

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

Westtown Township Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

Monday, July 9, 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. There were 8 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.

II. Public Comment (Non Agenda Items)

Nancy Harkins, 1521 Woodland Road, thanked the Board for the letter written to the PUC, and for making pipeline information more prominent on the township website. She also asked for any update on the Mariner project. Mr. Pingar stated that he met with Sunoco representatives on Thursday, June 28. At that meeting, Sunoco (Energy Transfer) expressed plans to repurpose existing lines to move natural gas liquids until the Mariner project is completed. They have notified the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) of this intent, and informed the township of integrity work they have done on this line. Nancy referenced a recent pipeline article in the Daily Local News, and asked if there would be any above ground structures, such as valve stations, in Westtown Township. Mr. Pingar stated that Sunoco did not mention any new structures. Ms. De Wolf asked about the monitoring system for the old pipe and if it would be the same system that is planned for the new pipe. Mr. Pingar stated that Sunoco did not discuss the monitoring system. Mr. Pingar asked Sunoco for a copy of the PHMSA notification and Sunoco refused to provide it. Sunoco did provide other informational material, which has been posted on the township website.

The Board stated they have been disappointed with the communication from Sunoco. Ms. Harkins asked if the township would organize a pipeline information session like neighboring townships have done. The Board briefly discussed the nature and timing of hosting a public forum. Mr. Di Domenico said he was in favor of being proactive about hosting a forum.

Representative Carolyn Comitta, 115 S. Brandywine, stated that she would be happy to help facilitate a public forum. She stated that Linda Farrell, Executive Director of the Pipeline Safety Coalition, would also be a good person to contact to help with organizing a public meeting.

Richard Coyle, 1113 Butternut Road, urged the Board to hold a public forum. He stated that although there are only approximately 30 properties in Westtown directly impacted by the pipeline, he felt it would be beneficial to open the meeting to the public at large.

Ginger Gray, 706 Jacqueline Drive, encouraged the Board to put an Open Space referendum on the November ballot. She emphasized the need for public education, noting the trade-off between the cost of a bond to purchase open space and higher school taxes that would be imposed in order to meet the needs of development like that proposed for Crebilly Farm.

Kristine Lisi, 915 Shady Grove Way, agreed that an Open Space referendum is long overdue.

Vince Morrow, 158 McFadden Road, Chadds Ford, President of Neighbors for Crebilly, asked if there is any update on the Crebilly appeal, and expressed his willingness to assist in public education on the open space referendum.

Mr. Di Domenico stated that it is important to first educate residents regarding an open space referendum. Open space purchases can be funded various ways, but the public needs to understand that an open space referendum would not save Crebilly. The property owner has to be a willing participant, and the owners of Crebilly Farm are not. The Board has met with the two remaining farm owners in Westtown, and only one is interested in working with the township to preserve their land.

Mr. Yaw stated that getting an open space referendum on the ballot is a complicated process. Open Space could be funded in a number of ways including raising property taxes, Earned Income Tax, floating a bond, or a combination. The Board has been reviewing and discussing all these options, but the timeline to get a referendum on the ballot this November is very tight. Mr. Yaw stated that if the referendum is rushed to the ballot without educating the public and ultimately fails, then the township would have to wait another five years before trying again.

Ms. De Wolf stated that the deadline to get the issue on the November ballot is August 7, which does not leave enough time to analyze the issue, educate the residents, and meet the legal requirements. She emphasized that although there is not enough time to get an open space referendum on the 2018 ballot, that does not mean the Board is not committed to continuing the effort to protect open space.

Francis Jacquette, 413 Walnut Hill Road, was present to continue his work on a Stormwater merit badge. He is working towards his Eagle Scout award, but has only 8 days before his 18th birthday to earn two badges. The Board fielded his questions regarding stormwater management, and suggested he use the information on the township website to learn what residents can do to help reduce stormwater runoff and pollution.

There were no other comments or questions.

III. Old Business

A. 2018 Road Maintenance Program Contract Award Rebid

Rebid was required due to a procedural oversight with advertising the contract. Township Engineer McCormick Taylor reviewed the bids received for the 2018 Road Maintenance Program and determined that Glasgow, Inc. (Glasgow) was the lowest responsible bidder, and recommends the township award the 2018 Road Program contract to Glasgow for the Base Bid of \$670,004.65, and Add Alternates 2, 3, and 4 at \$133,345.55, for a grand total of \$803,350.20.

Mr. Yaw made a motion to award the 2018 Road Maintenance Program to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$803,350.20 for the Base Bid and Add Alternates 2, 3, and 4. Mr. Di Domenico seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion was approved.

IV. Public Comment on All Topics

Ginger Gray re-approached the lectern to complain about transient merchants approaching her door, and stated that they are very high pressure. Mr. Yaw suggested that getting the name of the company so the township can follow up.

There were no other comments or questions.

V. Adjournment

Mr. Yaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Di Domenico. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Pingar
Township Manager