

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
January 5, 2004 7:30PM

In attendance were Supervisors Chairman Robert A. Genzano, Vice-Chairman Carol R. DeWolf, and L. Charles Scipione, Police Commissioner; Township Manager Robert Layman; Township Roadmaster Mark S. Gross; and Planning Commission Secretary Elaine L. Adler; There were fifteen guests in attendance.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Robert A. Genzano called the meeting to order.

11. Approval of Minutes (December 15, 2003 Regular Meeting).

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Mr. Genzano, the Board of Supervisors approved the regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2003 as corrected (Minor spelling corrections and page 4 Section V:B paragraph add "11/6/03"; page 6 paragraph one add "by two votes to one"; page 7 Section VI:E paragraph two change to "2.15 million".

Allan Peppelman, 1140 Old Wilmington Pike, expressed his concerns with the Township's trash/recycling collection. He stated that the trash is being collected before 6:00AM and that trash and recycling are put in the same truck. Mr. Peppelman said this has been going on throughout the year and he feels this is the reason for the increase in the Township's tipping fees at the landfill. Mr. Genzano said this should not happen but he has observed that some of the trucks have compartments for both trash and recycling. Mr. Scipione advised Mr. Peppelman to contract the Township office immediately when he sees this occur. Ms. DeWolf stated that she has also noticed early collection on S. New Street. Mr. Layman was directed to address this issue with the hauler.

111. Departmental Reports.

A. Township Building Inspector – Gerald R. DiNunzio.

In the absence of Mr. DiNunzio the December report was not reviewed.

B. Township Road Master – Mark S. Gross.

Mr. Gross reviewed the December Road report. He stated that the Township is on a waiting list for salt from the State contractor but has been able to acquire 500 tons from another supplier. Mr. Scipione asked if that would be enough salt. Mr. Gross responded that the Township has an open order to buy up to 100 tons and should be in good shape for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Gross reported that a used wood chipper was purchased from West Goshen which the department has been using to clean up the downed trees and limbs in Township open space, starting with the Leslie Lane area. He also stated that two summer employees have been working for the Township cleaning out storm drains during their winter break from school.

Mr. Gross stated that the water service at the Wild Goose pumping station will be discontinued as the Department has purchased a two hundred gallon water tank which can be installed on the trucks and will be used for pressure washing the sewer pumping stations. Mr. Genzano asked if the Township's GIS collection has been completed. Mr. Gross responded that the whole Township has been done and under our Contract with West Chester GIS they will be adding the data for signs etc that were installed in 2003. Mr. Genzano asked if the Township has the ability to collect this data on its own. Mr. Gross said the cost to purchase a data collection pack is \$11,000 so it is cost effective to use the equipment from the County for this purpose.

Mr. Chris Lyons, 1136 Kolbe Lane, thanked the Board of Supervisors for having the work on Kolbe Lane completed. Mr. Genzano thanked Mr. Lyons for his patience with the Township for getting the road improvements done.

C. Planning Commission – Elaine L. Adler.

Mrs. Adler advised the Board for lack of an agenda the meetings scheduled for December 17th and January 7th were canceled.

Mrs. Adler reported that the first quarter Township newsletter was at the printers and should be mailed by the end of the week. She also stated that the Township has started work on a new community map which should be mailed to the residents sometime in the spring. The publication includes a map of the Township, pertinent information about the Township and ads from community businesses. Mr. Genzano asked if this publication is mailed to the residents. Mrs. Adler said the map is mailed to all homeowners, supplied to the apartments for distribution, and included in the packet mailed to new residents.

IV. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Peppelman asked if his earlier comments were on record. Mr. Genzano advised Mr. Peppelman that they would be in the minutes and Mr. Layman would keep him updated on the trash/recycling situation.

V. Old Business.

A. Adopt Ordinance 2004-1 Snow/Ice Emergency.

Mr. Genzano stated that the ordinance has been revised to include designation of a member of the Board of Supervisors or an official appointed by the Board who can declare a snow/ice emergency. All Township roads will be included but only those posted for closing will be enforced during an emergency.

Ms. DeWolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to adopted Ordinance 2004-1 Snow/Ice Emergency as amended. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Ordinance 2004-1.

B. Recreation Grant Extension.

Mr. Genzano asked for a motion to execute the Oakbourne Park Phase I grant extension which was approved by the County in 2003.

Ms. DeWolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to execute the Oakbourne Park Phase I grant extension approved in 2003. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved execution of the recreation grant extension.

VI. New Business.

A. Adoption of Resolution 2004-1 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Mr. Genzano asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2004-1 for expenditure of Liquid Fuel funds for maintenance and snow/ice removal on Township roads in 2004.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Ms. DeWolf to adopt Resolution 2004-1 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2004-1.

B. Adoption of Resolution 2004-2 Emergency Services Designation.

Mr. Genzano stated that this Resolution designates the Fire, Ambulance, and Police Departments that serve Westtown Township. The Septa tracks are the dividing line for the Township. Residents east of the track are served by Goshen Fire and Ambulance and residents west of the tracks are served by West Chester Fire Company.

Ms. DeWolf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to adopt Resolution 2004-2 Emergency Services designation. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution 2004-2.

C. Approval of Brandywine Conservancy Consultant Rates for 2004.

Mr. Genzano asked for a motion to approve the schedule of consultant rates for Brandywine Conservancy for 2004. He stated that the Municipalities Planning Code allows the Township to charge back these services to the developers.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Ms. DeWolf, to approve the Brandywine Conservancy Consultant Rates for 2004. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment.

Mr. Steele, 1055 E. Niels Lane, asked for a breakdown of the rates. Mr. Genzano reviewed the rate schedule.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the consultant rates for Brandywine Conservancy for 2004.

V11. Public Comment (All Topics).

Mr. Pavelchek expressed his concern with vehicles parking on both sides of streets in the Township that have small cartways. He asked that the Township parking regulations be reviewed concerning this issue.

VIII. Payment of Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Ms. DeWolf, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the bills as presented.

IX. Adjournment:

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Ms. DeWolf, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Layman
Township Manager