

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
February 19, 2008, 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chair Thomas A. Foster, Vice Chair Carol R. De Wolf, and Charles P. Barber Police Commissioner; Township Manager Robert Layman; Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond; Township Solicitor Robert F. Adams; and Township Planning Commission Member Elaine L. Adler. There were 8 guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

As there was a quorum present Chair Thomas Foster called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Approval of Minutes (January 21, 2008 and February 4, Regular Meetings).

Mr. Foster stated that the minutes from January 21st have been expanded to reflect all the dialogue. Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve the expanded version of the January 21st, 2008 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 regular meeting. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes as corrected. (Page 2 section D: correct spelling "shown").

III. Departmental Reports.

A. Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond.

Chief Dumond reviewed the January statistics for Westtown. He stated that there was a recent house fire at a residence in East Goshen which resulted in a fatality. The cause of the fire has not been determined but is not suspicious. He also stated that suspected drug dealers were arrested at Goshen Valley and the Waterview Apartments in East Goshen. He advised the Board that the Enradd speeding device had been destroyed on Pleasant Grove Road by either a vehicle hitting or running over the device. As the devices are only built to order it will take two months to get a new one

B. Township Solicitor – Robert Adams.

1. Conditional Use Hearing Presby Homes.

Mr. Adams stated that the hearing had been continued to this evening. After discussions with the applicant's counsel the hearing will be opened tonight, no testimony will be given and the hearing will be continued to March 17, 2008 at 7:30Pm. (Transcripts available upon completion at the Township Office)

C. Planning Commission – Elaine Adler.

Mrs. Adler stated that the February 6, 2008 meeting had been canceled due to the lack of an agenda. She stated that the only item for tomorrow night's meeting is continued discussions of the amendments to the Lighting Ordinance. Mr. Stubbe and a representative from the School District will be in attendance. The District has suggested revisions to clarify the ordinance which Mr. Stube has reviewed and found acceptable. Mr. Barber had questions concerning the height, placement and angle of lighting. Mrs. Adler stated that this was done to clarify how the lighting would be measured. The lighting fixture may be visible but the light source itself may not be visible from

surrounding areas. She stated that the District has asked for reconsideration of the limitation to two lighted events a week but no change in the total of forty events for the year. The Planning Commission and Mr. Stubbe feel that this is a logical number of events for the year. Mr. Foster said he has looked at the number of night games at other fields and they are far less than forty. Mr. Foster asked if more than one field would be lighted. Mrs. Adler said the draft ordinance is not clear that only one field on campus may have lights or whether only one field on campus may use lights at a given time. This will be addressed. Mr. Barber asked if the lighting would pertain to outside organizations using the field. Mrs. Adler said the lighting would be limited to school events only.

IV. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.

Pamela Moscharis, 1150 Old Wilmington Pike, stated she had faxed a letter to the Township today concerning the closing off of access to their home if Old Wilmington Pike is closed with the Crebilly development. She also stated that the plan for the connector road does not show access to their property. Mr. Foster asked if they were next to the properties that were purchased by the Church. She responded that they are and are planning to live at the property once they have work done on the house. Ms. De Wolf said she is aware that they are the last parcel that does not have an agreement with Crebilly. She stated the access and maintaining of the access to their property can be addressed. Mr. Foster stated that this has been addressed in discussions with the applicant and they are aware that there has to be access to your property. He stated that the access may be off of the connector road as there might not be access from Route 202 at some point in the future.

V. Old Business:

Mr. Foster announced that settlement was made on the old Township Building, 1081 Wilmington Pike last week. The building was sold for \$701,000.00. The new owner is L.V. Associates.

VI. New Business:

A. Accept Proposal American Water Services for Preparation of the Chapter 94 Report.

Mr. Foster stated that this report, which concerns the Westtown Chester Creek Plant and the Township pump stations, is required to be submitted to DEP each year. Mr. Layman stated the cost do the report is comparable to last year.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber to accept the proposal of American Water Services for the preparation of the Chapter 94 report in the amount of \$2,275.00. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the proposal.

B. Approve Oakbourne Mansion Commission Reorganization.

Mr. Foster stated that at the January 21st 2008 Board of Supervisors there was a request from the Oakbourne Mansion Commission to reorganize the Commission from a six member voting board to a three member voting board and create four or more committees, The various committees would develop marketing plans, upgrade the website, prepare grants, do fund raising, and plan improvements for the Mansion. Mr. Foster said having a small executive committee will allow for more volunteers to work on committees. He also stated that this has been a controversial issue and what is being acted on tonight is the reorganization of the Commission. There will be no appointments made to the Executive Board. All appointments will be done through the normal process of applications and interviews.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Foster, to approve the reorganization of the Oakbourne Mansion Commission as presented at the January 21st, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. Ms. De Wolf stated that obviously she is the one in opposition. She stated she feels it would not be good to go from a six member board to a three member board and that she feels the initiative for this

was not created by the Oakbourne Commission but elsewhere. She stated she believes that this is not in the best interest of the Township but will be exclusive not inclusive. She questioned if the facility would continue to be a resource for the residents, our families and our children and would not be particularly focused in one direction but inclusive. She stated she is concerned that since we are not longer using West Chester Recreation for our programs that the Township is not offering the families a lot of activities. The Parks Advisory Group is working on activities but they have to go through the Oakbourne Mansion Commission. Ms. De Wolf said she has a complexity of issues as well as who will be on the Executive Board and the process for that as well. She stated that she is strongly opposed to this and does not support it in any way. Ms. De Wolf stated that she thinks we have to agree to disagree on this. She said she does not want to be involved with entangling her own integrity with this issue and the potential conflicts of interest. She stated that she was opposing the reorganization plan for the Oakbourne Mansion Commission.

Jason Lisi, Chairman Oakbourne Mansion Commission, stated that the Commission will be holding a meeting on February 27th. This is the first meeting since the reorganization was presented to the Board at the January 21st meeting. He stated that perhaps there were issues that were not vetted at the Commission meeting when the vote was taken on the reorganization and that the Commission should at least have a chance to discuss those issues which were raised by Ms. De Wolf. Mr. Lisi expressed that maybe the vote would not be the same if those issues were aired. He asked that the Commission be allowed to have a meeting to cover these topics. Mr. Barber asked why these issues were not raised. Mr. Lisi responded that we did not think of all the things that Ms. De Wolf said at the Township meeting following our vote. Mr. Foster asked who is "we". Mr. Lisi reminded Mr. Foster that he was at the meeting and that the Commission did not discuss all the points brought up by Ms. De Wolf. Mr. Foster responded that it is correct that conflicts of interest were not discussed. He stated that Ms. De Wolf has expressed great concern as to who would be on the Executive Board. The Board of Supervisors will be submitting a letter to the State Ethics Board to determine who can or cannot be on the Executive Board so that this issue can be resolved. Mr. Foster said all the other issues have been voiced many times and not to delay things any further he was ready to take a vote. Mr. Foster called for the vote. On the motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Barber, the Board of Supervisors approved the reorganization of the Oakbourne Mansion Commission with Ms. De Wolf opposed.

Mr. Layman asked as the reorganization has been approved and effective as of this date would the Oakbourne Commission still have their meeting on the 27th. Ms. De Wolf stated that the Commission's proposal stated that the Commission would continue as is, until a new Commission was appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

VII. Public Comment (All Topics).

There was no public comment.

VIII. Payment of Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved payment of the bills as presented.

IX. Adjournment.

On the motion of Ms. Mr. Barber, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:59.Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Layman
Township Manager

