

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
April 7, 2003 7:30PM

In attendance were Supervisors Vice Chairman Robert A. Genzano and L. Charles Scipione; Township Manger Robert Layman; Township Building Inspector Gerald R. DiNunzio; and Township Road Master Mark S. Gross. There were ten guests in attendance.

1. Call to Order.

Vice Chairman Robert A. Genzano led the Board of Supervisors, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

11. Approval of Minutes (March 17, 2003 Regular Meeting).

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Mr. Genzano, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of March 17, 2003 as corrected. (Section IV. D. Paragraph 2, "seconded by Mr. Genzano".)

111. Departmental Reports.

A. Building Inspection Report – Gerald R. DiNunzio.

Mr. DiNunzio reviewed the March Building Report with the Board of Supervisors. He stated that a preliminary road inspection for dedication of the roads in Phase III of Green Lane Village has been done. The roads should be ready for dedication by the end of the month. He stated that construction is slow at Chesterfield II with only one home sold due probably to the asking price of the Townhouses.

B. Township Roadmaster- Mark S. Gross.

Mr. Gross stated that the department has been working on pothole repair and cleanup in the parks. He also stated that mowing of Township open space should commence within the next two weeks. He reported that the grading has been completed at the Westtown-Chester Plant and weather permitting the paving and grass seeding should be done by the completion date of April 25, 2003. Mr. Genzano mentioned that rain is expected for the next week. Mr. Gross said he feels it would be sensible to extend the completion time if the project is delayed due to weather.

Mr. Gross stated that under the Township's agreement with the Chester County GIS department they will begin mapping Oakbourne Park and will produce a brochure of the park for the Township once the new trails are completed. He also stated that the Road bids have been advertised for restoration of Johnny's Way from Walnut Hill Road to Penn Wood School and for Drainage work on Carroll Brown Way.

1V. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Peter Stephenson, 1093 Barnview Lane, commented on the good job done by the Road Department on snow removal this past winter. He also asked who was responsible for maintaining the roadside vegetation. Mr. Gross responded that the home owner is responsible for maintaining the road right-of-way on his property. He also stated that letters are sent to residents when there is a complaint. If the resident does not correct the violation within a given time period the Township will do the work and bill the homeowner. Mr. Genzano advised Mr. Stephenson if he is aware of any problems with overgrowth please let the Township know.

Mrs. Bonnie Scott, Seasonal Traditions Craft Show, asked if it will be possible to hold her craft show this fall or will the renovations to Oakbourne Mansion be underway. Mr. Genzano asked what dates she would like for the show. Mrs. Scott said she would like two weeks at the end of September into October. Mr. Scipione said the Township has been working with the architect and if the project is on schedule bidding for the work should be in August. Mr. Gross said if the project is bid in late August or early September the Mansion will have to be available for contractors to walk through for review of the work in the bid. Mr. Genzano said there might be time available at the end of September for the show and advised Mrs. Scott to contact Mr. Layman by the first of June for a definite answer. The Board also advised Mrs. Scott, due to the renovations, that the Mansion would not be available for a show in the spring of 2004.

Mr. Walter Pavelchek, 1050 S. New Street, asked if the Cope tract will be part of the Chester County GIS Survey. Mr. Gross responded yes. Mr. Pavelchek asked about the replacement plantings for the SBA tower. Mr. Gross stated that Mrs. Adler has been working on this issue and that there is money in escrow if necessary for the replacement plants.

Mr. Thomas Peterson, 901 S. New Street, stated that he understands that Mr. Layman is a member of a Committee under the Council of Governments ("COG") which is addressing the Tigue Road expansion issue. He asked Mr. Layman if the Committee has met. Mr. Layman responded no but that he would keep Mr. Peterson informed. Mr. Peterson asked if the Township has taken a position on the Tigue Road expansion. Mr. Genzano said that the Township is actively involved through COG. Mr. Layman advised Mr. Peterson that he has met with Mark Mixner, West Chester University, who will keep the Township informed as to any action the University plans to take. He also stated that Mr. Mixner said the University has taken the position that any road expansion not compromise the nature preserve.

V. Old Business.

A. Bowers Conditional Use Hearing.

The Board of Supervisors set a tentative date of April 30th, 2003 for a Conditional Use Hearing for Guy Bowers, 900 – 908 S. Concord Road. Mr. Bowers is asking for Conditional Use to construct a Townhouse development in an MU District.

VI. New Business.

A. Snow Removal Reimbursement/Designation of Agent – Resolution 2003-7

Mr. Layman stated that this resolution will be submitted to PEMA for reimbursement of the snow storm of the weekend of February 18th, 2003.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to approve Resolution 2003-7 PEMA Reimbursement. Mr. Genzano asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Resolution 2003-7.

B. Bayard Rustin High School Land Development Plan- Acceptance of Preliminary/Final Plan.

Mr. Genzano stated the Board would accept the Bayard Rustin High School Land Development Plan as a preliminary plan and not as preliminary/final. He also stated that the plan is available for review at the Township Office.

Mr. Genzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to accept the Bayard Rustin High School Land Development Plan as preliminary and pass the plan to the Planning Commission for their review. Mr. Genzano asked for public

comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously accepted the Bayard Rustin High School Land Development Plan.

C. Emergency Operation Plan – Format Change.

Mr. Layman stated that Mr. Verdiani is working on the format changes for the Township's Emergency Operation Plan as required by Chester County Emergency Services. Mr. Verdiani hopes to have this done by the end of the month. Mr. Layman said he will send a letter to the County from the Board of Supervisors stating the Township's intent to comply with the format change.

VII. Public Comment (All Topics)

There was no public comment.

VIII. 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