

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM

In attendance were: Chair Carol De Wolf, Vice Chair Scott Yaw, Police Commissioner Mike Di Domenico, Township Manager Rob Pingar, WEGO Police Chief Brenda Bernot, Township Solicitor Pat McKenna, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Phil Garabedian, and Planning Commissioner Ed Yost. There were 3 guests.

I. Pledge of Allegiance & Call to Order

Ms. De Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked if anyone was recording the meeting. There was no response.

II. Approval of Minutes (March 5, 2018)

Mr. Yaw made a motion to approve the March 5, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Mr. Di Domenico seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments, and the minutes were unanimously approved, with Ms. De Wolf abstaining because she did not attend the March 5 meeting.

III. Workshop Meeting Summary (March 19, 2018)

Ms. De Wolf stated that during the Workshop, the Board met with John Snook to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update. The Board also reviewed a sketch plan for the new proposed Malvern School project. Representatives from Rustin High School attended to discuss adding an additional 10 lighted nighttime stadium events to their current 20 event allowance.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed legal and personnel matters.

There were no questions or comments.

IV. Departmental Reports

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

Chief Bernot shared the department made some recent technological advancements, including launching a Facebook page, new website, and Crime Watch mobile app. She encouraged everyone to download the app and take advantage of its many capabilities.

She reported that on March 13th, WEGO police officers were dispatched to a domestic disturbance report in the Goshen Valley Apartments. As the situation escalated the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team was summoned. The subject was taken into custody without further incident and several attempts were made to have the subject committed for mental health treatment with negative results. She expressed her disappointment in the current mental health system and will be drafting a letter to the mental health professionals involved in this incident for the Board to review.

She also reported a serious accident on West Chester Pike involving an individual who crossed both lanes of traffic and crashed into St. Simon and Jude School. She thanked the brave residents who helped contain the resulting fire and pull the driver out from the overturned car. She hopes these individuals will identify themselves to receive special accommodations for their courage. She reported that footage of the incident is on the WEGO Facebook page.

Mr. Di Domenico inquired about the substance the subject in the accident reportedly had in his system. Chief Bernot replied that it is a substance typically used by someone trying to wean themselves off heroin.

Mr. Pingar asked Chief Bernot to explain the "Alert" capabilities on the Crime Watch app. Chief Bernot replied that alerts can include a range of topics, such as new Facebook posts, crime notices, traffic incidents, etc. She encouraged the Supervisors to report on the types of alerts they receive so the department can continue to fine-tune these notifications.

Kathy Di Domenico, 1530 Woodland Road, asked for clarification on the best way to search for the WEGO Facebook and web page. Chief Bernot responded that they should search Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department.

There were no other comments or questions.

B. Township Solicitor – Patrick McKenna

Mr. McKenna reported that Tony Verway is scheduled to attend the next Planning Commission Meeting to review the current draft Bi-Directional Antenna Ordinance. Mr. McKenna is also working to ensure the Township's Sign Ordinance is compliant with the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. The draft will be ready for review by the Planning Commission this April. Mr. McKenna reported an increase in enforcement matters including setback violations, earth disturbance, and on-lot management, among other matters. The township also received the appeal from Toll Brothers for the Crebilly Farm decision this month. In addition to these projects, Mr. McKenna is handling some collection matters for the township.

There were no comments or questions.

C. Parks & Recreation Commission (P&R) – Phil Garabedian

Mr. Garabedian reported that Mark Gross attended the most recent meeting to discuss logistics for the yard sale on April 28. P&R also confirmed performers for their new Children Series events in June, July, and August. They also confirmed the following Summer Movie Nights:

Wallace and Gromit on June 15
Elf on July 20
Star Wars on August 17
High Noon on September 21.

P&R has been working on advertising and signage for these events. The commission continued planning for Westtown Day on October 7.

Mr. Garabedian also encouraged anyone who is interesting in volunteering for P&R to contact Mr. Pingar as there are two openings on the commission.

Mr. Di Domenico asked for confirmation that all of these events are at Oakbourne Park, to which Mr. Garabedian replied affirmatively.

There were no other comments or questions.

D. Planning Commission (PC) – Ed Yost

Mr. Yost reported that the March 7th meeting was canceled due to snow. At the next meeting on March 21, the PC will be reviewing the draft Comprehensive Plan Update with the Joint Task Force.

There were no comments or questions.

V. Public Comment (Non Agenda Items)

There was none.

VI. Old Business

There was none.

VII. New Business

A. Parks & Recreation Commissioner Resignation – Jennifer Masiko

Ms. Masiko served on the P&R Commission since January 2014. Ms. De Wolf thanked Ms. Masiko for her service and dedication to the Commission.

Mr. Yaw made a motion to accept the resignation of Jennifer Masiko from the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mr. Di Domenico seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Announcements

1. **Joint Planning Commission/Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force Meeting** – Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at Township Building
2. **Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancies** – There are two vacancies on the seven-member Parks & Recreation Commission. The commission plans and runs community events at Oakbourne Park. It meets at Oakbourne Mansion on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for the Parks & Recreation Commission, please send your letter of interest and resume to the Township Manager, Rob Pingar.
3. **Community Yard Sale** – Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8am - 12pm at Oakbourne Park. Registration materials are on the township website.

IX. Public Comment on All Topics

There was none.

X. Payment of Bills

Mr. Yaw made a motion to approve General Fund bills in the amount of \$53,926.83, Wastewater Fund bills in the amount of \$97,133.43, and Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$8,050.50 for a grand total of \$159,110.76. The motion was seconded by Mr. Di Domenico. There was no public comment, and the check registers were approved.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Yaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Di Domenico. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Pingar
Township Manager