

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
July 20, 2009 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Vice Chair Charles P. Barber and Police Commissioner Thomas A. Foster; Township Manager Robert Layman; Westtown-East Goshen Sergeant Richard Gorman and Planning Commission Chairman Mark Purcell. There were seven guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

As there was a quorum present Vice Chair Charles Barber called the meeting to order at 7:30Pm and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Approval of Minutes (July 6, 2009 Regular Meeting).

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Barber asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors approved the minutes as presented.

III. Summary of Board of Supervisors Workshop 6/1/09.

Mr. Barber reviewed the following items discussed at the workshop. Tree removal in Township open space; Discussed an ordinance for Use and Occupancy inspections of apartments; The 2009 Road Improvement project; Discussed possible creation of an Historical Commission; and the Friends of Oakbourne request to install tick control deer feeders in Oakbourne Park.

IV. Departmental Reports.

A. Westtown-East Goshen Police Sergeant Richard Gorman.

Sergeant Gorman reviewed the June Police Report. He stated that 43% of the calls received were for Westtown. He also reported that there has been an increase in daytime burglaries in the area.

B. Planning Commission – Mark Purcell.

Mr. Layman stated that the Planning Commission did not meet on July 8th as there were no items for the agenda. At this week's meeting the Commission will review a revision of the Sharon Bank Plan pertaining to the site lines on Green Lane; a review of the Conditional Use Application submitted by St. Maximilian Kolbe Church for Temporary Field Lights; and a review of East Bradford's Comprehensive Plan. (At this time Mr. Purcell arrived).

Mr. Foster asked if the church would have to submit a conditional use application each year for the lights. Mr. Purcell stated that is the way the ordinance is written but felt that the Board's initial Conditional Use approval could address excusing them from doing this each year.

Mr. Purcell said he has announced that he is resigning and his last meeting will be August 19th. He stated that it has been a privilege to serve on the Planning Commission. He also stated he would be available if necessary for Crebilly planning. He mentioned that "Green" is always in the news, a subject dear to his heart, and that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission has information available that could be used for future planning. Mr. Barber asked Mr. Purcell if he felt that the cost of fuel would be the driving force for "Green" on new construction. Mr. Purcell responded certainly on new construction for cost effective buildings. Mr. Barber thanked Mr. Purcell, on behalf of himself and the Board for his expertise and service on the Planning Commission. Mr. Foster said Mr. Purcell will be missed and thanked him for his service.

V. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.

In attendance from the West Chester Library were Harold Sundwall, President Board of Trustees and Victoria Dow, Library Director.

Mr. Sundwall stated they like to be on the Board of Supervisors agenda at least once a year to present an update on how the Library serves the residents of Westtown. Mr. Sundwall stated that since the library was renovated in 2005 the usage has been growing with an overall increase in checkouts of 14%. Westtown is growing faster than the other Townships with a 16% increase. He stated that they had 215 different programs for children and young teens this past year. The after school café is a very active teen program in which Westtown plays a vital part. Mr. Sundwall appealed to the Board to include the West Chester Library in next year's budget. He stated that they need the financial help of all the municipalities in their service area especially since the State is proposing cuts of 40% to 50% in funding. The State funds less than 20% and the rest is intended to come from local municipalities. The Library also receives grant money and private donations. Mr. Barber asked how much the Library receives from Chester County taxes. Ms. Dow responded that the portion of taxes designated for libraries goes to the Chester County Library, Hankin Branch, which is a department of the County. The Commissioners at their discretion allocate \$700,000 to \$800,000 to the 16 other member libraries of which West Chester is a branch. This is done by a formula calculated on circulation and the Library receives approximately \$108,000. Mr. Foster thanked them for their presentation. Mr. Purcell commended them on their outreach to the Latino community. Ms. Dow said they are able to do this from grant funding and have a good Spanish language collection.

Maria Lain, 1540 Johnny's Way, stated she wanted to update the Board on the status of connection of their property to public sewer. She stated that the documents pertaining to the connection have been mailed to the Township for execution by the Board along with a check for the reimbursement due the Township for legal and engineering fees. Mrs. Lain also stated that the easement documents have been sent to the resident at 1545 Johnny's for their consideration and execution. When the Township Engineer provides an estimate for the cost of inspecting the project they will be able to start. Mr. Barber thanked Mrs. Lain for the information.

VI. Old Business:

There was no old business at this time.

VII. New Business:

A. Announcements.

1. Vehicles on Township Open Space.

Mr. Barber announced that there has been a problem with four wheelers, mini bikes, etc, in Township open space. He stated that signs will be placed in the Township parks and open space prohibiting the use of these types of vehicles on Township property. The Police will enforce this regulation.

2. PECO Rebate Program.

PECO is offering a rebate of \$300.00 for installation of an energy efficient gas boiler or gas heating system. If you would like more information please contact the Township office.

3. Stormwater Publications.

Mr. Barber stated that Dog Waste Stations have been installed at Oakbourne Park. It would be appreciated if all dog owners would cleanup after their pets. He also stated that as part of the MS4 Stormwater program there are publications available at the Township office pertaining to what and what cannot be discharged into our stormwater systems.

B. Adopt Resolution 2009-11.

Mr. Barber said with the passage of State Act 32 the County will be collecting the Earned Income Tax ("EIT") instead of the municipalities. Each Township is required to designate delegates for the upcoming organization meeting for the Chester County Tax Committee. The following will be the delegates from Westtown: Charles Barber, Elaine Adler, and JoAnne Grube.

Mr. Foster made a motion seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the delegates to the Chester County Tax Committee. Mr. Barber asked for public comment. John Lain asked if this was discussed at last month's meeting. Mr. Foster responded in the affirmative. The Board of Supervisors approved the appointments.

C. Award the 2009 Road Maintenance Program.

Mr. Barber stated that the bid will be awarded to the low bidder Joseph Sucher and Sons. He stated that only two speed humps will be installed on W. Pleasant Grove Road in order to keep the bid in line with the Road budget. Mr. Foster stated the bid is for the following roads; Appletree Road, Butternut Road, General Howe Drive, Oakbourne Road -South Concord Road to Railroad Bridge and Oakbourne Road – Tyson Drive to Shiloh Road, S. New Street – Route 926 to bridge and S. Concord Road – Little Shiloh to Oakbourne Road, Alternate A – Talleyrand Road, Alternate B – S. Walnut Street – Ridge Road to Oakbourne Road and Alternate C – two speed humps on W. Pleasant Grove Road.

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to award the 2009 Road Maintenance Program to Joseph Sucher and Sons for the base bid and alternates A, B and C in the amount of \$300,900.75 with a reduction of approximately \$14,000 with the deletion of two speed humps. Mr. Barber asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors awarded the 2009 Road Maintenance Bid to Joseph Sucher and Sons.

VIII. Public Comment.

Walter Pavelchek, 1050 S. New Street, stated that with the Presby Homes development traffic is only going to increase on Routes 926 and 202. He asked that the Board seriously consider an overpass at Route 202 at W. Pleasant Grove Road to connect the two halves of the Township. This would eliminate the need for the jug handle connection as drivers would go north or south on Route 202 from Skiles Boulevard. He stated that the Township has had a box mentality about parallel roads for the forty years he has lived here. He suggested that the west side of the Township might like to resign and become part of neighboring Birmingham Township. This would take two schools out of Westtown. Mr. Pavelchek said he has also discussed this with the planning commission. Mr. Foster said PennDOT did have an overpass proposed at Routes 202 and 926 but is no longer included in the 202 expansion plan. Mr. Pavelchek said that the Council of Governments and the West Chester Regional Planning Commission are trying to revive this with PennDOT and do what was done at Boot Road. He said his suggestion would be less expensive and bring the Township together.

IX. Payment of Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Barber, the Board of Supervisors approved the bills as presented.

X. Adjournment.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 07Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Layman, Township Manager