

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
March 15, 2004, 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chairman Robert A. Genzano, and Police Commissioner L. Charles Scipione; Township Manager Robert Layman; Township Solicitor Robert F. Adams; Township Engineer Angelo M. Capuzzi; Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond; Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Kevin Flynn; and Parks Advisory Group Vice-Chairman Walter Pavelchek. There were eight guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

As there was a quorum present Chairman Genzano called the meeting to order and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Approval of Minutes (March 1, 2004 Regular meeting).

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Mr. Genzano, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of March 1, 2004.

III. Departmental Reports.

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

Chief Dumond reviewed the February Police Report. He stated that a suspect has been arrested in connection with the recent thefts from vehicles in all three Townships. Mr. Genzano said residents can view the status of criminal activity in their Township on the Police Departments website www.westtownpolice.org. Chief Dumond stated that any criminal activity that the Department feels residents can help them with is kept updated on the website.

B. Township Solicitor – Robert F. Adams.

There were no agenda items for Mr. Adams at this time.

C. Township Engineer- Angelo M. Capuzzi.

Mr. Capuzzi presented an update on the Township sewer project which is coinciding with the construction of the high school. Alan Myers, contractor for the school project, should have the sanitary sewer line being installed for the Township completed by the end of this week. The manhole for Township connections will be located at the intersection of Farm Lane and Shiloh Road. Mr. Genzano asked for a status report on the high school. Mr. Capuzzi said the contractor has been relocating soil to the pad site and work on the pad site should commence on May 1st. Mr. Genzano asked if the blasting is completed. Mr. Capuzzi said there will be more blasting work at the end of April.

D. Planning Commission Report – Kevin Flynn.

Mr. Flynn reported on the March 3rd Planning Commission meeting. He stated the Commission recommended approval for Conditional Use for Tract 2003-11 the proposed office building at 1645 West Chester Pike and passed their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The proposed development of the Orvis tract was reviewed for the new members on the Commission. The first official review of the Orvis preliminary plan will be at the March 19th meeting. Mr. Flynn stated that John O'Brien, who is subdividing his property on Shiloh Road, is proposing to donate an easement to the Township for drainage improvements on Shiloh Road. Mr. O'Brien is requesting that the Township do the stormwater work now so he will not have to excavate his driveway twice. The Commission also discussed the Route 202 improvements and will prepare their comments for PennDOT.

E. Parks Advisory Group – Walter Pavelchek.

Mr. Pavelchek reviewed the March 9th Parks Advisory Meeting. Ann Murphy, Executive Director Chester Ridley Crum Creek Watershed Association, reported on her meetings with West Chester and West Goshen concerning Goose Creek. Susan Heberling and Renee Albert, Township residents, have volunteered to be trained to do stream monitoring testing. Westtown School will be monitoring the East Branch of Chester Creek. Ms. Murphy will research the possibility of obtaining a Heritage grant for restoration of the pond at Oakbourne Park. Mr. Pavelchek reported that there has been no response from West Chester Area School District concerning acquiring the trail easement from SEPTA. He also stated that March 26th is the scheduled bid opening date for the Phase I improvements at Oakbourne Park. Philip Cheinelli, London Britain Township, will speak on Deer Tick control at the May 11th Parks meeting.

Mr. Scipione asked if the underbrush and dead wood at the entrance to Oakbourne Park could be cleared. Parks Advisory will consider this for a Saturday work session at the park. Mr. Genzano said he feels acquiring an easement from SEPTA for the Township trail is not a priority with the School District. Mr. Pavelchek said he will continue to pursue this issue. Mr. Genzano asked that information about Deer Tick control be included in the Township newsletter.

IV. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.

Alan Peppelman, 1140 Old Wilmington Pike, appealed to the Board of Supervisors to change the zoning on his and his neighbors' properties from residential to commercial. He has been discussing the purchase of these properties with WaWa as the proposed widening of Route 202 is devaluating these properties which will eventually be purchased by PennDOT. Mr. Genzano advised Mr. Peppelman to attend the Planning Commission meeting to discuss a change in the land use. Mr. Peppelman asked for the Board's feeling on the zoning change. Mr. Genzano and Mr. Scipione said they could not answer that question at this time and would defer to the Planning Commission on this issue. Mr. Flynn said he thought that the area in question would be taken with the widening of Route 202. Gerry Palma, 1142 Old Wilmington Pike, said all three Route 202 improvement plans show his property will be gone with the widening. He stated he is considering moving to a retirement community but because of the proposed improvements cannot sell his property. The residents would appreciate any help that the Board of Supervisors can give them.

Mr. Pavelchek stated that now is the time for the Township to address their concerns to PennDOT. It is his understanding that what is shown on the improvement plans is not what is preferred by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors. He stated that if the Township has a strong opinion it should be expressed now.

V. Old Business:

A. Approval of Ordinance 2004-2 Stop Sign Installation Walnut Hill Road and Cider Knoll Way.

Mr. Genzano said that as the installation of the south bound stop sign is creating a hazardous condition the Board of Supervisors at their March 1st meeting made the decision to install a north bound stop sign with a flashing warning light. The ordinance has been advertised and is ready for adoption this evening.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to approve Ordinance 2004-2 installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Walnut Hill Road and Cider Knoll Way.

Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the stop sign and flashing warning light installation.

VI. New Business.

A. Acceptance of Resignation A. Pierson Sill Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Genzano said due to health reason Mr. Sill feels he must resign from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Scipione paid tribute to Mr. Sill stating that he has been a citizen that has given unselfishly to the Township on the Planning Commission, as a Supervisor, and on the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Sill gave untiring dedication to the Township and was always honest and pleasant to deal with.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to accept the resignation of A. Pierson Sill from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted Mr. Sill's resignation.

B. Appointment of Township Representative to the Council of Governments.

Mr. Genzano said as he is resigning from the Board of Supervisors he will no longer be the representative on the Council of Governments. He stated that Carol DeWolf has agreed to fill this position. The Council of Governments is working on Public Access TV and a joint community Boca Review Board.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to appoint Carol DeWolf as the Township representative to the Council of Governments. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the appointment of Carol DeWolf to the Council of Governments.

VII. Public Comment (all topics)

There was no public comment at this time.

VIII. Payment of Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Mr. Genzano, the Board of Supervisors approved payment of the bills.

IX Adjournment.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Layman, Township Manager