

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
TOWNSHIP ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
April 22, 2003 7:30PM

In attendance were Supervisors Chairman Victor J. Orlando, Robert A. Genzano and L. Charles Scipione; Township Manger Robert Layman; Township Solicitor Robert F. Adams; Township Engineer Angelo M. Capuzzi; Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond; Planning Commission member Carol DeWolf and Parks Advisory member Walter Pavelchek. There were fourteen guests in attendance.

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Victor J. Orlando led the Board of Supervisors, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

II. Conditional Use Hearing – WCASD- Bayard Rustin High School.

At this time the Board of Supervisors held a Conditional Use hearing for the Bayard Rustin High School.

Mr. Adams stated that the School District is seeking relief in order to build a stadium, sports fields and install stormwater pipes in precautionary slopes. (Transcripts available at the Township Office for review)

111. Approval of Minutes (April 7, 2003 Regular Meeting).

Approval of the April 7, 2003 minutes was deferred to the May 5th meeting.

1V. Departmental Reports.

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

Chief Dumond reviewed the March Police Report with the Board of Supervisors. He stated that there were two armed robberies, one at the Roxborough Manayunk Bank in the Westtown Professional Center and the other at the Blockbuster Video in Thornbury. He said no one has been arrested for these robberies. He advised the Board that a DUI check point will be held on May 2nd at the intersection of Route 3 and Ellis Lane. He also stated that the Citizens Police Academy will be held at East Goshen starting in September.

Mr. Orlando asked if anyone had been arrested for the numerous apartment and house robberies in our area. Chief Dumond responded that a suspect has been arrested in Delaware who appears to be connected to the 25 robberies in the Department's service area.

B. Parks Advisory Group – Walter Pavelchek.

Mr. Pavelchek reviewed the April 15, 2003 meeting. He stated that the pointing and painting of the Mansion should be completed by the third week in May. He also stated that the grant application for the Phase II of the improvements to Oakbourne Park was submitted by the March 31st deadline. He reported on the following: the playground equipment in Larchbourne Park will be maintained in a safe condition until new equipment can be installed; the trail acquisition grant will be deferred until West Chester's trail study is evaluated; Earth Day will be held on April 26th at Oakbourne with activities by West Chester Recreation and Friends of Oakbourne; and proposed Eagle Scout projects presented by Mr. Rossiter.

Mr. Pavelchek said park improvements must be completed by November 16, 2003 or the Township stands to lose the \$106,000 Phase I grant. He is concerned with URDC's slow and unsatisfactory progress on the bid specifications for the improvements. Mr. Capuzzi stated that he has been working with Mr. Gross on the new driveway entrance and that the Highway Occupancy permit has been applied for. Mr. Layman stated that the NPDES permit application has also been submitted. Mr. Layman was directed by the Board of Supervisors to work with Mr. Pavelchek on a time line for the project so that the November 16th deadline will be met.

C. Planning Commission – Carol DeWolf.

Ms. DeWolf said as the April 9th meeting was canceled she had nothing to report to the Board at this time.

V. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Robert Pettinelli, 832 Hinchley Run, and Mr. James Alfieri, 821 Hinchley Run, were in attendance to express their concerns with the water runoff on their properties which is causing their decks to sink. Mr. Pettinelli said that he feels the original grading plan for his lot, which included a retention wall, was changed when his home was built. He stated he had met with Mr. DiNunzio and the builder and that Mr. DiNunzio advised the builder that the situation must be corrected. Mr. Scipione asked if a review of the original plans shows that the grading has been changed. Mr. Capuzzi said the original subdivision plan was approved 15 years ago. The roads have been built according to specifications but the house models have changed which alter the grading on the lots. He also stated that a grading plan is not required when a building permit is submitted. The Board of Supervisors authorized Mr. Capuzzi to walk the site and review the grading on lots 38,39 and 40.

Mr. Thomas Peterson, 901 S. New Street, asked if the Council of Governments has held any meetings on the Tigue Road expansion. Mr. Layman advised Mr. Peterson that a meeting has not been held. Ms. DeWolf advised the Board that the West Chester Regional Planning Commission ("WCRPC") is having preliminary discussions concerning preparation of a needs assessment for the areas North and South of West Chester Borough. She stated that Tigue Road would be included in this assessment. Mr. Layman said that any study done by the WCRPC would take precedent over the Council of Governments decision to do a study. Mr. Genzano said the Council of Governments had already determined that an analysis was needed. Mr. Layman said he felt that the WCRPC was the best committee to do this study. Ms. DeWolf said the WCRPC has one voting member from each community. She also stated that as Tigue Road is a contentious issue an un-biased committee would be necessary.

Mrs. Denise Shearman, 607 Chesterville Way, presented a petition from residents concerned about the redistricting of their children by the West Chester Area School District. She stated that because the new high school will not open until 2006 their children will have to go to three different schools. She asked that the Board of Supervisors intervene on their behalf, in this matter, with the School District. Mr. Genzano stated that there is an active citizens group in the Township that could help them with this issue as the Township is not in the position to take a stand on the matter. Mr. Adams advised Mrs. Shearman that she has a reasonable case which should be presented to the School Board. Mr. Orlando suggested that Mrs. Sherman ask to be on the agenda of the next School Board meeting.

Mr. Robert Dunlon, 1078 Westwood Drive, presented a petition to the Board of Supervisors requesting a "Watch Children" sign be installed on Westwood Drive. He stated that there is an increase of small children playing on a road without sidewalks and with vehicles exceeding the speed limit this is a hazardous condition. Mr. Orlando advised Mr. Gross to please look into this matter.

V. Old Business.

A. Approval of Payment Application #12 , Westtown Chester Creek – D. J. Adams in the amount of \$7,837.20.

Mr. Orlando stated that the payment is for electrical work which has been approved by URS.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to approve Payment Application #12 to D. J. Adams in the amount of \$7,837.20. Mr. Orlando asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Payment Application #12 for D. J. Adams.

VI. New Business.

A. Westtown-Chester Creek Change Orders E-11 D. J. Adams and 29 Klipper Construction.

Mr. Genzano stated he has reviewed the D. J. Adam change order for a relay switch for the mixer with Mr. Gross and recommends approval of the change order.

The change order for Klipper Construction is for an extension of thirty days for project completion due to the recent weather conditions.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to approve change order E-11 for D. J. Adams and change order 29 for Klipper Construction. Mr. Orlando asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the change orders.

B. Agriculture Security Area – Seven Year Review.

Mr. Orlando stated that the seven year review of the Agriculture Security Area required by the County is due. He reviewed a letter from Mrs. Adler which stated that the review period has been advertised and all property owners in the Agriculture Security Area have been notified. He stated that all Crebilly Farm parcels have been removed from the security area. He asked for a motion to refer the review to the Planning Commission, the Agriculture Security Area Committee and the Chester County Planning Commission.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to pass the Agriculture Security Area review to the Planning Commission, Agriculture Security Area Committee and the Chester County Planning Commission. Mr. Orlando asked for Public Comment. Ms. DeWolf asked if all Crebilly parcels had been withdrawn. Mr. Orlando responded that they had. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the review of the Agriculture Security Area.

VII. Public Comment (All Topics)

There was no public comment.

VIII. Payment of Bills.

Mr. Layman reviewed the bills with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Orlando asked that the bookkeeper maintain separate records on the architect's costs for the Smith Mansion renovations and the new police administration building. Mr. Genzano asked that the payment to URDC be withheld until the status of the park improvements project was established.

Mr. Scipione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Genzano, to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Orlando asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved payment of the bills.

Mr. Pavelchek recommended that Mr. Layman review the Township's contracts with URDC.

IX. GEO Services Contract.

Mr. Capuzzi asked that the Board of Supervisors approve the contract to GEO Services Corporation for test borings for the new police administration building. Mr. Layman stated that he has already signed the contract as of April 10, 2003.

Mr. Genzano made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scipione, to approve the contract as of April 10, 2003 with GEO Services Corporation for test borings of the new police administration site. Mr. Orlando asked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Contract with GEO Services Corporation.

X. WCASD Hearing.

Mr. Adams asked for authorization from the Board of Supervisors to prepare the Conditional Use Order for the West Chester Area School District.

On the motion of Mr. Scipione, seconded by Mr. Genzano, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized Mr. Adams to prepare the Conditional Use Order for the West Chester Area School District.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Layman
Township Manager