

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
OAKBOURNE MANSION 1014 SOUTH CONCORD ROAD
January 2, 2001

In attendance were Supervisors L. Charles Scipione, Kenton S. Stokes and Victor J. Orlando; Township Manger Michael A. Cotter; Township Building Inspector Kenneth A. Carroll; Township Road Master Mark S. Gross; and Planning Commission Member Kevin Flynn. There were four guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order

There being a quorum present, Chairman L. Charles Scipione led the Board of Supervisors, staff and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes (18 December 2000).

On the motion of Mr. Orlando, second Dr. Stokes, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes of 18 December 2000.

III. Departmental Reports

A. Township Building Inspector – Kenneth A. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll covered the December Building Report with the Board of Supervisors. He stated that permits have been issued for two townhouses and four single-family residences in Green Lane Village. Mr. Scipione had concerns about Westtown School's Bacon Cottage construction, which he discussed with Mr. Carroll.

B. Road and Parks – Mark S. Gross

Mr. Gross reviewed the December Road Report with the Board of Supervisors. He stated that there were no problems with plowing and salting during the four snowstorms. Mr. Gross advised the Board of Supervisors that during a recent heavy rainstorm the fencing on the northern end of the Westtown-Chester Creek plant was flattened by the debris that was washed down through the woods during the storm. He stated that the fence will be repaired when the weather permits. Dr. Stokes suggested that a berm be constructed instead of replacing the fence. Mr. Scipione felt that nature was taking its course and that a berm would be eroded if constructed. Mr. Scipione suggested construction of a three-foot high wall with fencing installed on top of the wall. Dr. Stokes stated that the sewer plant needs to be protected from damage by runoff from the woods during storms.

Mr. Scipione asked about the installation of heat at the new Township building. Mr. Gross stated that contractors were unavailable over the holidays to address the heating problem. He advised Mr. Scipione he would be meeting with Horn plumbing on Tuesday and that the temperature in the building was checked everyday. Mr. Scipione directed Mr. Gross to have temporary heat installed.

C. Township Financial Report – Michael A. Cotter.

Mr. Cotter reviewed the December Financial report with the Board of Supervisors.

D. Planning Commission – Kevin Flynn.

Mr. Flynn reviewed the 20 December Planning Commission meeting with the Board of Supervisors. He stated that the Commission reviewed the latest revised draft of the Growth Management Plan and recommends the Board of Supervisors approve the draft with the revisions discussed at the Commissions 20 December meeting.

Mr. Flynn said the Commission also reviewed the SBA Tower plan and recommends approval conditioned on compliance with the Township Engineer's letter of 18 December 2000. He also stated that the Commission reviewed Westtown Associates preliminary plan for which they have been granted Conditional Use Approval by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Flynn stated that the Commission is receptive to the plan's concept.

Mr. Flynn advised the Board of Supervisors that the Commission has reorganized for 2001 with

Mr. Verdiani elected as Chairman and Mr. Bafile as Vice Chairman. Mr. Flynn announced that Mrs. McElwaine has resigned leaving a vacancy on the Commission. He stated the Commission will be interviewing candidates to fill the vacancy at the 3 January meeting.

IV. Old Business.

Dr. Stokes asked Mr. Cotter about the status of the installation of a temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Shiloh Road and Route 926. Mr. Cotter stated that PennDOT is in receipt of the permit but the permit has not been reviewed by the staff.

Dr. Stokes asked if the Township has heard from DEP concerning approval of the Part II permit for the Westtown-Chester Creek Plant. Mr. Cotter stated that he had talked to Jennifer Fields, Permit Manager at DEP before he went on vacation but was unable to contact her today. He stated that Ms. Fields has reviewed the permit and indicated that the permit would be approved after the engineering review was completed.

Mr. Cotter stated that the Township has recently been cited by DEP for a problem with sludge removal which can only be corrected by improvements to the plant. Dr. Stokes expressed his frustration with DEP as the Township has been trying to obtain approval for improvements to the plant for the past three years. Mr. Scipione stated that the Township will fight any fines imposed by DEP. He also stated that if the Part II permit approval is not received by the end of this month the Township will meet with DEP officials to resolve this issue.

Mr. Pingar, 1003 Russell Lane, suggested that the Township's Traffic Consultant deal directly with PennDOT for approval of the traffic signals. Mr. Scipione stated that the Township Consultant is and has been involved with PennDOT.

Mr. Thompson, reporter for the Daily Local News, asked the status of the Act 537 update. Mr. Cotter responded that a public meeting will be held at the end of January which will address the residents concerns.

V. New Business.

A. Action on the Revision to the Wild Goose Lot Lines, 606 and 608 Picket Way.

Mr. Cotter stated that this plan was a simple lot line change for lots 33 and 34 in the Wild Goose Farms subdivision.

On the motion of Mr. Orlando, second Dr. Stokes, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the simple lot line change for lots 33 and lots 34 in Wild Goose Farms.

B. Review of the General Code Ordinance Manuscript Critique.

This item was tabled for further review.

C. Resolution 2001-1 Liquid Fuel Allocation.

On the motion of Dr. Stokes, second Mr. Orlando, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution 2001-1 Liquid Fuel Allocation.

D. Resolution 2001-2 Emergency Services.

Mr. Cotter stated that Resolution 2001-2 is adopted every year to designate the areas of the Fire Companies, Ambulance Services, and Police Department who serve the Township.

On the motion of Dr. Stokes, second Mr. Orlando, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution 2001-2 Emergency Services.

E. Resolution 2001-3 Building Permit Fee Increase.

On the motion of Dr. Stokes, second Mr. Orlando, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution 2001-3 establishing a 5% increase in Permit Fees as approved in the Township 2001 Fiscal Year Budget.

F. Resolution 2001-4 Township Manager's Salary.

On the motion of Dr. Stokes, second Mr. Orlando, the Board of Supervisors approved the Township Manager's salary for 2001 as required by the Second Class Township Code.

VI. Public Comment.

Mr. Pingar expressed his concerns about the overhanging trees at the intersection of Russell Lane and Shiloh Road and asked that the Roadmaster address the situation.

Mr. Pingar also asked when Westrum would be on the Planning Commission agenda. Mr. Cotter stated the Planning Commission will be reviewing Westrum's sketch plan at their 17 January meeting.

Mr. Pavelchek, 1050 S. New Street, asked when the residents will receive this quarter's newsletter as he would like to have information about the Friends of Oakbourne in the newsletter. Mr. Cotter responded that the newsletter will go out in the beginning of February for February, March and April. He stated the first newsletter of the year will now be in February the last quarter will cover November, December and January.

Mr. Genzano, 1023 Plumly Road, asked when the residents would receive responses to their letters addressing their comments on the Act 537 plan. Mr. Cotter stated that the letters would be responded to after the next public meeting to be held at the end of January. He stated that the resident's confusion concerning grinder pumps or gravity fed system will be addressed at this meeting. He also stated that any concerns addressed in the resident's letters that are not covered in the meeting would be responded to after the meeting.

Mr. Pavelchek stated it was his understanding that all letters would be answered individually and now is he to understand that they will be answered through information at the public meeting.

Mr. Cotter was directed by the Board of Supervisors to acknowledge receipt of the resident's letters and advised them a meeting will be held in late January.

VII. Adjournment.

As there was no other business or comment, on the motion of Mr. Orlando, second Dr. Stokes, the Board of Supervisors adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael A. Cotter,
Township Manager