

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING  
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE  
November 1, 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chair Carol De Wolf, Vice-Chair Kenton S. Stokes and L. Charles Scipione Police Commissioner; Township Manager Robert Layman; Township Building Inspector Gerald R. DiNunzio; Township Roadmaster Mark Gross; and Township Planning Commission Chairman Don L. Verdiani. There were eight guests in attendance.

**I. Call to Order.**

As there was a quorum present Chair De Wolf called the meeting to order and led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2004 Regular Meeting).**

Dr. Stokes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to approve the minutes of October 18, 2004. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. Mr. Pavelchek said he does not feel the minutes need to be corrected but would like to clarify the Park Group's position on returning the Grant funds (Parks Advisory report page 3). He stated that because the location of the trail has not been determined the Grant funds cannot be used at this time for purchase of the land. But the Parks Advisory Group is not against the purchase of the land to enable the Township to have contiguous ownership along the tracks from the Cope Tract to the school property.

**III. Departmental Reports.**

**A. Township Building Inspector – Gerald R. DiNunzio.**

Mr. DiNunzio reviewed the major construction projects. The final inspection has been done on the last Townhouse at the Reserve at Chesterfield and the project will be completed when paving is done in the spring. The Bayard Rustin High School is ahead of schedule. SS. Simon and Jude is moving forward but changes had to be made to the landscaping due to a problem with overhead wires on Route 352. The Westtown-East Goshen Police Station is behind schedule. Mr. DiNunzio reporting as Fire Marshal stated that a carport was destroyed by a vehicle fire in Chesterfield.

**B. Township Roadmaster – Mark S. Gross.**

Mr. Gross stated that the Department spent most of the month working on stormwater problems one of which was the replacement of an inlet on Oakbourne Road. He also stated that the Walnut Hill Road rehabilitation project has been completed. Mr. Gross reported that he has received prices from three contractors for the emergency work needed on Dalmally Drive and S. New Street. The Department is preparing for the winter season and has inspected the equipment used by the snow plow contractors.

Mr. Pavelchek asked for an update on Oakbourne Park Phase I. Mr. Gross responded the work is taking longer to complete than expected because of the change orders presented by the contractor. The contractor has been given a firm deadline for project completion of November 15, 2004.

**C. Township Planning Commission.**

Mr. Verdiani advised the Board that there is money available from PFEMA to help pay for damages resulting from hurricane Ivan. He suggested that this might help with the emergency repairs to S. New Street or Dalmally Drive. He will discuss this further with Mr. Layman.

Mr. Verdiani reported on the October 6, 2004 meeting as the October 20, 2004 meeting was canceled. At the October 6 meeting the Commission met with the Parks Advisory Group,

representatives from the Chester County Planning Commission and the Chester County Bike Coalition. A discussion was held concerning integrating a bike trail with the Route 202 expansion project. The proposed bike trail would run parallel on the west side of Route 202 from the nature center to Jacqueline Drive to Skiles Boulevard, cross Route 202 by an overpass, continue down Skiles Boulevard through Pleasant Grove to Dalmally, to Route 926 back across Route 202 and continue parallel to Route 202 through Thornbury to Birmingham. Mr. Verdiani said the Commission asked them to consider having the overpass at Pleasant Grove Road. The County is speaking to communities that border Route 202 asking their support for the bike trail. The County will be asking for a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors of each community. This letter will be forwarded to PennDOT to include in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Commission reviewed Westtown School's proposed plan for renovations to their athletic building. There are questions about impervious coverage. The Commission will be reviewing Westtown's variance application to the Zoning Hearing Board at this weeks meeting.

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

There was no public comment at this time

**V. Old Business.**

There was no old Business before the Board

**VI. New Business.**

**A. Acceptance of Final Plan Tract 2003-10 Orvis.**

Dr. Stokes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to accept Tract 2003-10 Orvis as final with the public sewer installation on the plan shown as a gravity system. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board unanimously accepted Tract 2003-10 as final and forwarded the plan to the Planning Commission for their review.

**B. Approve Resolution 2004-7 Planning Module Tract 2003-10 Orvis.**

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stokes, to approve Resolution 2004-7 Planning Module Tract 2003-10 Orvis. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2004-7.

**C. Approve Resolution 2004-8 Planning Module Tract 2003-14 Sineath.**

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stokes, to approve Resolution 2004-8 Planning Module tract 2003-14 Sineath. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2004-8.

**D. Emergency Road repairs – Dalmally Drive and S. New Street.**

Ms. De Wolf stated that three price quotes have been received for emergency road work on Dalmally Drive and S. New Street due to storm damage. Chester County Milling and Paving in the amount of \$31,210, Bull Dog Construction, \$55,995, and DiRocco \$26,175. Mr. Gross stated that Mr. Capuzzi had prepared a scope of work and a price breakdown for each project. He also stated that the contractors were to give a total bid for both projects with the bid to be awarded to one contractor. DiRocco is the low bidder for both projects and can start work on Dalmally this week. As the Township will be responsible for the detour for S. New Street the cost of the detour was not included in the project. The Township will also obtain a stream crossing permit from DEP for S. New Street. Mr. Gross stated that DiRocco has done work for West Goshen Township and the company has a good reputation.

Dr. Stokes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to award the emergency road repairs for Dalmally Drive and S. New Street to DiRocco in the amount of \$26,175.00. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bid award.

**G. Approval Change Order E.201 for Westtown-East Goshen Police Station in The Amount of \$4,554.00.**

Mr. Scipione stated that the pole location on route 202 originally designated by PECO for electric power to the new police station has been changed resulting in an increased cost to install the electrical line. Ms. De Wolf feels that this should have been determined with the engineering for the project and that PECO should be held responsible. Mr. Scipione said he does not feel that PECO would be receptive to accepting responsibility.

Dr. Stokes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to approve Change Order E.201 for the Westtown East Goshen Police Station in the amount of \$4,554.00. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors approved the change order; Ms. De Wolf abstained.

**F. Approval of payment to Lechmanik Inc., in the Amount of \$52,857.00 for Phase I Improvements for Oakbourne Park.**

Mr. Layman stated that the payment is for work to the road entrance, curbs, seeding and inlets. Mr. Gross said he has inspected the work and everything is in order for payment approval this evening.

Dr. Stokes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to approve payment to Lechmanik, Inc., in the amount of \$35,857.00 for Phase I Oakbourne Park. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the payment request.

**G. Approve Change Orders No.7 & 8 Lechmanik, Inc., Oakbourne Park Phase I.**

Ms. De Wolf stated that Chester Valley Engineers will take the responsibility for Change Order No. 7. in the amount of \$3,932.72.

Dr. Stokes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione to approve payment by Chester Valley Engineers for Change Order No. 7 for Oakbourne Park Phase I in the amount of \$3,932.72. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors approved the Change Order payment by Chester Valley Engineers.

Ms. De Wolf stated that approval of Change Order No. 8 will be tabled for further review.

**VII. Public Comment (all topics)**

Ms. De Wolf said the Board received a letter today from Chester Valley Engineers who feel that at this time they must step down as the Township's Engineering Firm. Dr. Stokes said it is with great regret that he accepts this letter of resignation. He stated that Chester Valley Engineers has been Westtown's Engineering firm for over forty years and that Skiles Boulevard was named in memory of Albert Skiles, a partner in the firm who was the Township engineer before Mr. Capuzzi.

Mr. Scipione stated this has taken him by surprise as the Township has always had a good relationship with Chester Valley Engineers. It is with great reluctance that he accepts the letter of resignation. Ms. De Wolf stated that it was indicated in the letter that with an increase in their work load it is becoming difficult to do all the work that Westtown needs. The Board was in general agreement to accept the letter of resignation.

Laurie Watkins, 1003 Ashley Road, said she has heard that the Township is considering buying the remaining acreage of the Jones tract from the West Chester Area School District. She stated she would be in favor of this purchase. Ms. De Wolf said the Board has discussed placing an open space referendum on the ballot pertaining to the school property. Mr. Pavelchek said he would be in favor of this action.

**VIII. Payment of Bills.**

On the motion of Dr. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Scipione, the bills were unanimously approved as presented.

**IX     Adjournment.**

On the motion of Dr. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Scipione the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert Layman,  
Township Manager