

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
Township Municipal Building, Stokes Assembly Hall, 1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown
February 1, 2010, 7:30PM

In attendance were Supervisors Vice Chair Carol R. De Wolf, and Police Commissioner Thomas A. Foster; Township Manager Robert Layman; Township Building Inspector John Wilson; Township Roadmaster Mark Gross; Township Planning Commission Member Elaine L. Adler; Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Jennifer Shea-Schwacke; and Oakbourne Mansion Commission Chair Eva Foster. There were four guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

As there was a quorum present Vice Chair De Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:31Pm.

II. Approval of Minutes (January 19, 2010 Regular Meeting).

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve the minutes of January December 21, 2009. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

III. Departmental Reports.

A. Township Building Inspector – John Wilson.

Mr. Wilson reported that January was a busy month for this time of year with eleven permits issued. He stated that letters will be sent to the residents who appear not to be in compliance with the recycling program. His survey showed 5% of the Township is not in compliance.

B. Township Roadmaster- Mark Gross.

Mr. Gross reported that pot holes have been filled in, street signs replaced and all generators have been serviced. He also stated the Township stormwater system is being mapped for the annual MS4 report. The mapping will now show the outfall location of all stormwater inlets. Ms. De Wolf asked if they are using the GIS system to do the mapping. Mr. Gross responded that they were and stated that the State is going to require this information for all new permits in the future and would like to have the mapping completed before that time.

C. Township Planning Commission – Elaine L. Adler.

Mrs. Adler stated that the January 20th, Planning Commission had been canceled. She stated that the Rossiter's, whose minor subdivision plan is on this week's agenda, have not confirmed that they will be ready for the meeting. Reviews of the Rossiter's subdivision have been received from the Township Engineer and URS. Mr. Foster asked if the plan is for two or three lots. Mrs. Adler responded that the plan is for three lots but there are issues in the reviews that will need to be addressed.

D. Parks and Recreation Commission Jennifer Shea-Schwacke.

Ms. Schwacke stated that at their January 12th, meeting Kristine Lisi was elected chairman and she as the Vice Chairman. She stated that the Township website has been updated to show the events for 2010. The Commission is looking for sponsorships for their events to help defray the costs. Ms. Schwacke stated that because of an event at the Mansion the date for Christmas in July will need to be changed. The Commission also is looking for direction for the proposed Holiday tree lighting. Mr. Foster said he had spoken with Mrs. Lisi concerning the Holiday party and what it should be called. He said he sees no problem with just calling it a Holiday event. Ms. Schwacke said the Commission wants to make sure that all religious and non religious celebrations are included.

E. Oakbourne Mansion Commission – Eva Foster.

Mrs. Foster reported that there are already two tented weddings scheduled for this summer and that the memorial service for Evelyn Groff was held at the Mansion in January. Mrs. Foster said that she has contacted the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, concerning using the Mansion for meetings and retreats. She also stated that she purchased four round tables at Bunches Auction at a good price. Oakbourne Mansion is now on Face Book and hopefully this will generate interest in renting the Mansion.

Mr. Wilson said the stain glass window in the Treasury is missing a pane and needs to be stabilized and repaired. Mr. Foster stated that he is aware of this and was recently advised that this is a Tiffany window. Mr. Wilson stated that the work needed on the boiler in the Mansion has been deferred till the spring.

IV. Public Comment Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public comment.

V. Old Business

There was no old business

VI. New Business.

A. Award the 2010 Sludge Removal Bid.

This item was tabled for further review.

B. Approve 2010 URS Wastewater Engineering Services Contract.

Ms. De Wolf stated that URS has revised its rates and the Board is agreeable to approving the contract.

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve the 2010 URS Wastewater Engineering Services Contract. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion.

C. Approve Westtown Township's Agriculture Security District.

Mr. Foster stated that this is a County program for support of agriculture in the Townships. The Township's that have Agriculture Security Districts must readopt their plan every seven years. The plan benefits normal agriculture operations from being impeded by the usual resident complaints of noise, smells, provides for agriculture easements and deters issue of eminent domain.

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Ms. De Wolf, to approve Westtown Township's Agriculture Security District. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion.

VII. Summary of Board's Workshop 2/1/2010.

Ms. De Wolf stated the Board discussed the following items in their workshop: Electric Generation – joining a county group to be more competitive when the rate cap ends in 2011; Projects for 2010 – streets, traffic control, public sewer, and refuse collection; Discussed the offers from West Chester United Soccer Club and East Side Little League for use of the lower multipurpose field; and the withdrawal, for economic reasons, of the Presby Homes plan for a CCRC on the Crebilly property.

VIII. Public Comment (all topics)

Craig Kalemjian, Solicitor for the Robinson Family, thanked the Board on behalf of the family for their efforts with the Presby Homes project. He stated Crebilly would like to meet with the Board when they decide what direction they would like to take for development of the property. They would like to do something that will work for Crebilly and the Township. Mr. Foster asked if this will affect the plans for the 24 homes proposed for the west side of S. New Street. Mr. Kalemjian said this was part of the concept of the master plan and there is no decision on the development of the West Side of S. New Street at this time.

Mrs. Foster asked Mr. Kalemjian if the Robinson Family would consider placing the property back in the Agriculture Security District as it once was. Mr. Kalemjian said he was not aware that they were no longer in the District and would review this with the Robinsons.

VIII. Payment of Bills.

There were no bills presented at this time.

IX Adjournment.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. De Wolf the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:58 Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Layman,
Township Manager