

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown
Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:30PM

In attendance were: Chair Carol De Wolf, Vice Chair Mike Di Domenico, Police Commissioner Thomas Haws, Township Manager Robert Layman, Planning & Zoning Director Chris Patriarca, WEGO Police Chief Brenda Bernot, and Township Solicitor Patrick McKenna. There were 17 guests present.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes (Board of Supervisors February 10 and March 3, 2014)

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to approve the February 10 minutes. Mr. Haws seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

Mr. Di Domenico then made a motion to approve the March 3 minutes. Mr. Haws seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

III. Summary of Board of Supervisors Workshop – March 17, 2014

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

- The Board considered having a Lyme disease presentation and has passed the issue on to Parks & Recreation to follow up on.
- Discussed storm debris disposal in the right-of-way
- Discussed the relocation of two SEPTA bus stops on Rt. 3 near 352. This will be removed from the regular meeting agenda pending receipt of further information.
- Police matter (executive session)
- Discussed bi-directional amplification in large buildings to improve emergency communication. This will be added to the regular meeting agenda under Old Business.

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 reported that fuel oil was spilled on Cockburn Drive on February 25 during a residential delivery. The company responsible will be making restitution to the Township to cover the cost of the emergency response for the spillage. There also was a minor incident on Feb 19th basketball game at Rustin High.

In response to complaints about traffic on Jacqueline Drive, the department set up the radar speed sign on the westbound lane from February 24 to March 5. Based on the data collected during that ten day period, the Chief recommended that a traffic study be conducted, and that the Township may want to consider traffic calming devices.

Mr. Haws asked if the department was going to step up enforcement on Jacqueline Drive. The Chief responded that they would continue to monitor and enforce the traffic in that area.

There were no other questions or comments from the public.

B. Township Solicitor – Pat McKenna

Mr. McKenna had nothing to report.

C. Planning Commission – Jim Lees

Mr. Lees reported on the March 5 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. He began by requesting that the Township have their legal ads in the Daily Local be posted more prominently. Mr. McKenna interjected that this was not likely to happen, as we have no control on layout.

The new alternate engineer for McCormick Taylor, Regina Majercak, attended the meeting. Brian Gallagher is preparing a document regarding solar panels and their effect on fire suppression. The Papenfuss traffic study is in and they reviewed the Thomas Minor subdivision application.

The PC will hear the Bozutto presentation on Wednesday night.

The PC elected Chris Patriarca as their new secretary.

The Commission discussed their mission statement and will put something together for Board approval in the near future.

Mr. Lees passed along a suggestion from Mr. Pavelchek to put a bulletin board for posting meeting information on the wall in the hallway outside the meeting room.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

D. Historical Commission – Bob Layman

Mr. Layman reported that the Historical Commission appointed a new member, and also recommended altering the ordinance forming the Historical Commission to increase its membership to seven members. The commission continues to work on the on the historical properties project, and are also discussing a display at Rustin High School to entice residents to take an interest in Westtown history.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

V. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Jim Cahill, 9 Jacqueline Drive, spoke about the demolition of the old house on the Papenfuss property at 1010 Wilmington Pike. He questioned the ownership of the parcel and the legitimacy of the demolition permit. Mr. Haws responded, stating that the permit was valid. Mr. Cahill also stated that the house was built in 1820 and its status on the National Historic Register was listed as an eligible structure. He stated that the township should not have allowed the structure to be demolished.

Mr. Layman replied, stating that the Historical Commission has been operating for less than a year. He added that the HC has limited power. Discussion followed regarding the demolition.

Mr. Cahill also stated that the Papenfuss traffic study was flawed.

Walt Pavelchek, 1050 S. New Street, suggested looking back at the PennDOT report done about ten years ago when the widening of 202 was being considered. He said they looked at the historic status of buildings along 202, which would have included the Papenfuss house.

Mr. Cahill also asked Chief Bernot about Police speed enforcement on Jacqueline Drive. The Chief stated that officers are citing motorists. She added that the data from the radar speed sign cannot be used for citations. The Chief also stated that 33% percent of the stop sign violations are being committed by residents of Jacqueline Drive.

Leonard Mammucari, 523 W. Pleasant Grove Road, discussed similarities between the traffic on Jacqueline Drive and W. Pleasant Grove Road. He echoed Mr. Cahill's sentiments and requested that the township address the issue. Ms. DeWolf acknowledged that both roads are used to cut through to 202.

Desiree Cresta, 610 Springline Drive, also expressed concerns about the traffic on Jacqueline and Supplee. She added that she made a request for a "Watch Children" sign for her special needs child. The Chief responded that the department uses robic watch for traffic enforcement. Mr. Haws also commended the efforts of WEGO to address the traffic problems on Jacqueline, and reminded residents that the department is regional and provides support for three townships. He also mentioned the Township Engineer dropped off the 2014 road program proposal today, and believes it will address traffic calming. He recalled the sign request for a special needs child, and stated that PennDOT rejected the request because the sign was not uniform statewide.

Walt Pavelchek stated that S. New Street should be added to the 202 access issue along with Jacqueline Drive and W. Pleasant Grove.

Megan Bruns, 4 Jacqueline Drive, also commented on the speed issue on her street, and expressed concern about the safety of the school bus stop at Jacqueline and 202.

Pam Boulos, 200 Cheyney Drive, asked why the Papenfuss demolition permit was not listed on the Township website. Ms. DeWolf replied that it was issued last April, and may not still be archived on the website. Mr. Layman also stated that the applicant had an extension on the permit. Ms. Boulos asked how long the permit was extended. Mr. Fitch responded that the permit is good until 2016, according to PA statute. Mr. Matson clarified that as soon as work begins, in this case it was internal work (salvageable debris and electrical work), the permit becomes active. The Permit Extension Act allows for active permits to be extended, in this case until July 2, 2016.

Jim Cahill asked about the SEPTA bus stops on Rt. 3. Ms. DeWolf replied that the east bound bus stop is in front of the Jaguar dealer. The west bound bus stop is proposed for in front of the Wawa. At the request of SEPTA and PennDOT the Township Engineer is looking into the placement of the bus stops.

There was no additional public comment.

VI. Old Business

A. Bi-Directional Amplification

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to refer the Bi-Directional Ordinance to the Township Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haws, who amended the motion to include consultation with the Township solicitor. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

VII. New Business

A. Road Use Request – Pedal for Pink

The Township has been asked to send a letter of approval to PennDOT expressing approval of road use on Route 352 on Saturday, May 10 from 10:00am to noon for the annual Pedal for

Pink fundraiser for breast cancer research. Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to approve the letter of approval for the road use, seconded by Mr. Haws. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

B. Sunoco Pipeline Repair

This item was removed from the agenda.

C. Announcements

Ms. De Wolf announced the following events:

1. There will be an **Anything with a Plug** event on March 29 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the West Goshen Municipal Complex, 1025 Paoli Pike. Local residents are welcome. A \$20 fee will apply to accept glass (tube) TVs and computer monitors. Other electronics will be accepted without charge. NO SMOKE DETECTORS, LARGE APPLICANCES OR PROJECTION TVs will be accepted.
2. The Chester Ridley Crum (CRC) Watershed Association will be having its spring meeting on Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 to 3:30pm at the Old Mill in Rose Valley. The guest speaker, Kevin Staso of North Creek Nurseries, will present “**Native Plant Solutions for Difficult Locations.**” To register online or for more information visit crcwatersheds.org.
3. The 9th annual **Chester Creek Cleanup** is Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Westtown Township residents should meet at the Goose Creek Park pavilion before 9:00am. Pre-registration is requested at crcwatersheds.org.

Walt Pavelchek asked that the announcements be put on the listserv.

Kathy Di Domenico, 1530 Woodland Road, said that three items went out on the listserve.

VIII. Public Comments on All Topics

Jim Cahill spoke about the condition of the road on Jacqueline Drive. Mr. Layman said the Roadmaster is aware of the problems on Jacqueline.

Ms. De Wolf encouraged residents to add their email to the listserv.

There was no additional public comment.

IX. Payment of Bills

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to pay the check register for March 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haws. There was no 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 9:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Layman,
Township Manager