

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 6, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors commenced at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

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

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting on October 10, 2024, were presented for review. Supervisor Seese moved that they 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, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve the 20 invoices from the general fund account in the amount of \$97,382.01. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Board approve the 13 invoices on the list to be paid with the PLGIT account in the amount of \$34,125.62. Chairman Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify the August 27, 2024, PLGIT statement, totaling \$20,325.32. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Board approve and ratify the September 27, 2024, PLGIT statement, totaling \$10,051.55. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve and ratify check no. 3507 (Triple Tree Farms, \$265), check no. 3508 (Pam O'Neil, \$325), check no. 3510 (PMRS, \$13,309.61) and check no. 3511 (PMRS, \$16,979.74). Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Kimes provided the report of the WBTPD. In October, the Department responded to 193 calls for service in the Township. A discussion was also held as to animal control and the potential for an agreement with the SPCA.

GLEN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

Chief Paul DeCarlo presented the October GMFC report, noting that it responded to 26 calls, 11 of which were in the Township. A representative from Westwood was unable to attend. Elverson-Honey Brook Ambulance representatives were likewise not present, but it submitted a report indicating that they responded to 3 calls in October. It was noted that the three listed calls were either listed as recalled or covered by another agency. No representative from Uwchlan Ambulance was present, but it responded to 2 calls in the Township, both of which were on the Turnpike.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

No report. Chairman Jones noted that the tree lighting event with Santa and the Grinch is scheduled for early December.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

No report.

TRAILS

No report.

EAC

No report. Township Manager Randzin noted that the tree planting is scheduled for the trail location near the park.

AUTHORITY

Supervisor D'Angelo provided an update as to the Authority activities, including the recent grant received for equipment to upgrade the treatment level at the Wagenseller Park plant.

PLANNING COMMISSION

<u>Township Subdivision No.</u>	<u>Plan Name</u>	<u>Plan Submission Date</u>	<u>MPC Review Periods</u>
19-05	Mifa Woods (11 lots)	11/7/19	2/13/25
24-01	Devereux (83 lots)	6/28/24	1/6/25
24-02	Duda (2 lots)	9/11/24	12/31/24

With respect to the Duda subdivision application, it was noted that the MPC review period will expire prior to the Board's December meeting. The applicant has been requested to submit an extension. In the interim, Chairman Jones moved that the plans be denied for the open items set forth in the Township Engineer's latest review letter, except if an extension is received (in which case the extension shall be approved). Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

- 1) Eagle Scout Project: Eagle Scout candidate Luke Paisley Smith gave a presentation as to his AED project. He stated that, through fundraising efforts, he raised money for two AED machines. One will be placed at the Park and the other at the Township building.
- 2) Keystone Homes Escrow Reduction Request: A financial security escrow release request has been received from Keystone Homes, with respect to the Trails at the Brandywine development. It has been reviewed by the Township Engineer. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the financial security for the project be reduced in the amount of \$2,664,984.37, pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 3) Resolutions – Grant Applications: Resolutions have been prepared to authorize the submission of requests for funding for two grant projects. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve Resolution 24-14, authorizing the grant application for the park improvements. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve Resolution 24-15, authorizing the grant application for the trail and pedestrian bridge improvements. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 4) Fire and EMS Annual Contributions: A discussion was held as to the Township's annual contributions to the Fire Company and various ambulance providers. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the contribution to the Glen Moore Fire Company in the amount of \$50,000 from the ARPA funds. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion. Supervisor Seese abstained, and the vote carried with the affirmative votes of Chairman Jones and Supervisor D'Angelo. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Township issue the quarterly contract payment to Westwood Ambulance in the amount of \$25,000, from the Township APRA funds. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve the 2024 contribution to Elverson Honey Brook Ambulance, in the amount of \$4,000 from Township ARPA funds. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Chairman Jones moved that the Township make its contribution to Uwchlan Ambulance Company in the amount of \$8,000 from Township ARPA funds. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 5) Downingtown Library Donation: Jasmine Smith and other representatives from the Downingtown Library were present to discuss their range of services and usage by residents of the Township. They also inquired as to any anticipated 2025 contribution. Discussion was also held as to the Township's 2024 contribution, which was tabled.
- 6) Minimum Municipal Obligation: As previously noted, the Township's financial consultant has again reviewed the Township's minimum municipal obligation. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Township approve Resolution 24-1, acknowledging and establishing the 2025 minimum municipal contribution in the amount of \$27,793. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 7) Wagenseller Park: A discussion was held as to the lights at the park and the potential need for them to be adjusted due to daylight savings. The Road Foreman was also requested to obtain pricing for parking lot lights at the Township building.
- 8) 1480 Creek Road Stormwater Management Agreement: The form of stormwater agreement for the work at 1480 Creek Road was presented for approval. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the form of agreement be approved and authorized for signature. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 9) 2024-2025 Deer Hunters: An additional hunter has applied for the list of approved archery only hunters for the Township park. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the additional hunter be approved. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- 10) 2025 General Fund and Liquid Fuels Budget: An in-depth discussion was held as to the budget. Each line item of the revenues and liabilities was discussed. No real estate tax will be imposed. After the conclusion of the discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the initial draft of the budget be advertised for availability. Supervisor Seese seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Road Foreman Steve Senn provided an update on the consortium salt prices for 2024-2025. He also provided an update on the status of the snack shack construction. A discussion was also held as to repaving of the area in the vicinity of the salt shed entrance. Supervisor Seese noted the possibility of assistance from Uwchlan Township. Additionally, the Road Foreman presented pricing for tree work from Martin's Tree Service (costars approved). Several trees were located in and around the vicinity of the Authority's Highspire Plant. After discussion, Chairman Jones moved that the Board authorize the use of Martin's Tree Service at the one day rate of \$9,500, subject to certain reimbursement from the Authority for trees on its property. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Randzin inquired as to switching the EMS/Fire Services Fee in Lieu to First Bank. After discussion, Chairman Jones motioned to authorize the same. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary

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