

WORK SESSION

May 5, 2015

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:41 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the May 5, 2015 Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Frederick R. Conner was present with Supervisors Adam D. Zucker, Anthony F. Greco, Melissa M. Weber, and Kenneth F. Wollman. Also present were Township Solicitor James J. Garrity, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Deputy Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew, and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda.

Before the work session began, the Supervisors met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. When the executive session ended, the Supervisors started the work session at 7:41 p.m. and reviewed the agenda discussing three Mission Moment events, approval of the April 21, 2015 Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes, the April 2015 Voucher List, the 2015 Road Resurfacing contracts, adoption of Resolution Nos. 1085, 1086 and 1087, release of funds for Red Fox Farm, advertisement for bids for a new or used roller, advertisement of Ordinance No. 4-239 and Ordinance No. 340, and the May Zoning Hearing Board cases.

After reviewing the agenda, Mr. Pronczak discussed a number of upcoming events including:

- 5/7/2015 – Blue Bell Rotary Gala – 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 5/13/2015 – Wissahickon Creek in Crisis – Time for Action – Germantown Academy
- 5/15/2015 – Big Rig Round-up 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- 5/27/2015 – 5/30/2015 – Centre Square Fire Company Carnival

At 7:55 p.m., the Supervisors adjourned the work session and 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, May 5, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Chairman Frederick R. Conner, Jr., along with Supervisors Adam D. Zucker, 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., Deputy Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E. was absent. There were 100+ people at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Conner welcomed everyone to the ninth meeting of the year. He noted there are three Mission Moment milestones to be celebrated this evening, beginning with the most essential element of our Mission, followed by two key enduring partnerships that enhance our Mission.

Chairman Conner explained that the Board and senior staff has the utmost trust and confidence in Deputy Chief Lawson, first from watching him as his career progressed through the years, and second from the selection process that ensured Deputy Chief Lawson was prepared in every way to step into the difficult and demanding job of Chief of Police.

Mr. Pronczak gave a brief background of Deputy Chief Lawson's career, which began in Whitpain Township in 1985. He quickly moved through the ranks. He is a man who leads by example and has gained my respect and the respect of his coworkers, the community, and the surrounding police departments, as evidenced by the attendance at this meeting. When Chief Smith announced his retirement, a consulting team was retained to perform an assessment. The interview and testing process was vigorous and lengthy, and Deputy Chief Lawson came through with flying colors.

The Honorable Justice Robert Sobeck administered the Oath of Office to Kenneth Lawson, who was surrounded by his wife Tari, and sons Anthony and Grant.

After congratulations were extended, Chief Lawson thanked the Township Manager, the Board of Supervisors and the Department Heads for their support. He thanked his Mother for her support and advice throughout his life. He thanked his Father for being there for him. Continuing, he thanked his friends, fellow officers, fellow Chiefs, the family of firefighters, and his mentor and friend, the late Jim Blake. To his department, he expressed his honor to be chosen as their Chief. And finally, he said he could not have worked in law enforcement for 30 years without the support of his wife, Tari. Chairman Conner again expressed the confidence and support of Chief Lawson to lead the Department.

The second Mission Moment is exemplified by the first responders in attendance who ensure the safety of all who live and work in Whitpain Township. The value of partnership is integral to the Township. This evening, the Township will memorialize the achievements of members of the Centre Square Fire Company.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker, to pass Resolution No. 1087, honoring the Centre Square Fire Company award recipients. Chairman Conner called for any additional discussion. There was none and the motion carried. The Resolution was presented to Chief Miller.

The third recognition honors our partnership with the Rotary Club of Blue Bell.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to pass Resolution No. 1085, honoring the Rotary Club of Blue Bell as they celebrate 25 years' of service in Whitpain Township and the surrounding communities. Chairman Conner called for any further discussion. There was none and the motion carried. The Resolution was presented to Joanne Messerschmidt, along with a Campership Certificate to be awarded as they see fit.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Board meeting. 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 the April 2015 Voucher List in the amount of \$874,303.09, check sequence #54746 through #54993. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to award the 2015 Road Resurfacing contracts as follows:

- a. Asphalt Paving Systems of Hammonton, NJ for Type A Ralumac (microsurfacing) single application w/crack seal treatment in the low bid amount of \$1.99/sq. yd. for a total of \$133,330; for Type A Ralumac (microsurfacing) single application w/out crack seal treatment in the low bid amount of \$1.89/sq. yd. for a total of \$113,400; and for Type A Ralumac (microsurfacing) double application in the low bid amount of \$2.99/ sq. yd. for a total of \$149,500.
- b. AMS of Center Valley, PA for Ultra-Thin Lift Friction Course (Novachip) in the low bid amount of \$5.38/sq. yd. for a total of \$538,000; and for delivery and application of 8,000 gallons of CRS-II PM in the low bid amount of \$2.94/gal. for a total of \$23,520.
- c. Crafcoc, Inc. of Chandler, AZ for Polypatch in the low bid amount of \$.94/lb. for a total of \$18,800; and for Polyflex in the low bid amount of \$.57/lb. for a total of \$11,400.

Chairman Conner noted that the bids were reviewed and the awarded contracts are the best value for the Township. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to pass Resolution No. 1086 to approve Preliminary and Final Land Development plans titled "Preliminary & Final Land Development Plans for 775 Penllyn-Blue Bell Pike, Sheets CS-101 & CE-101, prepared by Holmes Cunningham Engineering, plans dated February 18, 2015 and last revised April 22, 2015 in accordance with Section 509(b) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code, conditioned upon execution of a Developer's Agreement, posting of financial security, and resolution of items in the review letter from the Township Engineer dated March 24, 2015. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A confirming motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to release \$47,378.92 (Release #7) from the escrow fund for Red Fox Farm Subdivision/Land Development located at 1895 Skippack Pike. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Township Manager to advertise for bids for the purchase of a new or used (less than 300 hours) 7-to-10 ton vibratory highway roller for the Public Works Department, as budgeted. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Township Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 4-239, Airport Overlay District, an ordinance amending the Whitpain Township Zoning Map to create the "Airport Overlay District" to designate the appropriate airport areas in Whitpain Township; and amending the Code of the Township of Whitpain, Part II (General Legislation), Chapter 160 (Zoning) to add a new Article XXVA entitled "Airport Overlay District" to establish regulations for airport facilities in the Township, including: legislative intent; creation of overlay district; use regulations; and special regulations related to operating certificates, runways, sign and residential housing. Chairman Conner 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 May 21, 2015:

#2038-15	Gwyndolen & Stephen Bryant
#2041-15	NVR, Inc. (Ryan Homes)
#2042-15	C. Alex & Tara Bahn
#2043-15	Amber Power Sports, LLC/Bevilacqua

The Planning Commission will review these cases at its May 12, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Township Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 340, an ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania authorizing, among other things, the incurring non-electoral debt to be evidenced by its General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2015 (Tax-Exempt) and its General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2015 (Federally Taxable), in a not-to-exceed maximum aggregate principal amount as shall be set forth in the ordinance. Chairman Conner explained that this is a motion to advertise, and it will be discussed at the next Board meeting. It is related to Meadowlands and open space projects and initiatives. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to appoint Roman M. Pronczak, P.E. as acting Township Engineer during any absences of the Township Engineer. Chairman Conner called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

Chairman Conner turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Zucker, who asked if any member of the audience wished to make public comment. There were no comments. He asked if any member of the Board had any old or new business to discuss. Chairman Conner expressed his appreciation for the impressive turnout for Chief Lawson's appointment. Chief Lawson has had an impressive and inspiring career with Whitpain Township, and has the full trust and confidence of the Board in his new position as Chief. It is a well-deserved appointment.

Chairman Conner noted that the Board met in executive session to discuss a legal matter.

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Zucker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary

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