion about the hours of operation for the park, the Board directed that an ordinance amendment be prepared to modify the closing time for the lit facilities to 10:00 p.m. for its consideration at the March meeting.
- 3) Grant Applications: The Township Engineer provided an update on the grant application preparation. His office is putting together cost estimates and other information required for the submission.
- 4) Uhrig Payment Request #8: The Township Engineer presented the Uhrig payment request. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve Uhrig Payment Request #8, in the amount of \$5,032.89. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. In discussion, it was noted that Uhrig has not completed its required work for the park project. The Zoning Officer noted that there is sufficient retainage in place to address those open issues. It was also noted that Uhrig's failure to timely complete the park subjects it to the *per diem* penalties.
- 5) Keystone – Trails at Marsh Creek Escrow Reduction Request #6: The Township Engineer provided its review letter, recommending approval of the requested release. The completed work encompasses sewer and paving work. After discussion, Chairman

Jones moved that the Township approve Escrow Release Request #6, in the amount of \$1,232,771.72. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 6) GMFC Fire Truck Purchase: An extensive discussion took place as to the Township's financial support for the purchase by the Fire Company of its new fire truck. It is expected that the Fire Company will take possession of the truck in the coming weeks. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township authorize the following contributions for the Fire Company's purchase of the truck: a donation/contribution of \$240,000 from the Township's Fire Company equipment fund; and a bridge loan of \$270,000 to the Fire Company until December 31, 2024, as may be extended, pending the Fire Company's receipt of its grant funding. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried with the votes of Chairman Jones and Supervisor D'Angelo. Supervisor Seese abstained. The Board requested that Solicitor Crotty memorialize the same with Township staff and the Fire Company through a letter agreement.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Road Foreman Steve Senn provided his report, noting that the department has assisted in widening the path to the pavilion; is assessing the potential purchase of a vehicle lift; is working with the Township Engineer on road project planning; and oversaw the completion of the installation of the electric gate at the maintenance garage.

EVENTS

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary