

WORK SESSION

July 19, 2016

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 19, 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 July 19, 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, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew. Susan Mudambi, Chair of the Park and Open Space Board was also present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moments, approval of the June 21st meeting minutes, the June Voucher List, the May Treasurer's Report, public hearings for Ordinance Nos. 340 and 349, approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for an alternative TMDL plan for Wissahickon Creek, Resolution Nos. 1138 and 1139, an amendment to the Land Development and Financial Security Agreement for Deer Hollow, a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 350, authorization for McMahan Associates to proceed with services in the West Ambler area for the Railroad Avenue Sound Wall Project, award of contracts for a sanitary sewer project and the 2016 leaf collection and a review of the Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled for July 21st.

At 7:54 p.m., the work session ended and the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

When the public meeting ended at 9:13 p.m., the work session resumed and Mr. Baker presented a dog park operational plan update along with Park and Open Space Board member John Casani. Mr. Baker indicated that months of research and information gathering from municipalities across the state and county informed the dog park rules and regulations. Users of the dog park will pay an annual registration fee, attend an orientation class, and abide by a variety of specific rules. Township staff is closely monitoring the condition of the grass on the new park which has been slow to grow given the dry conditions experienced this summer.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by reminding Supervisors that a proposed budget calendar has been placed in their packet and should be reviewed for possible scheduling conflicts. If the budget is adopted at the first meeting in December, it is possible that Supervisors may elect to cancel the second meeting in December.

The meeting continued with Mr. Pronczak discussing Wings Field's application for a multi-modal transportation grant to help fund a new hangar at the airport. Mr. Pronczak will update the board on the status of this grant application in the future.

The final topic discussed was an update in a Conditional Use Application submitted for Normandy Farm Estates. The applicant has granted a 60-day extension which will enable review by the Planning Commission in early September before the application appears before the Board of Supervisors at their second meeting in September.

When discussion on this matter ended, the work session meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m. and the Board met in executive session to continue discussions on legal and personnel matters.



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, July 19, 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 Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda were absent. There were approximately 15 members of the public at the meeting.

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

Chairman Zucker explained that the Mission, Vision and Values Statement adopted by the Board several years ago led to the practice of highlighting a Mission Moment at the beginning of each meeting. Tonight's meeting exemplifies the commitment of the Mission, Vision and Values Statement. We honor St. Dunstan's for its 50th Anniversary, and we will have a presentation on this year's Road Resurfacing Program.

Chairman Zucker read the Proclamation to be presented to St. Dunstan's. Upon motion by Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Conner and unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Zucker presented the Proclamation to members of St. Dunstan's who are in attendance this evening including: Gertrude Knapp, John Ruser, Charles Stehle, David Martin, Bunny Wagner, Sue Ball and Liz Willoughby. Chairman Zucker added that St. Dunstan's has done quite a bit for the community, as shepherds, in providing a polling site and its annual flea market. He thanked them for their presence.

Chairman Zucker then asked Mr. Cione to present information regarding the 2016 Road Resurfacing Program. Mr. Cione said that in addition to snow plowing, road resurfacing is the most visible task performed by the department. The 2016 program is underway, with 26 roads covering 7+ miles scheduled to be resurfaced. This is average. The current schedule is to resurface all roads on an 8-to-10 year schedule. The schedule is on the Township's website, and will be updated when necessary. Mr. Cione added that as part of the program, Township Line Road (north) between Rt. 202 and the Upper Gwynedd Township border has been scheduled for resurfacing. This project will include added storm drainage and shoulder repairs on Township Line Road.

The funds to cover the program come from the Liquid Fuels Fund, Capital Fund and General Fund allocations. Preparation begins one-to-two years in advance of the paving, with televising the sanitary sewer lines, making repairs to manholes and conveyance lines, inspecting storm sewer pipes and inlet structures, making repairs to those structures, pothole

repairs, crack sealing, curb line milling, tree trimming and curb repairs. The repairs to the systems also aid in compliance with MS4 regulations. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Cione asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Conner asked if any curb repairs are being done other than in the Briar Hill area of the Township. Mr. Cione said there are some epoxy repairs to be made in The Mews subdivision, although nothing extensive.

Mr. Conner further commented on the herbicide application that the state is making on its roadways. It seems much more prevalent than in the past and is possibly weather related. Mr. Pronczak noted that it is a combination of the materials applied and the current temperatures. Mr. Conner asked that the Shade Tree Commission be directed to contact the state if they have any questions or concerns. Prior to the conclusion of this discussion, Mr. Cione noted that the Township is beginning the second phase of the tree assessment program. This is a proactive plan with the Shade Tree Commission to prevent power outages by removing dead trees that are in the vicinity of power lines.

Chairman Zucker thanked the members of St. Dunstan's for exemplifying the value of partnerships as stated in our Mission, Vision and Values statement. He also thanked Mr. Cione for the work the department is doing to carry out the Mission of the Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016 Board of Supervisors' meeting. 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 June Voucher List in the amount of \$701,969.26, check sequence #58198 through #58495. 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 May 2016 Treasurer's Report. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner commented that Chris Bauman has done a fine job on the Treasurer's Report. We are in good shape, ahead of projections, and behind in expenses, as we go into the budget season. There were no further comments and the motion carried.

As advertised, a public hearing on Ordinance No. 340 was opened by Chairman Zucker. The Ordinance authorizes the Township to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement for the development of an Alternative TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) Plan for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed.

A Court Reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript will be made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Chairman Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Conner to continue the hearing on Ordinance No. 340 to August 2, 2016 at 8 p.m., the date of the next Board of Supervisors' meeting. Consequently, the agenda item approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for an Alternative TMDL Plan has been tabled.

As advertised, a public hearing on Ordinance No. 349 was opened by Chairman Zucker. The Ordinance amends the Code of the Township to add a new parking prohibition on both sides of the Centre Square Park Drive exit driveway from the parking lot east to the centerline of Rt. 202.

A Court Reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript will be made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to enact Ordinance No. 349. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to pass Resolution No. 1138 requesting a Flood Mitigation Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, for streambank restoration and stabilization along the portion of the Wissahickon Creek that traverses through Cedarbrook Country Club. 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 authorize advertisement of proposed Ordinance No. 350, an ordinance amending Chapter 125 of the Code of Whitpain Township, also known as the Stormwater Management Code of Whitpain Township. 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 Amendment of Land Development and Financial Security Agreement for the Deer Hollow Subdivision. The agreement is between Whitpain Township, OHB Homes and Lennar OHB, LLC. Chairman Zucker called for any comment. He explained this covers a transfer in ownership of the development. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to pass Resolution No. 1139 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign an Authorization to Sign and Submit Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application. The grant is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development through funding provided by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner explained this is an effort to study and construct improvements for the Union Meeting Road, School Road and Skippack Pike intersections. Chairman Zucker said the eventual goal is to improve traffic flow and safety along Skippack Pike. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize McMahon Associates to proceed with additional engineering services related to the Survey Base Mapping for the Railroad Avenue Sound Wall Project for the West Ambler Area in

accordance with their Work Authorization Form proposal dated July 7, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. 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 award the contract for the sanitary sewer project in the Forest Creek Subdivision to Eagle Contracting of Chester Springs, PA in the low bid amount of \$56,907.10. 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 award the 2016 Bagged Leaf and Leaf Waste Collection contract to the lowest responsible bidder, BFI Waste Services of PA, LLC of Phoenix, AZ in the low bid amount of \$56,160. 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 July 21, 2016:

#2075-16	Jeremiah Kaplan
#2076-16	Joseph & Dana Morrissey
#2077-16	The Linde Group
#2078-16	Blue Bell Country Club Condominium Association
#2079-16	Pamela & Steven Rosenthal
#2080-16	David & Julie-Ann Stimmel
#2081-16	Moppert Brothers

After discussions with Chief Lawson in an executive session, a motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to accept Chief Lawson's recommendation to terminate the employment of the Whitpain Township Police Officer who had Badge #31, pursuant to Section 2 of the Police Tenure Act, Subsection Nos. 2, 4 and 5. All members of the Board voted aye, and the motion passed with the termination effective immediately. Chairman Zucker noted that this is a personnel matter and there will be no further comment at this time.

Chairman Zucker turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Weber for public comment. Vice-Chairman Weber asked if any member of the public had comments or questions. Ricca Marx, representing Senator Daylin Leach offered assistance on his behalf to anyone who needs it. Ms. Marx was welcomed and thanked for her offer.

Mrs. Weber asked if any member of the Board wished to discuss old or new business. Chairman Zucker said that the events over the past month have been difficult for many people, and in particular, the men and women in law enforcement. Our residents and businesses stepped up to show support for the Whitpain Police Department. Many sent notes and items in appreciation for their service. Chairman Zucker thanked the residents and those who extended support to the finest Police Department in the Commonwealth. Mrs. Weber noted there were many good comments on the story Deanna Durante ran with Chief Lawson

and Chief Tierney of Towamencin Township. Chief Lawson said the interview is posted on the Department's Facebook page. Mr. Wollman asked the Chief his thoughts on the Facebook page, and the Chief responded that it seems to be successful. Chief Lawson said the Department has had much success with the Facebook page, giving assistance in solving cases and becoming an outreach to the community. They've received many views since its inception.

Vice-Chairman Weber announced the following events:

The American Red Cross Blood Drive, July 25th, 1 to 6 p.m.
West Ambler Community Open House, July 26th, two sessions,
1 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m.; many agencies will be represented
Knights of Columbus Blue Mass, Sunday, September 11th, 11 a.m., St. Helena's
Homeowners Association presentation with the Planning Commission,
September 13th
The Dog Park Ribbon-Cutting, September 18th
Dedication of Steuer's Woods, September 18th
Historical Society Open House, September 18th, 1 to 5 p.m.
The Community Festival, September 24th

Mrs. Weber also noted the Board held an executive session prior to the public meeting and will return to executive session after the meeting, with one work session item to be completed. The work session will be held in Meeting Room A prior to the Board returning to executive session. With no additional comments to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary