

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
SPECIAL MEETING
August 12, 2009 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chair Carol R. D. Wolf; Vice Chair Charles P. Barber and Police Commissioner Thomas A. Foster Township Manager Robert Layman; and Township Solicitor Robert F. Adams (arrived at 8:05).

In attendance for the School District were Superintendent Dr. James Scanlon; James Smith and James Davidson members of the West Chester Area School Board.

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I. West Chester Area School District

A. Bayard Rustin High School.

The School Board was looking for guidance as to what would be acceptable to the Township for the area of the Rustin tract that has not been developed.

The Board of Supervisors referred the School Board to the Township's Zoning Ordinance, expressing that anything listed in the AC Zoning District would be acceptable.

Also discussed was the possible connection to public sewer. One possible area of connection would be to the sewer line in Shiloh Road, placed by the Township when the Road work was done in 2007.

II. Elementary Schools.

The School Board indicated that the plans are to renovate both Penn Wood and Westtown-Thornbury which had been considered for elimination.

III. Other WCASD Concerns.

A. Sewer Line/Pump Station.

It has been understood that the matter delaying dedication to the Township is the completion of the as built drawings of the line. Mr. Adams suggested that there might be an issue of the need for additional rights-of-way depending on the actual location of the line.

B. Shiloh Road.

The condition of Shiloh Road was discussed, specifically the matter of coming to a final resolution on the needed repair. Both the Township and the School District have agreed on a method to determine a possible repair. However, it appears as if the contractor has not agreed.

IV. Township Matters.

Mr. Adams was present to discuss matters relating to Westtown School.

A. Westtown School Pond Project.

Mr. Adams addressed the action taken by the Board of Supervisors at the August 3rd meeting on the pond project at Westtown School. Mr. Adams suggested that the motion and second made at that time were not identical and therefore the vote was not valid. If the Board wishes to take action, another vote will be necessary.

B. Review Fees Westtown School Sewer Work.

Mr. Adams addressed the reimbursement to URS for review fees on sewer work at Westtown School. He indicated that while the fees were valid, the offer to settle for one half may be the most economical given the costs which the Township would incur in trying to collect the fees. Mr. Adams further suggested that Westtown School was willing to discuss connecting to the Township sewer system and the connection fee that would be involved.

A concern about the review fees was expressed. This involved the possibility that by settling on the cost a precedent could be established in other cases.

C. DEP – Russ Tatman's Comments.

This is the matter of DEP's response to the Township's letter seeking clarification on their position on the latest Township plan on the public sewer. Mr. Layman indicated that Russ Tatman was generally positive about the DEP response. As to the issue of the acceptance of the on lot systems (addressed in the first paragraph of DEP's letter) Russ Tatman indicated that the systems would need to be in proper working order (or able to be repaired – if necessary) in accordance with the standards at the time of installation – not by today's standards. The only caveat to this being that the system could not be a cess pool.

Mr. Tatman will draft a letter to DEP asking for written verification of this understanding.

D. Police Station Solar Panels.

Mr. Foster, Police Commissioner, indicated that the Police Commission was applying for a grant to obtain funding for solar energy generation at the Police Station. The grant is to cover 90% of the project. The total projected cost is approximately \$600,000.

The application would be made with the stipulation that the grant could be refused if the Police Commission decides not to go through with the project.

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baber, to approve a resolution supporting the grant application for the solar panels. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion.

V. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17Pm.