

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:30PM

In attendance were: Chair Carol DeWolf, Vice Chair Mike Di Domenico, Police Commissioner Thomas Haws, Township Manager Robert Layman, WEGO Police Chief Brenda Bernot, Township Solicitor Bob Adams, Parks & Recreation Chair Bridget Brown, and Assistant Zoning Director Chris Patriarca. There were 55 guests present.

Note: *The recording equipment failed during this meeting. Minutes were compiled using notes from those present and partial recording by a resident.*

I. Call to Order

Chairman DeWolf called the regular meeting to order at 7:35pm and led Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes (Board of Supervisors February 10, 2014)

Ms. DeWolf announced there was a recording failure at the February 10 meeting. Minutes are being prepared based on a partial recording by a resident and notes from those who attended.

III. Summary of Board of Supervisors Workshop – February 18, 2014

Ms. DeWolf summarized the Supervisor's workshop, which began at 6:00pm. There were 5 items on the agenda:

- Emergency Operations Plan – Don Verdiani
- Mansion rental refund request
- Police commendation awards for citizens
- Citizens committees for website and sewer
- Meetings with Township commissions for feedback & future planning

There were no questions or comments from the public regarding the workshop.

IV. Departmental Reports

A. Westtown East Goshen Police Department – Chief Brenda Bernot

The Chief announced that WEGO will be hosting a Drug Take Back Initiative on April 26, 2014 at the Westtown Giant. She also reported on an underage drinking party, and progress on the investigation of thefts occurring at Rustin High School. The Chief stated she will be submitting a proposal for insulation of several key generators in Westtown and Thornbury townships.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

B. Township Solicitor – Bob Adams

Mr. Adams had nothing to report.

C. Planning Commission – Russ Hatton

Mr. Hatton stated that the Planning Commission (PC) has not met for several weeks due to the snow and ice storms. At tomorrow's meeting the PC will hear from Natural Lands Trust

representatives on the Open Space Resource Plan. Bob Adams will also be present to discuss the SUO Amendment regarding the Bozzuto application. The Commission will also discuss their mission and purpose. Mr. Hatton thanked Mr. Patriarca for his efforts in improving communications.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

D. Parks & Recreation Commission – Jen Shea-Schwacke

Ms. Schwacke stated that P&R is considering a Halloween event and/or a Fall Fundraiser. She also reported that the mansion Open Houses have been very successful. Almost 100 people attended the most recent one on February 2. The Fitness program (yoga & pilates classes) are also going well. The next major event is the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Oakbourne Park. The Commission needs volunteers to make this event a success.

Kristine Lisi stepped down as Chair this year, and Bridget Brown was elected Chair.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

E. Historical Commission – Dave Walter

Mr. Walter reported that the HC is making progress on the historical properties project. They are also working with the Chester County Historical Commission to develop a historical resources map for the township.

The HC has given the Board their recommendation on the Bozzuto application and hope that there will be a way to preserve the two historical structures on the property.

Mr. Walter stated that there is a vacancy on the Commission due to the resignation of Bob Reidenbach. The HC will be interviewing candidates at their next meeting February 20.

He also reported that the Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan has been submitted by the CCPC. The primary impact to the township is a parcel at 1004 Little Shiloh Road which has a Civil War Cemetery. Mr. Walter suggested that the Township might be able to negotiate a deal with the property owner to have the 1/2 acre parcel donated to the Township. Ms. DeWolf asked Mr. Walter to summarize the proposal for the Board to consider.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

V. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. DeWolf suggested that those present add their name to the listserv email sign up to receive Township communications.

Jim Cahill, 9 Jacqueline Drive, expressed concerns about the Bozzuto development of Crebilly Farm and suggested the area be developed as an historic village or living history site.

Janice Oakley, 10 Jacqueline Drive, expressed concern over the impact of commercial development in the Township in general, and specifically the proposed Bozzuto apartment complex.

Township solicitor, Bob Adams, intervened and suggested that comments on the Bozzuto Conditional Use application be held until the hearing tonight.

There was no additional public comment.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

A. Declaration of Disaster Emergency

Ms. DeWolf tabled this item since the Disaster Emergency has already passed.

B. Resolution 2014-1 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to approve the EOP, seconded by Mr. Haws. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

C. Multi-Purpose Field Use Bid

Mr. Haws stated that the only bid for the Multi-Purpose Field was from West Chester United Soccer (WCUSA). Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to accept the WCUSA bid in the amount of \$2500/year (\$12,500 over 5 years). Mr. Haws seconded the motion.

Jen Shea-Schwacke, 1518 Carmac Rd. asked if that is the field to the left of the mansion. Mr. Layman clarified that it is the soccer field, at the corner of S. Concord and E. Pleasant Grove Roads.

Patrick McDonough, 7 Oakbourne Road, asked whether the contract restricts use of the field. Mr. Haws stated that contract gives the bidder the right to restrict use. Mr. McDonough strongly objected to the contract.

Diane Moran, 1014 Robin Drive, spoke on behalf of WCUSA to clarify their position. She stated that when the club is not using the field, they will gladly allow residents and other organizations to use the field.

The Board withdrew the motion, and will contact WCUSA to clarify terms of use of the field.

There was no other public comment.

D. Chapter 94 Proposal

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to accept the URS proposal in the amount of \$4000 for the preparation of the annual Chapter 94 report, which is due March 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haws.

There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

E. Citizen's Advisory Committees

Ms. DeWolf stated that the Board is creating two citizens committees: one for the website and one for the sewers. She recommended Kathy Di Domenico to lead the formation of these two committees.

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to establish the two advisory committees, and appoint Kathy Di Domenico the leader of both committees. Mr. Haws seconded the motion.

There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

VIII. Public Comments on All Topics

Speaking as a resident, Mr. Adams, 918 Shippen Lane, commended Mark Gross and his crew for their excellent work clearing the roads during the recent storms.

There was no additional public comment.

IX. Payment of Bills

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haws.

Kathy Di Domenico, 1530 Woodland Road, stated that the check register was not sent on the listserv with the agendas, but it was posted on the website.

There was no other public comment and the motion to approve the bills was approved.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Haws. There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Layman,
Township Manager