

WORK SESSION

October 5, 2016

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the October 5, 2016 Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Adam D. Zucker was present with Supervisors Melissa M. Weber, Anthony F. Greco, Frederick R. Conner and Kenneth F. Wollman. Also present were Township Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Michael J. Richino, Assistant Zoning Inspector William H. McManus, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Administrative Intern Austin Calitro.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, approval of the September 20th minutes, the September Voucher List, the August Treasurer's Report, advertisement of the 2017 Budget Work Sessions, the release of escrow funds, Resolutions #1141 and #1142, the release of funds to the Centre Square Fire Co., Fire Relief Association, the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pension plans, approval of a revised Financial Subdivision Plan, a waiver request, award of a paving contract and the October Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by discussing the following list of events:

- Fire Expo – Wentz Run Park – October 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- History of the Liberty Bell Trolley: Whitpain's High Speed Rail – Presentation at the Planning Commission meeting on November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

When the work session meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m., Supervisors met in executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. When the executive session adjourned at 7:59 p.m., Supervisors attended the public meeting.



David J. Mrochko

Whitpain Township Assistant Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Chairman Adam D. Zucker, along with Supervisors Melissa Murphy Weber, Anthony F. Greco, Frederick R. Conner, Jr., and Kenneth F. Wollman were present. Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer William McManus, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Michael Richino, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Intern Austin Calitro and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew and Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker were absent. There were 10 members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order by Chairman Zucker.

The meeting began with the Mission Moment given by Supervisor Conner. Mr. Conner said that we as a group, the elected officials and senior staff, spend much time together. It is a group of dedicated professionals, committed in every way to make the community the best it can be. Recently, the entire group spent a couple of hours together to continue the strategic planning effort that began five years ago. The session reaffirmed the Township's Mission, Vision and Values, which is as valid now as when initially adopted. Our organization is guided by the Mission Statement in every aspect of operations. Public safety, public communication - all of it is important to realize the goals of the Mission, Vision, Values Statement and our strategic planning endeavors.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 Board of Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve the September Voucher List in the amount of \$1,687,545.78, check sequence #59013 through #59273. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve the August 2016 Treasurer's Report. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to advertise the Budget Work Sessions for the 2017 Budget scheduled for October 18, 2016 at 8 p.m. (during the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors' meeting), October 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., November 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. and November 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. All sessions will be held

in Meeting Room "A" of the Township Administration Building. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to authorize the final release of all remaining funds from the escrow fund for the 571 Skippack Pike subdivision and land development project located at 571 Skippack Pike (S-02-12). A maintenance bond to guarantee the public improvements has been posted for a period of 18 months. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to pass Resolution No. 1141 authorizing Ronald J. Cione, Director of Public Works as the Township's designee to execute all documents and agreements between Whitpain Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant in the amount of \$40,000. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the release of \$188,738.71 to the Centre Square Fire Company Fire Relief Association which represents one hundred percent (100%) of the 2016 allocation to Whitpain Township from the Pennsylvania Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to acknowledge that the Board of Supervisors has received the 2017 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans, and the Defined Contribution Plan for Whitpain Township as per Act 205 of 1984. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to pass Resolution No. 1142 authorizing the 2016 allocation of \$498,709.66 from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program be deposited to the various Pension Plans as follows:

\$244,980.18 to the Police Pension Plan
\$253,729.48 to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve a revised Financial Subdivision Plan titled "Centre Square Commons", Sheet 35 or 36, prepared by Maser Consulting, P.A., plans last revised on September 29, 2016 in accordance with Section 509(b) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code conditioned upon execution of an Improvement Construction Agreement, posting of financial security, receipt of all necessary permits from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to grant a request from Centre Square Commons, LP for a waiver from the requirement of preparing a land development plan for the installation of a temporary trailer (Vist Bank office) and associated pedestrian access improvements at 998 Skippack Pike. The waiver from land development is conditioned upon the review and approval of the site plan by the Township Engineer and PennDOT approval of the proposed temporary access driveway from DeKalb Pike. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to award the contract for the 2016 Township Line Road Paving Project to DiRocco Bros., of West Chester, PA in the low bid amount of \$118,611.25. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled for October 20, 2016:

#2086-16	Kyle Boyd
#2089-16	David and Heather Serrao
#2090-16	Einstein Healthcare Network
#2091-16	David and Karen Grossberg

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to authorize the Township Manager to execute a separation agreement between the Township, the Whitpain Township Police Department and Police Officer Badge #31. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

Chairman Zucker turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Weber who asked if any member of the audience had public comment. Dana, of Senator Daylin Leach's office, confirmed the Senator would be hosting an expungement clinic the following day. The Lt. Governor and Senator Leach will be in attendance. Dana also said for any residents who require assistance through their office, she is available to help.

Mr. Pronczak introduced William McManus, the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer and Michael Richino, the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, who were in attendance for their department directors. Mr. Pronczak noted that Mr. Richino played a key role in the dedication of the dog park and Steuer Woods, and also the very successful Community Day. There were no additional public comments.

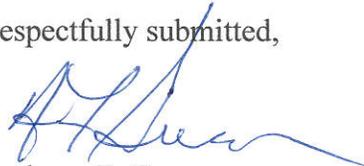
Vice-Chairman Weber noted that the Board met in executive session before the public meeting to discuss personnel and a possible litigation matter. She also announced that the Centre Square Fire Company will hold its annual Expo Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. On October 21 and 22, the Township will present hayrides at Prophecy Creek Park. Additionally, there will be a presentation to the Planning Commission at its November 9th meeting on the History of the Liberty Bell Trolley, Whitpain Township's High Speed Line.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Weber appeared before the House of Representatives Finance Committee with reference to Philadelphia's non-resident wage tax. There are a significant number of residents who work in Philadelphia and pay the city wage tax, though no revenues come to our Township. Representatives Todd Stephens (Montgomery) and Scott Petri (Bucks) have introduced legislation to equalize the distribution in order to return some of the tax revenue back to the municipalities. Because of the inequity in the tax structure that dates back to 1930, Whitpain Township alone lost nearly \$1 million in taxes in 2014, which is the year of Berkheimer's latest data. It is important to note that no one is looking to hurt Philadelphia. We are looking to have a dialogue for an allocation based on fairness and equality. Mrs. Weber thanked Assistant Township Manager Dave Mrochko and Intern Austin Calitro for their invaluable assistance with her presentation.

Vice-Chairman Weber asked if any member of the Board wished to discuss old or new business. Thanks were offered to Mike Richino and the team who helped with the Community Festival. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, although it was not without controversy. The Eagle Scout-sponsored bed race ended with Centre Square Fire Company claiming victory over the Whitpain Township Police Department. Various replays of the finish were not clear. Chief Lawson said there will be a rematch.

There were no further comments by the Board and Vice-Chairman Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary