

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING  
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE  
February 17, 2009 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chair Carol R. De Wolf, and Police Commissioner Thomas A. Foster; Township Manager Robert Layman; Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond; Township Solicitor Robert F. Adams and Township Planning Commission Member Jim Lees. There were eight guests in attendance.

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**I. Call to Order.**

As there was a quorum present Chair De Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**II. Approval of Minutes (February 2, 2009 Regular Meeting).**

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular meeting. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

**III. Summary of Board of Supervisors Workshop 2/17/09.**

Ms. De Wolf stated that the Board discussed the Act 537 plan in relation to the capacity needs for Presby Homes. The following items were also discussed: Allowing non-residents, for groups of ten or more, to use the Pavilion in Oakbourne Park for a fee; An offer from Aqua for possible purchase of the Westtown-Chester Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant was discussed; An agreement with the Lains, 1540 Johnny's Way, concerning connection to public sewer; and the time line for the on lot management inspection program.

**IV. Departmental Reports.**

**A. Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief Sergeant Gorman.**

Chief Dumond reviewed his report and stated the Department responded to 496 calls in Westtown last month. He reported that a suspect was apprehended who had been breaking into vehicles at Penn Oaks Country Club. A task force was formed, involving surrounding municipalities and the State Police at Media, to investigate the numerous burglaries in the area. Two suspects from Lancaster County were arrested and property that was stolen was recovered. Chief Dumond also reported on a "hit and run" at Route 352 and McDaniel Drive. The suspect fled the scene but was later arrested. Chief Dumond announced that Officer John Stafford, a member of the Regional Emergency Response Team, was awarded Swat Officer of the Year.

**B. Township Solicitor – Robert Adams.**

Mr. Adams stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

**C. Planning Commission – Jim Lees.**

Mr. Lees stated that the February 4<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission meeting had been canceled. At this week's meeting the Commission will begin review of the MaKemie Ridge Land Development plans. The Commission will also review an application for a variance at 1126 Talleyrand Road for an accessory dwelling. Mr. Lees stated at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the Commission discussed the connector Road with the applicant for Fair Share properties. He stated that a letter was sent to the Board concerning this issue. Mr. Layman asked if Al Federico, the Township's traffic consultant, would be attending this week's meeting and if the tying in of the connector road at West Pleasant Grove Road was to be discussed. Mr. Lees

responded in the affirmative. Mr. Foster asked if a representative from Westminster Presbyterian Church would be there. Mr. Layman will ask Mrs. Adler to contact the church.

**V. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.**

Mrs. Foster stated that she had sent an email to the Board concerning a wedding in May of 2010. Mr. Layman advised Mrs. Foster that was on the Agenda under new business.

**VI. Old Business:**

**A. Announcement of Lighting Ordinance Meeting.**

Ms. De Wolf announced that there would be a public meeting at the Bayard Rustin High School, 1100 Shiloh Road, on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00Pm to discuss and take comments from residents on the proposed Lighting Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium Mr. Layman will have the meeting advertised and Notice of the meeting will be on the Township's website ([www.westtownpa.org](http://www.westtownpa.org)) and sent to the Township email list.

**B. Approve Re-Advertising of the Sidewalk Ordinance.**

Ms. De Wolf stated the Board has discussed the concerns of residents relating to the responsibility for curbs and is removing the maintenance of curbs from this ordinance. Mr. Adams will advertise the adopting of the ordinance for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve the re-advertising of the Sidewalk Ordinance. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the advertising of the ordinance.

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Mansion and Park Use Request.**

Ms. De Wolf stated that there is a request from Mrs. Foster to waive the fees for rental of the Mansion for a wedding in 2010. She asked Mrs. Foster to explain the request. Mrs. Foster stated that she had received an email from a Sergeant Major in the Army who was being deployed to Iraq for the second time. He and his wife had been married recently but when he comes back from Iraq he would like her to have the wedding of her dreams. Mrs. Foster said she does not believe in "freebees" but under the circumstances, because this man is giving so much of his life for our country that she would like to waive the fee. Ms. De Wolf asked the rental cost and also asked under what conditions do we waive fees. Mrs. Foster stated that the cost is \$1,600 and the waiving of fees has not been done before. Ms. De Wolf said she was only aware of this request today and feels this should be tabled. Mr. Foster said he feels the Township should do this and would like to make a motion to that effect. Ms. De Wolf said she was not ready to vote on this. Mr. Adams questioned if there was a policy concerning this and if so the Board should abide by that policy and use their better discretion. This item was tabled.

**VIII. Public Comment.**

There was no public comment.

**IX. Payment of Bills.**

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. De Wolf the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the bills as presented.

**X. Adjournment.**

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:57Pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Robert Layman, Township Manager

