

SPECIAL MEETING of WESTTOWN and EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIPS
to APPOINT WEGO CHIEF of POLICE
Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown
Monday, March 25, 2013 at 7:30PM

In attendance were: Chairman Thomas Haws, Vice Chair Carol DeWolf, Police Commissioner Charles Barber, Township Manager Robert Layman, Roadmaster Mark Gross, Township Building Inspector John Wilson, and Planning Commission members Dave Walter and Russ Hatton. There was standing room only in the auditorium.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

The WEGO Police present the colors and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Introductions

Police Commissioner Charles Barber asked for a moment of silence in honor of our fallen officers and our country's servicemen.

Commissioner Barber then introduced the other representatives of the inter-municipal selection committee: Charles Proctor from East Goshen Township, and Bob Miller from Thornbury Township.

Mr. Proctor introduced the supervisors from East Goshen Township: Thom Clapper, Carmen Battavio, and Senya Isayeff and the Supervisors from Westtown Township: Tom Haws, Carol DeWolf. He also recognized the selection committee: Greg Cary, Ty Blocker, Anthony Giamo, Robert Shorr, and Mark Hanlon. In appreciation of the time they provided in the selection process, Mr. Proctor presented plaques to Greg Cary and Ty Blocker recognizing their efforts.

Bob Miller introduced the chairman of the Board of Supervisors from Thornbury Township, Bob Anthony.

Mr. Proctor also recognized Terry Woodman, Township Manager from East Whiteland Township, and Bob Layman, Township Manager from Westtown Township, who were instrumental in bringing Eugene Dooley in as Interim Chief.

Mr. Proctor also recognized representatives from the Police Chief's Association of Chester County and Mike Noonan from the Chester County District Attorney's office, and the honorable William D. Kraut who will be performing the initiation ceremony tonight.

III. Appointment of the New Chief of the WEGO Police Department

After extensive review of the candidate including background check, credit check, psychological and physical exams, drug testing, the selection committee reported that Brenda Bernot is physically and psychologically qualified to fulfill the duties of Chief of Police for WEGO Police Department.

Mr. Proctor moved to appoint Brenda Bernot as the Chief of Police of WEGO Police Department. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barber, who then called for the vote. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Barber then called for public comment. A member of the audience inquired as to why there were not any residents on the selection committee. Mr. Barber said that question should have

been addressed at his township meeting prior to this appointment and was not appropriate at this time. There were no additional public comments.

IV. Swearing in Ceremony

Judge Kraut performed the swearing in ceremony and presented Chief Bernot with her badge.

V. Chief Bernot Acceptance Speech