

WORK SESSION

November 17, 2015

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 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 November 17, 2015 Supervisors' meeting. Vice Chairman Adam D. Zucker was present with Supervisors Anthony F. Greco, Melissa M. Weber, and Kenneth F. Wollman. Chairman Frederick R. Conner was absent. Also present were Township Solicitor James J. Garrity, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Code Enforcement Officer Michael McAndrew, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda. No members of the public were present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing approval of the minutes of the November 4th Board of Supervisors' meeting and the November 5th Budget Work Session minutes, review of the CU #29-15 and Ordinances #343 and #344 scheduled for public hearing, release of escrow funds, authorization to advertise the Wissahickon Creek TMDL Strategy Plan, approval of Change Order #1 for Top-A-Court, LLC and the November Zoning Hearing Board case.

After reviewing the agenda, Mr. Pronczak discussed a variety of Board and Commission members whose appointment will expire at the end of the year. The list included:

- Board of Appeals – Bill Lutz
- Park & Open Space – Pat Foley & Charles (Peck) Christine
- Planning Commission – Brad Tate & Rick Shorin
- ENPWJSA – Roman Pronczak
- Shade Tree Commission – David Kopp
- Zoning Hearing Board – Kathryn Schilling
- Wissahickon Valley Public Library – Paul Troy & Doug Leard

Mr. Pronczak mentioned that the Board does not need to take action on reappointments this evening, but should begin to consider reappointments in the coming weeks.

The meeting continued with an announcement that Senator Daylin Leach will host a town hall meeting at the Whitpain Township Building at 6:00 p.m. on February 4.

The final topic discussed was a summary of the Operations Committee joint meeting with representatives from the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society to discuss capital improvement at the 1895 School House. As part of the review, the Township hired an architect to evaluate the 1895 School House and create a list of needed improvements. During the meeting, it was agreed that Whitpain's Public Works Department and the

Historical Society will work together to rank needed capital improvement projects on a scale from one to three. Mr. Zucker mentioned that this ranking system will help the Board of Supervisors evaluate and budget for needed improvements in coming years. After further evaluation of the suggested improvements, a presentation will be made to the entire Board of Supervisors that suggests a plan and timeline for these improvements.

When discussion of this topic concluded, the work session meeting ended at 7:48 p.m. and Supervisors met in executive session to discuss legal matters. When the executive session ended at 8:00 p.m., the Supervisors left for 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. Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Vice-Chairman Adam D. Zucker, along with Supervisors Anthony F. Greco, Melissa Murphy Weber and Kenneth F. Wollman were present. Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Assistant Township Manager, David J. Mrochko, Solicitor James J. Garrity, Esq., Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, a Court Reporter and Recording Secretaries Virginia Papale and Patricia Strus were also present. Chairman Frederick R. Conner, Jr. was absent. There were ten members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-Chairman Zucker welcomed everyone to the nineteenth meeting of the year. He then called for a moment of silence to honor those who were affected by the tragedy in Paris the weekend prior to the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Zucker announced that the Board held Budget Work Sessions on Tuesday, October 20th at 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 27th, Thursday November 5th, and Thursday November 12th at 8:30 a.m. in Meeting Room "A". The sessions were open to the public. He also announced that the last Budget Work Session was followed by an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Tonight's Mission Moment was presented by Mrs. Weber, who as part of the finance committee, was pleased to share that for the fourth consecutive year, the Township was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is an indication of the serious financial stewardship carried out by the Township. The 2016 Budget is proposed with no tax increase for the sixth year, with an increase being unlikely over the next four years. Another indication of the stability of the Township's finances is the reaffirmed Aaa rating given by Moody's. Mrs. Weber congratulated the finance team, led by Director Chris Bauman, for jobs well done.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting of November 4, 2015 and the minutes of the November 5, 2015 Budget Work Session. Vice-Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Zucker announced that the public hearing for Conditional Use #29-15, a request from Outfront Media, Inc. will be continued, although the hearing will be opened momentarily to record a bit of information.

Solicitor Garrity opened the hearing to allow short testimony. The hearing was closed after several minutes. A verbatim recording of the proceedings was taken by a Court Reporter and will become part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to continue the hearing for Conditional Use #29-15 to January 19, 2016. Vice-Chairman Zucker called for any discussion from the Board. There was none. He called for discussion from the public. Mr. Ed Petko of 971 Greenbriar Drive and Mr. Bill Travers of 932 Netherwood Drive questioned the last minute continuance. It was explained that information was received late in the afternoon, and as soon as possible, was broadcast on our website, by a special edition of the Wire, and via Twitter, in addition to the postings at the building. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Solicitor Garrity opened the public hearing for Ordinances #343 and #344, which address the acquisition of the purchase of radios through Montgomery County for the Fire Company and the Police Department. The ordinances address the purchase and payment terms with the County. Mr. Garrity noted that with the upgrades to the County system, new radios are required. The County made arrangements for financing, offering no-interest loans. The Fire Company had to purchase its radios through the Township, and will reimburse the Township from Relief Association funds. Mr. Garrity further explained that the County required the ordinances, as there is significant funding that was made available. He asked if the Board had any questions or comments. There were none. He then asked if any member of the audience had questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Garrity closed the hearing and called for a motion.

Upon motion by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman and unanimously approved, Ordinances #343 and #344 were enacted.

A confirming motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to release \$26,249.07 (Release #5) from the escrow fund for 571 Skippack Pike Subdivision, and \$26,011.49 (Release #5) from the escrow fund for Township Line Condos Land Development located at 579-587 Township Line Road. Vice-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 authorize the Township Manager to advertise a public notice regarding Whitpain Township's Wissahickon Creek TMDL Strategy Plan. Vice-Chairman Zucker asked Mr. Pronczak to explain the matter. Mr. Pronczak noted that as part of the water quality requirements of the Wissahickon Creek Watershed, the Township is required to adopt this plan that the Engineering Department has been working on for several years. There will be a public hearing to receive input, which is the reason the advertisement is required. Vice-Chairman Zucker asked if there were any comments from the Board. There were none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve Change Order No. 1 for additional work completed during the repair and resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts at Wentz Run Park and West Side Park by Top-A-Court, LLC from Hatfield, PA in the amount of \$10,887. Vice-Chairman Zucker noted that even with this additional expenditure, the project was completed within budget. There were no additional comments and the motion carried.

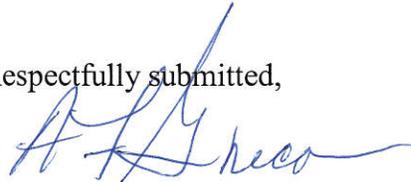
The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board case scheduled to be heard November 19, 2015:

#2059-15, the Malvern School Real Estate, LP.

Vice-Chairman Zucker turned the meeting over to Mrs. Weber who asked for public comment. Mr. Tom Messmer of Penllyn Pike asked if there are similar water quality requirements for the Stony Creek Watershed as the Wissahickon Watershed. Mr. Pronczak explained that the Stony Creek Watershed is altogether different, and at present there are no requirements, although there could be later. Mr. Messmer then asked if the proposed dog park will be privately funded. Mr. Pronczak said the Township will take the lead on the initial construction, and the balance will be funded with memberships and donations. The Township will provide the basics. There were no additional comments.

Mrs. Weber asked if there were any comments from the Board. Vice-Chairman Zucker wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. With no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Greco', written over the typed name.

Anthony F. Greco
Secretary