

WORK SESSION

April 5, 2016

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 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 April 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 Andrew R. Freimuth, 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, Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker. One member of the public was also present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the swearing-in of a new Police Officer, lifesaving commendations, along with recognition of several officers, approval of the March 15 Board of Supervisors' minutes, the March 2016 Voucher List, the February 2016 Treasurer's Report, Resolutions #1118, 1121, 1122 and 1123, authorization to advertise for bids for sanitary sewer line repairs, acceptance of bid for the Village Circle Detention Basin Naturalization Project, various waivers, engineering services related to stormwater management and site design for Wissahickon Park, and the April Zoning Hearing Board cases.

The next item discussed was the roll-out of the Comprehensive Plan. The plan is currently in draft format, but will be on the agenda for Board approval on April 19. Recording a short video for the Township's website and government access channel was discussed. Mr. Conner noted that the most important communication approach moving forward is to highlight efforts to achieve the goals and objectives described in the plan.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting and reviewed a listing of upcoming events, including:

- WRA Opening Day / Parade – Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m.
- Earth Day (Prophecy Creek Park) – Thursday, April 21 at 9:15 a.m.
- Waterfowl Preserve Opening Day – West Ambler – Friday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- Annual Tree Giveaway – Sunday, April 24 at 8:30 a.m.
- Centre Square Fire Company – Groundbreaking for new firehouse followed by a reception and Comedy Night – June 11
- Whitpain Police Association / Parks & Recreation Department Golf Outing – June 13 at Meadowlands Country Club
- Dog Park Ribbon Cutting – Centre Square Park – Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Harvest Festival – September 24 – Montgomery County Community College

After discussion on the listing of upcoming events concluded, Township resident Kimberly Zampirri addressed the Board with concerns that a Planning Commission member had a conflict of interest when speaking about a case that appeared on the Zoning Hearing Board agenda on March 31.

After taking this comment under advisement, Supervisors adjourned the work session meeting at 7:52 p.m. and met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At 8:00 p.m., the executive session ended and 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 Tuesday, April 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., Assistant Township Manager, David J. Mrochko, Solicitor Andrew R. Freimuth, Esq., Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker and Recording Secretaries Virginia Papale and Karen Dolga were also present. There were approximately 50 members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Chairman Zucker, who welcomed a full house. Our customary Mission Moment at the beginning of each meeting highlights the good we are doing, and includes areas where we can improve. Tonight, Chief Lawson has quite a few items, all positive.

Chief Lawson first welcomed the newest addition to the Department, Bianca DeLuca. Officer DeLuca is from King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. She came highly recommended to our Department. In addition to her police duties, Officer DeLuca is an Upper Merion Firefighter. The arduous process to become a Whitpain Officer includes written and oral testing, along with a series of interviews, physical and psychological testing and now field training. Officer DeLuca excelled in all.

Officer DeLuca was sworn in as the Department's Thirty-First Police Officer by District Justice Robert Sobeck.

Mission Moments continued with Chief Lawson, sharing that the Mission Statement of the Police Department and the Township is to protect the health and safety of all. In the fall of 2015, an opiate epidemic presented itself in the region. Montgomery County offered a grant program for training of the use of Narcan, a drug that reverses the effects of an opiate overdose. Lt. Armstrong was instrumental in having all officers trained. The officers embraced the education, as all are positive about doing the right thing. Lifesaving Commendations were awarded to Officers Wilfong, Sweisfurth, Rippert, Gallagher and Buchanan for responding at different times to calls for unresponsive victims. Most often, these situations are not the best for responders, not knowing what will be behind the closed door. In the three incidents highlighted this evening, the officers recognized the possibility of an overdose, administered Narcan, and the victims responded; their lives were saved.

Following the awards, Mr. Conner, on behalf of Commander Ed Curtis of the Daniel Dowling American Legion Post, noted that the Post is eternally grateful for the service of the Whitpain Police. Officers Bealer, Houser, McGuire, Nickel and Chief Lawson were recognized by the Legion for their assistance with Toys for Tots at Christmas. Commander Curtis said they are grateful and appreciative for the Police and he thanked everyone for all

they do. Chairman Zucker added his thanks to everyone, and he welcomed Officer DeLuca as she joins a group of fantastic men and women.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting of March 15, 2016. 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 approve the March 2016 Voucher List in the amount of \$764,338.92, check sequence #57495 through #57753. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the February 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. Wollman to pass Resolution No. 1118 proclaiming April 21, 2016 Earth Day in Whippain Township. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to pass Resolution No. 1121 for the preparation and application to the PA DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) for grant funding for the Wissahickon Park Master Site Development Plan. 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 for bids to repair sanitary sewer lines in the Forest Creek Subdivision. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to accept the bid from JMC Contractors, Inc. for the Village Circle Detention Basin Naturalization Project in the low bid amount of \$174,347. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A collective motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to grant waivers from the requirement of preparing a land development plan for:

- a. the installation of patio and ADA access improvements for an existing office building located at 920 Harvest Drive to Brandywine Realty Trust;
- b. the installation of ADA access improvements for an existing bank building located at 20 Skippack Pike to First Niagara Bank; and
- c. the installation of ADA access improvements for an existing bank building located at 1375 Skippack Pike to Wells Fargo Bank.

All waivers from land development are conditioned upon the review and approval of the site plan by the Township Engineer. 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 pass Resolution No. 1122 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to be submitted to the PA Department of Transportation. The application is required in order to install modifications to the existing traffic signal located at the intersection of Norristown Road, Narcissa Road and Stenton Avenue (the six-point intersection). Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to pass Resolution No. 1123 to approve Final Land Development plans titled "1710 DeKalb Pike", Sheets 1 of 9 through 9 of 9, prepared by Joseph M. Estock Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors, plans last revised on March 18, 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 resolution of items in the review letter from the Township Engineer dated February 23, 2016. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to authorize Chambers Associates, Inc. to proceed with engineering services related to Stormwater Management and Site Design for Wissahickon Park located in the West Ambler area in accordance with their proposal dated March 24, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$12,700. 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 to be heard April 21, 2016:

- No. 2070-16 Henry and Suzy O'Reilly
- No. 2071-16 Henkels & McCoy
- No. 2073-16 Office Court at Walton Point Condominium Association

The following case is continued to May 19, 2016, as requested by the applicant:

- No. 2072-16 LMT Real Estate, LLC

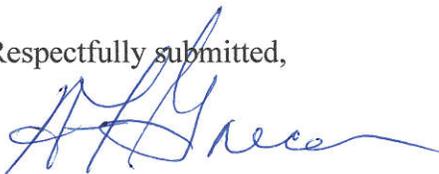
Chairman Zucker turned the meeting over the Vice-Chairman Weber for public comment. Vice-Chairman Weber asked if anyone had public comment. There were no comments. Vice-Chairman Weber followed with announcement of coming events:

April 9 th	Opening Day for WRA with a parade along Skippack Pike, 8:30 a.m.; weather will be monitored closely
April 9 th	PA Turnpike sapling giveaway
April 21 st	Earth Day at Prophecy Creek Park, 9:15 a.m.
April 22 nd	EPA Earth Day in West Ambler, 4 to 6 p.m.
April 24 th	Shade Tree Commission tree giveaway, 8 a.m. at Prophecy Creek Park Shade Tree Commission Pilot Street Tree Program, Residents need to apply for trees
June 11 th	Centre Square Fire Company groundbreaking, late afternoon followed by Comedy Night
TBD	Whitpain Police Association/Parks and Recreation Department Golf Outing
Sept. 18 th	Dog Park Ribbon Cutting
Sept. 24 th	Harvest Festival

Vice-Chairman Weber also announced that the Board met briefly in executive session prior to the public meeting. The Board will not need to meet further after the public meeting.

There was no additional business, and Vice-Chairman Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary