

WORK SESSION

August 2, 2016

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 2, 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 August 2, 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., Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew. Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko was absent. One member of the public was also present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, approval of the July 19, 2016 minutes, the July Voucher List and the June Treasurer's Report, the continuation of the public hearing on Ordinance No. 340, approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed, authorization to sign an agreement for an evaluation of the Township's sewer system, sale of surplus police vehicles and equipment, Resolution No. 1140, authorization to proceed with engineering services related to the boundary survey of Wissahickon Park, authorization to sign the Flood Mitigation Program Grant Agreement for the Wissahickon Creek streambank project, release of escrow funds and a review of the August Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Mr. Pronczak discussed upcoming events and noted that September will be a busy month. He also provided an update on the Police Department carport that was part of the 2016 Capital Budget.

Mr. Pronczak presented a request from "Meals on Wheels" regarding potential delivery of meals to Whitpain residents by Township officials. Although several Supervisors would like to assist, because the proposed dates were during the work week, they were not able to commit.

Mr. Pronczak discussed an announcement received from SEPTA regarding their annual Service Plan evaluation. Mr. Pronczak indicated that the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan suggests that a new bus route should be considered along Skippack Pike.

At 8:00 PM the Supervisors left for the public meeting.

At approximately 8:50 PM the work session reconvened and the Supervisors continued discussing the SEPTA Service Plan. The Supervisors concurred that a request for an evaluation of the proposed new route on Skippack Pike should be submitted to SEPTA, and added that the Comprehensive Plan Committee should be copied on letter.

Mr. Pronczak discussed an upcoming event that is scheduled at the Daniel Dowling Post on August 27th from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. The Township will assist with providing barricades and will allow parking on the vacant lots on Maple Avenue.

At approximately 9:15 p.m., the work session ended and the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.



Roman M. Pronczak
Whitpain Township 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., 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., Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko was absent. There were two members of the public at the meeting.

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

Chairman Zucker began by noting that we start each meeting with a Mission Moment, the result of the Mission, Vision and Values Statement adopted by the Board several years ago. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Conner. Mr. Conner welcomed everyone, and began the presentation by restating the Mission of the Township. As part of the rollout of the concept for Wissahickon Park, key to the proposed development is the noting where we stand on our Vision, not only with the enhancement of public safety, but also the quality of life for all. Mr. Pronczak added that it is important to note when the Mission Statement was adopted, the Supervisors also concentrated on five values: Integrity, Stewardship, Responsiveness, Respect and Partnership. The two key values related to this project are stewardship and partnership. Wissahickon Park was closed in 1984 due to concerns of contamination. Whitpain's goal has always been to reopen the park as soon as it was safe to do so. In an overview of the proposal, Mr. Pronczak said the Wissahickon Boys and Girls Club is proposed to be the centerpiece of the park, to include a state-of-the-art education facility to serve families in the area including over 900 economically disadvantaged children, 200 of them considered at-risk. Mr. Pronczak continued by noting the project also involves partnerships, including Whitpain Township, the North Penn Valley Boys and Girls Club, Whitpain Recreation Association and numerous private donors. Also included are the Wissahickon School District and neighboring municipalities. The proposal will be a catalyst for multi-municipal revitalization, and is consistent with the West Ambler Revitalization Action Plan and the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Pronczak said the presentation will be posted on the website. He encouraged residents to review it and send any questions or comments to the Board.

Mr. Conner added that there are additional partners, including Rick Collier, President of the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (WVWA), David Froehlich, and the BoRit Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG). There were many positive reviews offered during the recent West Ambler Community Open House.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 Board of Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wollman, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to approve the July Voucher List in the amount of \$901,354.52, check sequence #58496 through #58748. 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 2016 Treasurer's Report. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

As announced, the hearing on Ordinance No. 340 was reopened after being continued at the last meeting. This Ordinance authorizes the Township to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement for the development of an Alternative TMDL 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 Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to enact Ordinance No. 340. 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 approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Development of a plan for an Alternative TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek Watershed, as authorized by Resolution No. 1109 passed January 19, 2016. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Vice-Chairman Weber asked for a point of clarification between the resolution and the ordinance. Mr. Bartle confirmed it is a codifying act and said the law requires that in order to take action with a governmental agreement, it must be authorized by ordinance. The motion is authorized by ordinance, and now the agreement is being passed by motion. The ordinance is the legislative act, the agreement, an administrative act. Mr. Conner commented that the transmittal letter should include the concerns voiced and expressed during the hearing. Chairman Zucker called for any additional comments. There were none and the motion passed. Mr. Collier thanked the Board for its due diligence and for passing the agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Township Manager to sign an agreement with AUS Consultants of Camp Hill, PA to proceed with an evaluation of the Township's sewer system in the amount of \$33,000, per their proposal submitted July 18, 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 sell the following surplus police vehicles through JJ Kane Auctioneers on August 20, 2016:

2010 Ford Escape	VIN1FMCU9DG4HKC58536	89,944 miles
2006 Chrysler 300	VIN2C3LA53G46H125902	77,147 miles

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 sell the following police vehicle equipment parts through Municibid, including one (1) Sentina push bumper, one (1) car seat insert and three (3) seat partitions. 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. 1140 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 DeKalb and Skippack Pikes. 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 authorize Chambers Associates, Inc. to proceed with professional engineering services and additional survey services related to a Boundary Survey for Wissahickon Park and its surrounding area located in West Ambler in accordance with their proposal dated July 25, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$7,660. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner commented that there is not a meeting that goes by where we are not approving something for the Park. The West Ambler community needs a little help and this investment will help with future development and improvements. Chairman Zucker called for any additional discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Flood Mitigation Program Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Wissahickon Creek Streambank Restoration and Stabilization Project in the amount of \$297,000. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner commented that this is a partnership for the Township with Cedarbrook Country Club. We worked together to produce this grant for submission. On behalf of the Township and our Cedarbrook partners, thanks to Representative Harper for making this come to fruition. We look forward to working with the Cedarbrook leadership to come up with the fifteen (15%) percent match, which is an essential element to our own TMDL plan. Mr. Pronczak added that there is a two-year period within which to complete the work. It cannot start until the grant agreement is received back from the state. The first year will involve planning and permitting, and construction should begin sometime next year. Mr. Wollman asked if the

type of work to be done is similar to the work along the creek bed in the park. Mr. Pronczak responded that it will be similar. However, in addition to streambank stabilization, it will also involve the installation of BMPs to enhance water quality. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to release the following funds from financial security posted for Arborcrest-Hillcrest I, II and III Land Development – Blue Bell Investment Company, LP (LD-01-12):

- (a) \$296,644.06 (Release #1) – Phase 1B;
- (b) \$43,730.00 (Release #1) – Phase 2A;
- (c) \$307,796.75 (Release #1) – Phase 3

Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion passed.

The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled to be heard August 18, 2016:

- #2082-16 Jeffrey C. and Mary Kathleen Lee
- #2083-16 Mark and Melissa Nagata

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. Mr. Jack Maines asked how Item #13 (Wissahickon Streambank Restoration and Stabilization Project) relates to TMDL. Mr. Pronczak responded that it is related in that water quality enhancements will help us meet our requirements and will also help reduce flooding. Mr. Maines asked if this is an EPA regulation, to which Mr. Pronczak answered that the program is administered by PA DEP. Certain requirements have been imposed on municipalities and wastewater treatment facilities. We are looking into alternate ways of meeting the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) requirements. There were no further comments.

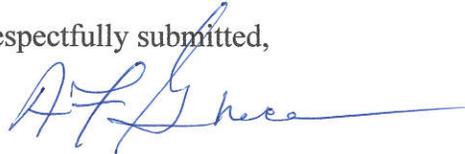
Vice-Chairman Weber announced the following events:

- Knights of Columbus Blue Mass, Sunday, September 11th, 11 a.m., St. Helena's Homeowners Association presentation to the Planning Commission and open to the public on September 13th
- Drive-In Move (TBA) at Montgomery County Community College, September 18th
- The Dog Park Ribbon-Cutting, September 18th at 1 p.m.
- Dedication of Steuer's Woods, September 18th at 1 p.m.
- Historical Society Open House, September 18th, 1 to 5 p.m.
- The Community Festival, September 24th

Vice-Chairman Weber asked if any of her colleagues had questions or comments. Mr. Conner noted that he attended the BoRit CAG meeting the previous evening. The CAG has been operating for approximately ten years; Mr. Conner has participated for nine of them. There are a number of member organizations, including the Whitpain Residents Organization (WRO), the West Ambler Civic Association, and the Daniel Dowling American Legion Post, that are all members of this advisory group. This year the community group was recognized by the EPA as one of the best in the nation. The group provides a valuable service. Through many discussions, sometimes heated, he has certainly been proud to participate, and expressed that it has been a worthwhile effort for the Township to participate, with almost \$25 million spent on 38 acres. We are proud to be participants in this effort.

Vice-Chairman Weber noted the Board will return to its work session, which will be followed by an executive session to discuss legal matters. With no additional matters to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. F. Greco", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony F. Greco
Secretary