

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown
Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM

In attendance were: Chair Mike Di Domenico, Vice Chair Carol DeWolf, Police Commissioner Tom Haws, Township Manager Rob Pingar, WEGO Police Chief Brenda Bernot, Parks & Recreation Chair Deb Litman-Goch, and Planning Commission Member Steve Rodia. There were 6 guests present.

I. **Pledge of Allegiance & Call to Order**

Mr. Di Domenico led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Mr. Di Domenico asked if anyone was recording the meeting. Eva Foster stated that she was.

II. **Approval of Minutes (June 1, 2015)**

Ms. DeWolf made a motion to approve the June 1, 2015 minutes. Mr. Haws seconded the motion. There were no comments or questions and the minutes were approved.

III. **Workshop Meeting Summary (June 15, 2015)**

Mr. Di Domenico stated that the Board discussed

- Wireless Communications Ordinance
- Supplee Way Stop Sign Ordinance
- Historical Resource List & Map
- BOS meetings with Planning, Historical, and Parks & Recreation commissions
- Executive session

Mr. Haws noted that the Board held a pre-workshop meeting starting at 5:30 PM and interviewed four candidates for the Planning Commission vacancy. Of the six applicants, 5 were interviewed.

There were no questions from the public regarding the workshop.

IV. **Departmental Reports**

A. **Westtown East Goshen Police Department (WEGO) – Chief Brenda Bernot**

Chief Bernot reported that four scams continue to trend in the area: the grandparents scam, sweepstakes scam, IRS scam, and computer scam. Residents are encouraged to visit the WEGO website <http://www.westtownpolice.org/> to familiarize themselves with these scams.

The most significant event that occurred in the Township within the last 30 days was a crane driving north on Route 202 towards Skiles Boulevard during a restricted period for over-sized loads. The driver had numerous violations and was also driving under the influence, and was subsequently arrested. The incident occurred early in the morning, during peak drop off time for children attending school. Mr. Pingar asked about the allowable hours for over-sized vehicles to travel the roadways. Chief stated that it was approximately 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM for major thoroughfares.

Chief noted that there were five locations with active complaints. The police have been to Jaqueline Drive at least 9 dates within the last 6 weeks. During those times, 25 citations were issued. South Matlack Street and Oakbourne Road were also monitored on 9 dates and 32 citations and 8 warnings were issued. Other locations did not have as much activity. Three

parking tickets were issued in Coventry Village. The police have temporarily halted enforcement there while Coventry Village and the Township reconsider the parking situation.

Mr. Pingar asked how many of the citations issued were to residents. Chief Bernot did not have the exact figure; however she stated they typically find that 30% to 40% of citations are issued to residents for any location.

Eva Foster (734 Westbourne Road) thanked the Chief for posting the police blotter on their website. Mrs. Foster asked if there was any follow up on the patients that had escaped from Gaudenzia House. Chief Bernot explained that Gaudenzia incidents were never previously reported. These incidents were reported because when an individual is court committed, they are placed at Gaudenzia House as a condition of their parole. The parole board has assured the police that there are no dangerous individuals that would be a threat to the community.

Mrs. Foster also asked about the police officer who was injured when his gun discharged. Chief Bernot stated that the incident occurred in February. The officer was at his private residence with a non-service weapon. The officer then drove to the station and asked the on-duty officers to summon an ambulance for him. He was off for approximately 2 weeks and has since returned to duty.

Mrs. Foster also stated the importance of Chester County's website, www.readychesco.org, for providing subscribers with email and text alerts.

There were no other questions or comments.

B. Township Solicitor – Patrick McKenna

Mr. McKenna was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Pingar stated that Mr. McKenna had no report this evening.

C. Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R) – Deb Litman-Goch

Mrs. Litman-Goch reported that P&R will be hosting three movie nights this summer, the first being "Big Hero 6" on June 26. D'Ascenzo's Gelato has graciously agreed to provide frozen treats to the movie goers.

A Halloween fundraiser that had previously been considered has been postponed until next year due to timing and budgetary constraints. The annual Holiday Festival will be Sunday, December 6, 2015.

P&R will be having an ad hoc meeting on June 25, 2015 for strategic planning. Their normal monthly meetings do not enable the commissioners to discuss topics in greater depth.

The P&R plans to approach the Board in July about a Wilderness Certification Program.

There were no comments or questions.

D. Planning Commission (PC) – Steve Rodia

Mr. Rodia reported on the June 6 meeting. During the meeting, the PC discussed the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) special exception for the accessory dwelling to the Cefferati residence. The residence burned down last Thanksgiving. The PC reviewed the application and voted to move it to the ZHB for their consideration.

Mr. Rodia noted that several commissioners have been approached by door to door solicitors without permits. Chief Bernot stated that anyone being solicited by someone without a permit should call the Police Department immediately. They will issue warnings and citations to solicitors.

The PC discussed the feedback from the meeting between the Board and the PC representatives. Both parties agreed to improve communication going forward.

Finally, the PC discussed updating the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinances. The PC asked Mr. Pingar, Mrs. Adler, and Mr. Patriarca to identify ordinances that only require minor changes and then progress further.

Mr. Haws asked Mr. Pingar if the Sign Ordinance would be on the agenda for the July 6, 2015 meeting. Mr. Pingar noted that it would be on that meeting. Mr. Haws asked Mr. Rodia if it would be possible for a PC member to attend the next Workshop to assist the Board in reviewing the ordinance.

There were no other comments or questions from the public.

V. **Public Comment Non Agenda Items**

Jack Embick (189 Pheasant Run Road) asked if the interviews for the vacant PC seat were prearranged. He also wanted to know if it was publicly advertised and open to the public. Mrs. DeWolf replied that the board discussed the interviews with the solicitor beforehand, and determined that it was not necessary to advertise as a public meeting. Mr. Haws elaborated, saying that the solicitor said it was acceptable to meet and interview the candidates, but that no deliberation on any of the candidates would be allowed at that time. Mr. Embick stated that in the past, these interviews were public and asked if the township had changed its policy. Mr. Di Domenico stated the interviews were conducted as advised by the solicitor.

Mark Brault, Chief Maltster and owner of the Deer Creek Malt House stated that the malt house had had its first event open to the general public on May 30, 2015. Mr. Brault wanted to thank everyone involved in the event and the residents that came out to learn about their business.

There were no other comments or questions from the public.

VI. **Old Business**

A. **Wireless Facilities Ordinance 2015-6 – Approval**

The Wireless Facilities Ordinance updates the existing Township wireless facilities ordinance to provide reasonable accommodation for new wireless technologies that may be placed in township and state road rights-of-ways.

Ms. DeWolf made a motion to approve the Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance. Mr. Haws seconded the motion. There were no comments or questions and the motion was approved.

B. **Supplee Way at Jacqueline Drive Stop Sign Ordinance 2015-7 – Approval**

This ordinance permits stop signs to be installed on Supplee Way at the Jacqueline Drive intersection, thereby creating a 4-way stop controlled intersection.

Ms. DeWolf made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-7. Mr. Haws seconded the motion. There were no comments or questions from the public and the motion was approved.

There were no other comments or questions from the public.

VII. **New Business**

A. **Sunoco Logistics – Mariner 2 Pipeline Project Presentation**

Alex Rahn and Don Zoladkiewicz from Sunoco Logistics made a presentation on the proposed Mariner East 2 pipeline project to transport natural gas liquids from the Marcellus and Utica Shale production areas in Ohio and West Virginia to a refinery in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. Mariner East 2 is a 20" diameter steel pipeline that will be constructed within the existing easements that contain the existing 8" diameter Mariner East 1 pipeline, a segment of which is in Westtown Township within the PA RT. 352 public right-of-way and within private properties along Rt. 352.

Mr. Zoladkiewicz also explained that Sunoco was approached by fuel handlers in western Pennsylvania to construct a third pipeline alongside the Mariner East 2 pipeline, however it has not been approved or announced because the commitment level of natural gas liquids supplier is unknown. If approved, Mariner East 3 would be constructed in the same easement as Mariner East 1 and 2. The size of Mariner East 3 is unknown at this time, but may be 16" diameter. If approved, Mariner East 3 would be constructed at the same time as Mariner East 2 to mitigate any negative impacts on residents. Plans for Mariner East 2 do exist but Sunoco cannot share them with the township at this time.

Sunoco is preparing to begin easement acquisition for Mariner East 2. Existing easements for Mariner East 1 were acquired as far back as the early 1900s and vary in width. Sunoco prefers a uniform consistent easement width of 50 feet and will be acquiring supplemental easements where existing easements are less than 50' wide. Sunoco will re-negotiate all existing easements to clarify line rights, specifying how many pipelines can be placed within the easements and the products that can be moved through the pipelines, and allowing 25' wide temporary easements for construction purposes only. Property owners will receive compensation for the re-negotiated easements. Easement acquisition will take place over the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Zoladkiewicz announced that there will be a community open house for residents affected by this project to attend and meet with Sunoco representatives on June 29, 2015 at West Chester University. Open house notices will be sent to affected property owners.

B. **Announcements**

Mr. Di Domenico made the following announcements:

1. Summer Movie Night – "Big Hero 6" 8pm, Friday, June 26 at Oakbourne Park sponsored by D'Ascenzo's Gelato.
2. On-Lot Sewage Management Program Phase 3 inspection period begins June 8 and ends March 7, 2016.

VIII. **Public Comment on All Topics**

Ms. DeWolf asked for a status update on the future farmers market. Mr. Pingar noted that there were some complications with the building plan and that it is currently being reviewed. Ms. DeWolf also asked about the status of the Planet Fitness. Mr. Pingar stated that he was uncertain where they currently are in the permitting process.

There were no other comments or questions.

IX. **Payment of Bills**

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to approve General Fund bills in the amount of \$316,030.55 and

Wastewater Fund bills in the amount of \$17,094.48 for a grand total of \$333,125.03. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeWolf. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

X. **Adjournment**

Mr. Di Domenico made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Haws. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert R. Pingar
Township Manager