

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING  
SMITH MANSION OAKBOURNE PARK, 1014 SOUTH CONCORD ROAD  
December 18, 2006 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chairman Thomas A. Foster, Vice Chairman Charles P. Barber and Police Commissioner Carol R. De Wolf; Township Manager Robert Layman; Township Planning Commissioner member Richard Pomerantz; and Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond. There were three guests in attendance.

**I. Call to Order.**

As there was a quorum present Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 7:31Pm and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Approval of Minutes (December 4, 2006 Regular Meeting).**

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2006 regular meeting. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of the December 4, 2006 regular meeting as presented.

**III. Departmental Reports.**

**A. Westtown East Goshen Police – Chief John M. Dumond.**

Chief Dumond reviewed the November Police Report. He stated a suspect was arrested in West Whiteland Township that might be connected with the recent rash of thefts from vehicles in Westtown. He stated that at least 65% of the vehicles that were broken into were unlocked and stressed not to leave any valuables in your cars. The Department arrested five suspects this past Thursday at Summit House in East Goshen after receiving information of suspected drug dealing of cocaine and heroin at this location.

**B. Planning Commission – Richard Pomerantz.**

Mr. Pomerantz reported on the December 6<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting. He stated that the Commission reviewed the West Chester Area School District plan for modular classrooms at the Stetson Middle School. The School District will comply with the Township Engineer's review letter of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and provide the Commission with additional parking calculations, landscaping and the scope of the stormwater maintenance agreement. The Commission also reviewed John Snook's suggested amendments to the CCRC and comments from Presby Homes. As they received the information in the beginning of the meeting they need more time to review. Mr. Pomerantz stated that the Planning Commission feel they should have been informed about Presby Homes presentation to the Board of Supervisors as it was different from the presentation to the Planning Commission. It would have been helpful as they would have had an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Foster said it was unintentional as the Board thought they were to have the same presentation as the Planning Commission. He also stated that Elaine Adler and Jeff House were in attendance at the Board meeting. Mr. Pomerantz said that the Commission did receive a handout about the presentation. Mr. Pomerantz stated that Mr. Kalemjian, Solicitor for the Robinson Family, was in attendance at the meeting and expressed his concern that he was not informed that the Zoning Amendment which affects Presby Homes was on the Commission's agenda. Mr. Pomerantz said that Mr. Layman had informed the Commission that Dane Criddle will be resigning due to family health reasons.

**C. Financial Report – Robert Layman.**

Mr. Layman stated the financial report now includes a line item for the anticipated expenditures and revenues. He stated that this months report is basically the same as last month. Revenue is up due to additional tax collections, and reimbursement of engineering fees. On the expenditure side trash/recycling is down due to a decrease in landfill tipping fees. Wastewater expenses are up due to the repairing of the sewer line under Route 202 but the operation of the Westtown-Chester Creek plant is under budget. Mr. Barber asked if the West Chester Area School District is current with their payments for engineering fees. Mr. Layman responded that they are. Ms. De Wolf thanked Joanne Grube, for her report form which shows a breakdown of the URS and McCormick Taylor invoices.

**IV. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.**

William Steele, 1055 E. Niels Lane, said Mr. Layman did make a site visit to his property and it has been determined that there is a problem with runoff from the Greenstone Development. Mr. Steele said he feels that Mr. Galbally is not respectful of the neighboring properties. Mr. Steele stressed that he would like this situation corrected. Mr. Layman will review the drainage plan for the development with the Township Engineer and also review if there is additional landscaping required for lot 3.

Mr. Pomerantz reviewed an incident at his property on Robin Drive. He had contacted the Police as two men were trespassing on his property and could not show proper identification. The Police determined that they were from Verizon or Comcast who it appears outsource their work. Chief Dumond stated this has happened before and they should have the proper identification. Mr. Pomerantz asked if the Police could patrol the area of Robin Drive and Bobolink Lane as there are large trucks, traveling at high speeds, in that area in the early morning when children are waiting for the school bus. Chief Dumond said he would have the Traffic Unit control this area.

**V. Old Business:**

There was no old business at this time.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Adopt 2007 Township Budget.**

Ms. De Wolf had questions about the amount budgeted for the road improvements as the Board had not decided which streets would be resurfaced. Mr. Layman stated that Shiloh Road will be done this year and Mark Gross has prepared a list of roads for possible resurfacing. Mr. Foster stated that \$300,000 is budgeted for resurfacing with a major portion for Shiloh Road. Mr. Foster stated that there will be no tax increase this year. The trash/recycling fee will remain at \$55.00 per quarter and the sewer rates will remain the same except for district 4 which will be increased to \$116.00 per quarter. Copies of the Budget are available at the Township Office.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to adopt the 2007 Township Budget in the amount of \$5,236,123.00. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the 2007 Township Budget.

**B. Adopt Ordinance 2006-5 – Amend Sewer Rate District 4.**

Mr. Layman explained that this new district, separated from district 2, is only for the Orvis Tract and Stetson and Starkweather schools. The rate is being raised to recoup the cost of the repairs to the sewer line under Route 202 which serves these properties. The rate increase is averaged over a ten year period. Ms. De Wolf asked if this rate increase would affect the residential properties on the western side of Route 202 such as the Dunvegan and South New Street area. Mr. Foster explained that as there is no public

sewer available in these areas; therefore there is no sewer district nor have rates been determined for this area.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to adopt Ordinance 2006-5 amending the sewer rate for district 4. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Ordinance.

**C. Approve Payment URS Mapping Proposal.**

Mr. Layman stated that under the URS Mapping Proposal any costs incurred over the approved amount for the mapping had to be approved by the Board. URS is asking for a payment of \$948.00 which exceeds the cost of the original contract. The cost overrun is due to the sensitivity of the equipment used for the mapping which made additional work necessary.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve payment to URS in the amount of \$948.00. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the payment.

**D. Approve Proposals Indoor Air Solutions.**

This item was tabled for further review.

**E. Adopt Resolution 2006-16 Authorizing Reimbursement of Prior Expenses.**

Mr. Foster stated that approximately \$500,000 in payments to URS for sewer planning, previous to the Bond issue, will now be reimbursement from the Bond fund.

Ms. De Wolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to adopt Resolution 2006-16. Mr. Foster asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted the Resolution.

**F. Oakbourne Mansion Commission Appointments.**

Mr. Foster asked that this item be tabled. He stated that he would like to meet with the applicants before they are appointed to discuss the duties of the Commission.

The Board tabled the appointments at this time.

**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. De Wolf, seconded by Mr. Barber, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:28 Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Layman  
Township Manager

