

WORK SESSION

September 6, 2016

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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 September 6, 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. One member of the public was also present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, approval of the August 2, 2016 Board meeting minutes, the August Voucher List, the July Treasurer's Report, authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 351, the disposal of surplus vehicles, agreements with the Ambler Whitpain Youth Football Association, authorization to advertise for bids for two motorcycles, the release of construction funds, waiver requests, the COSTARS sodium chloride contract, the award of a stucco contract and the September Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by discussing the following list of events:

- Wings & Wheels – September 10th 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Blue Mass – September 11th 11:00 a.m.
- HOA Presentation – September 13th 6:30 p.m. – Planning Commission Meeting
- Drive-in Movie – Montgomery County Community College – September 16 at dusk
- Steuer Woods Dedication – September 18 11:00 a.m.
- Dog Park – Open House – September 18 at noon
- Historical Society Open House – September 18 at noon
- Community Festival – Montgomery County Community College – September 24

The next topic discussed was a request to perform a Revolutionary War Reenactment along the Green Ribbon Trail. The reenactment would start at Ft. Washington State Park and end at the Evans-Mumbower Mill, spanning several municipalities. At various points along the route, reenactors would fire blanks. Reenactors would carry reproduction antique firearms. Blanks may be discharged at or near the Armentrout and Camp Woods Preserves. Although an exact date has not been selected, organizers have asked to perform the reenactment in October or November. The Township will publicize the event heavily because blanks will be discharged.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by discussing the annual MCATO Fall Convention which is scheduled for Friday, September 30th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Weber, who also serves as MCATO's 1st Vice President, discussed improvements to the convention and encouraged her fellow Board members to attend.

Two recommendations forwarded by the Shade Tree Commission were discussed. These recommendations included increasing the size of the Commission from three to five members and also amending our ordinances to further protect trees. The Operations Committee will review these recommendations and report back to the full Board.

The meeting continued when Mr. Pronczak discussed an upcoming presentation at the November 9 Planning Commission meeting. The presentation focuses on the history of the Liberty Bell Trolley, Whippain's High-Speed Rail.

The last topic discussed was a noise ordinance petition from residence on and around Hallman Drive.

When the work session meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., Supervisors left for the public meeting. When the public meeting adjourned, Supervisors met in executive session to discuss 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, September 6, 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., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, 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, and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Fire Marshal David M. Camarda was absent. There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.

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

The meeting began with the Mission Moment presented by Vice-Chairman Weber. In remembering the events of September 11, 2001, Vice-Chairman Weber shared her thoughts of faith and community in times of need. St. Helena's and its Knights of Columbus Council honors emergency responders each year by holding a Blue Mass for all who serve our community. Vice-Chairman Weber read the Proclamation to be presented this evening. Monsignor Nicolo communicated his thoughts of gratitude for the protection offered by the police and other responders during this era when there is a lack of respect for them. The Parish and the Council chose to support those in service by offering the Blue Mass every year, this being the tenth. If it wasn't for those who serve the community, this area would not be as great as it is today. He offered blessings for the police, fire and emergency responders who always come to their aid. Chairman Zucker thanked everyone for a great Mission Moment.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to approve the minutes of the August 2, 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 Mrs. Weber to approve the August Voucher List in the amount of \$865,543.96, check sequence #58749 through #59012. 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 2016 Treasurer's Report. 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 the Township Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 351, an Ordinance amending the Township's Code, Chapter 38 (Planning Commission) to add a new §38-7 (Alternate Members) making

provision for alternate member appointment by resolution; prohibition for alternate members serving on the Township's Zoning Hearing Board or as the Township's Zoning Officer; term of office; basis for appointment; continuation of appointment until decision; and case-designation of appointed alternate members. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Chairman Zucker explained that this is an effort by the Board of Supervisors to ensure there are alternate members available to serve in the event of an absence or illness of a standing member. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to dispose of the following surplus vehicles at JJ Kane Auctioneers in Plymouth Meeting, PA: (1) 1993 GMC Top-Kick Dump Truck, VIN1GDP7H1J2PJ502895, and (1) 2002 Ford F350, VIN 1FDWF37FX2ED36406. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Whitpain Township and the Ambler Whitpain Youth Football Association regarding terms of use for the property known as Stony Creek Park. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner said that this item, along with the following one, solidifies our partnership with the Ambler-Whitpain Youth Football which has existed for 20 years. The new facility includes restrooms, storage and a permanent concession stand to support the programs. Vice-Chairman Weber thanked her colleagues for listening to her requests to work with the Association as far as providing bathroom facilities for anyone utilizing the park. Having the same facilities as competing teams will help the Trojans advance in the sense the teams will have what others have, along with supporting efforts for organized sports that teaches children so much. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Weber, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign a Lease Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Ambler Whitpain Youth Football Association for the property known as Stony Creek Park. 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 the Township Manager to advertise for bids to replace two Harley-Davidson motorcycles through PennBid. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner noted that these two vehicles are an important part of the public safety fleet. These assets are important to the police mission and he recommends that this authorization moves forward. There were no additional comments and the motion passed.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mrs. Weber to authorize the release of funds in the amount of:

- a. \$1,072,876.20 (Release #1) that have been posted to secure the completion of the DeKalb Pike Roadway Improvements, from the escrow funds for Centre Square Commons, LP for the project located at 938-1010 DeKalb Pike;
- b. \$8,828.50 (Release #7) from the escrow fund for Gable Estates Land Development located at 960 Morris Road.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to grant waiver requests from the requirement of preparing a land development plan to:

- a. the Blue Bell Country Club Community Association for the installation of a golf net at 1760 Golfview Drive;
- b. Reeves Properties, LLC for the installation of patio and walkway improvements at 152 Mathers Road.

The waivers from land development are conditioned upon the review and approval of the site plans by the Township Engineer. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner said these requests are in keeping with the precedent on waivers of this nature. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Wollman to piggyback the COSTARS contract for sodium chloride (bulk road salt) for the contract period August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 at the contract price of \$59.95/ton through Morton Salt of Chicago, IL. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Conner to award the contract for the 1895 School House Stucco Project to Jones Masonry Restoration Corporation of Harrisburg, PA in the low bid amount of \$128,000. Chairman Zucker called for any discussion. Mr. Conner remarked that our partnership with the Historical Society is strong. This much needed work solidifies our relationship with them. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Prior to any discussions regarding the September Zoning Hearing Board cases, Mrs. Weber, on the record, recused herself from any deliberations that might transpire regarding Application #2088-16, which is hers and her husband's. This would include abstaining from any vote.

With reference to Application #2087-16, Bob Downs, in-house counsel for the applicant, and Dave Cavanaugh of Land Concepts, LLC gave a brief presentation to support the requested variance for parking relief specific to the property located at 25 Skippack Pike, Ambler, PA. Following the presentation, there were several questions from the Board members. All agreed that the presentation should go before the Zoning Hearing Board without input from the Supervisors.

The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled to be heard September 15, 2016, with Mrs. Weber recusing herself on case #2088-16:

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| #2084-16 | PJs Enterprises, LLC, dba PJ Whelihans Restaurant and Pub |
| #2085-16 | Stephen & Sallie Strayer |
| #2087-16 | Polergadom 2, LLC |
| #2088-16 | Melissa & Robert Weber |

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. There were none.

Vice-Chairman Weber announced the following events:

September 11th at 11 a.m. – Blue Mass at St. Helena’s
September 13th – Homeowners Association Presentation to the Planning Commission
September 16th – Drive-In Movie at MCCC, “Captain America – Civil War”,
marking the end of the series of outdoor events for 2016
September 18th from 1 to 5 p.m. there will be a number of events:

1. at Centre Square Park:
 - a. Ribbon cutting at the Dog Park
 - b. Dedication of Steuer Woods
2. Historical Society Open House where many different homes will be open to the public
3. Additional open house events at the Whitpain Police Department, the Centre Square Fire Company, and Second Alarmers Rescue Squad

September 24th beginning at 11 a.m., the Annual Community Festival will be held at the Montgomery County Community College

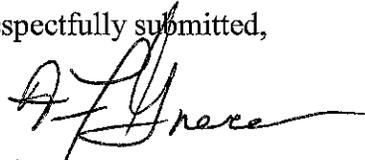
Vice-Chairman Weber called for any additional comments from the Board. Mr. Wollman added there will be an event, Lakefest at the Barn at Mermaid, to benefit the Centre Square Fire Company on September 11th from noon to 7 p.m. Donation is \$20. Chairman Zucker said the Annual Wings and Wheels event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 10th at Wings Field. Mr. Conner said there are many events being held, and he commended the entire staff for a job very well done.

Vice-Chairman Weber noted that the Board completed its work session items and will retire to executive session to discuss legal matters.

Resident Robert Whittock mentioned there are flyers announcing the open house, and there will be 30 booklets distributed at each of the sites holding open houses.

With no additional matters to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Weber moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. F. Greco", written in a cursive style.

Anthony F. Greco
Secretary

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