

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
April 21, 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 Jim Lees. There were six guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

As there was a quorum present Chair Thomas Foster called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Approval of Minutes (March 3, 2008 Regular Meetings).

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2008 regular meeting. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

III. Departmental Reports.

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

Chief Dumond reviewed the March Police Report for Westtown. He stated a DUI check point was held on Friday evening April 18th at West Chester Pike near Ellis Lane. There were five arrests for DUI and two for drug possession. Mr. Barber commented on the number of vehicles that have been stopped for motor violations and feels that this might be due to the use of the Enradd system. Chief Dumond stated that the Traffic Unit, as requested, has been patrolling on W. Pleasant Grove Road. Mr. Foster mentioned the problem with speeding on Westbourne Road and asked that the Traffic Unit patrol this area. Mr. Foster asked Chief Dumond what percentage of traffic violations are contested in court. Chief Dumond responded approximately 20% as violators do not want points against their license and therefore contest.

B. Township Solicitor – Robert Adams.

Mr. Adams stated that he has the maintenance agreement for the Arborview Pump Station but will address this under New Business.

C. Planning Commission – Jim Lees.

Mr. Lees stated that the Planning Commission continued its review of the proposed amendments to the Township Lighting Ordinance at their April 9th meeting. He stated that of the residents in attendance half were for the changes and half were against. The meeting this week will be canceled as the Township Lighting Consultant is working on revisions to the ordinance which will not be available for the meeting. He stated discussion of the Lighting Ordinance will be continued at the May 23rd meeting. Mr. Lees also stated that the West Chester Regional Planning Commission (“WCRPC”) is considering doing a survey of affordable Housing in Chester County and would like a resolution from the Township in support of the study, As they are meeting this Thursday Mr. Lees said he would need an answer from the Board this evening. He advised the Board that East Goshen has approved being involved in the survey but that East Bradford has declined. Mr. Foster asked what the cost would be to the Township. Mr. Lees responded that the cost of the study is \$24,000 and a grant would be received from the County in the amount of \$18,000. The cost to WCRPC would be \$6,000 which is covered by WCRPC’s budget of \$12,000. Mr. Foster asked how would the study benefit Westtown and questioned if the study is a duplication of what the County is doing.

Mr. Lees responded that this would give a better idea of what is needed locally. Ms. De Wolf stated that we have an obligation to participate in regional planning and that this study would not be a cost to the Township. She said moderate base housing is one of the issues in the County and would encourage Westtown to support the study. Mr. Barber asked why East Bradford chose not to support the study. Mr. Lees said East Bradford felt it was a duplication of Chester County's Study. Mr. Barber asked if there was a consensus from the Planning Commission concerning the study. Mr. Lees said he felt the Commission was probably split on the issue.

Walter Pavelchek, 1050 S. New Street, asked if the Board was deciding whether or not to be part of the study. Mr. Foster said the Board needs to pass a resolution if they are in support of the study. Mr. Pavelchek stated that he was a delegate to the WCRPC for a year and feels they are a very worthwhile and productive group. The WCRPC had a strong instrumental voice in the regional traffic study that was presented to PennDOT through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Foster stated that the Board will review this request and give Mr. Lees an answer by Thursday.

IV. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.

Ms. De Wolf welcomed John C?, a student in the audience, who attends Delaware County Christian Academy. John stated he was in attendance as a requirement for his Civic class.

At this time Ms. De Wolf made a motion to support WCRPC's study on affordable housing. There was no second to the motion. Mr. Foster stated that the Board needs to discuss this further.

V. Old Business:

Mr. Layman gave an update on the Section 100 Route 202 expansion. He stated that at this time PennDOT's priority is bridge repair and that is where their funds will be spent. As they do not have the funds for widening of Route 202 they are looking at alternatives which would be less expensive but have not ruled out the over and under intersection for Route 926 and 202. Mr. Layman also stated that PennDOT will have their environmental impact study done by 2009.

Mr. Layman advised those present that on May 3rd the Brandywine Valley Association will present a program on the Plum Run Watershed of which a small portion is in Westtown between S. New Street and Route 202. Plum Run has been identified as a Red Stream which means it is impaired. Ms. De Wolf encouraged Township Residents to help with the cleanup of this stream. Mr. Foster asked that the program information be put on the Township website.

VI. New Business:

A. Approve Sewer Line Right of Way Rusi 1005 Wilmington Pike.

Mr. Foster stated that this is a correction of the original right-of-way agreement when public sewer was installed at Oakbourne Road and Route 202. The right-of-way was incorrect in the original agreement. Mr. Adams advised the Board that all the documents are in order for execution this evening.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve execution of the right-of-way agreement for the Rusi property located at 1005 Wilmington Pike. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved execution of the agreement.

B. Approve Dedication 2003-10 Arborview Pump Station.

Mr. Adams reviewed the documentation for dedication of the Arborview Pump Station to the Township. He stated that the original letter of credit, from Malvern Federal, was for

\$38,000. The Maintenance Agreement is for 18 months. He stated that everything is in order for approval of the dedication this evening.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to accept dedication of the Arborview Pump Station and execute the documents. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the dedication of the Arborview Pump Station.

VII. Public Comment (All Topics).

There was no public comment at this time.

VIII. Payment of Bills.

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

IX. Adjournment.

On the motion of Ms. Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Foster, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01.Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Layman
Township Manager