

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
March 28, 2018**

Township Supervisors:

Mr. Chris Pielli, Esq., Chair
Ms. Robin Stuntebeck, Vice-Chair
Ms. Mary R. LaSota, Esq., Member
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Member
Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Bill Webb, Township Zoning Officer
Ms. Rebecca Geiser, Township Solicitor
Mr. David Brooman, Special Counsel

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chair Chris Pielli, at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. The monthly Board of Supervisors meeting was postponed from March 20, 2018 due to inclement weather.

Mr. Pielli opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Pielli requested that all audience members silence their cell phones.

Mr. Pielli made notice to all members of the public in attendance that they may be recorded via audio and video by other members of the public.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Mr. David Brooman of High Swartz for the monthly Sunoco Mariner II update. Mr. Brooman stated that the Township's request for reconsideration was denied. He stated that it is Sunoco's position that they do not need the SPLP "use area" valve. Mr. Brooman stated that hearings are scheduled on the Township's case before the PUC on April 25th and 26th with briefs then due on April 28th with final resolution to the case by September 2018.

Mr. Brooman discussed the recent sinkhole issue in West Whiteland Township and their impact on the Mariner I line, currently in service. He stated that the PUC shut down the Mariner I line. Mr. Brooman stated that West Goshen Township had a geology expert at Gilmore & Associates examine the possibility of sinkholes in West Goshen Township, and that due to a different geologic formation in West Goshen, there is no risk of sinkholes like those in West Goshen due to the lack of limestone formations in West Goshen Township.

Mr. Pielli stated his concern about sinkholes forming as a result of the Sunoco drilling.

Mr. Brooman departed the Board meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Pielli introduced Resolution 6-2018, regarding the Board of Supervisors policy on public comment. Mr. LaLonde read aloud the draft Resolution.

A discussion among Board members and staff occurred, which resulted in several changes, including replacing "mandatory" language to "encouraged to" language in the Resolution to allow for flexibility. Mr. LaLonde and the Solicitor will update the Resolution with the proposed changes and circulate to the Board prior to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Ted Murphy stated that public comment is important and is critical for residents and taxpayers to make comment. He thanked the Board for revising the Resolution.

Dr. Douglas White thanked the Board for the Ordinance (sic).

Ms. Maxine Richter stated that she was all in favor of the Resolution. She stated that it is not the Board's job to teach budgeting, etc., and that enforcing the Resolution will take strong leadership. She stated she is strongly in favor of the Board passing the Resolution.

Ms. Susan Charkes commended the Resolution and stated that it will allow for respect and civility.

Mr. Tony Spadacini had comments regarding Sunoco, but will state them during public comment.

Mr. Mike Schor stated that as a resident, he doesn't have any right to interrogate the Board. He stated that questions and answers are not necessary during meetings. He stated he supports the Resolution.

After the discussion, on a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Stuntebeck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 6-2018.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of February 2018. He commended the Township road crew for their efforts on a phenomenal job with snow removal. He stated "you could eat off the Township roads." He announced that while West Chester Police Department is operating out of the West Goshen Police Department, the Police lobby will be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, as West Chester has full-time dispatchers on duty at all times. Chief Gleason announced that Township Police Department Sergeant John Liss has been accepted into the FBI National Academy (FBINA). He stated that the FBINA is a very competitive program that only 1% of law enforcement officials are invited to join and that six West Goshen Township Police Department Officers have been invited to and completed the FBINA training.

Chief Gleason announced that the annual Skat-A-Ram will occur on April 15, 2018 at Iceline, hosted by the West Goshen Township Police Department and open to youth in the West Chester Area School District for one and a half hours of free ice skating and each participant gets a soda and hot dog as well. For more information, please go the Township website at www.westgoshen.org

Chief Gleason announced that on May 23, 2018, the West Goshen Township Police Department is hosting a Naloxone (Narcan) training here at the Township Building. Attendees will receive one free dose of Narcan for attending the training.

Chief Gleason read aloud a statement regarding the West Goshen Township Police Departments readiness and response if a school mass shooting occurs in West Goshen Township. His statement is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of February 2018. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Ms. Testa also gave the Building Inspector Report for the month of February 2018.

Ms. LaSota announced that as part of the Tree City USA designation sought by the Township, we will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with a tree planting at Community Park. A tree was donated by Agway in West Goshen for the event, specifically a Cherokee Princess Dogwood tree. Literary readings will occur, as well as a reading of a Proclamation to be adopted next month by the Board.

Ms. LaSota also announced that private roads not serviced or maintained by the Township will have new signage installed to note "private road" without the Township seal. This signage was need to clarify public versus private roads in the Township and to note to potential property owners of the private ownership of these roads.

Ms. LaSota asked the Board to consider an "Adopt-A-Road" program for Township roads. She stated that stakeholders can adopt one mile section of roadway for periodic cleanups. She stated that Public Works spends a significant amount of staff time on road cleaning.

Ms. Stuntebeck stated that the Township's Comprehensive Plan Task Force held a public workshop on March 27, 2018. She stated that one of the comments to come out of the workshop was, "The best snow plowing on the planet."

Mr. Pielli followed up with comments about the Comprehensive Plan Task Force public workshop and stated that we had a very good turnout. He stated that the public noted the Police Department and Public Works employees. Mr. Pielli stated that the Township Comprehensive Plan is a road map for the future.

Mr. Pielli stated that he and Ms. LaSota participated in a "ride-along" with the Public Works Department during a recent snow storm.

Mr. Pielli announced that the annual Township Easter Egg Hunt and Decorated Hat Parade has been postponed due to inclement weather to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Community Park.

Mr. Meakim praised the work of the Public Works Department during the recent snow storms.

Mr. Purnell agreed with the praise of the Public Works Department. He also stated that the Township Historical Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Township Building and encouraged the public to attend.

Mr. LaLonde requested the Board execute the Financial Security and Maintenance Agreement for the Laurel Ridge residential subdivision project on Pottstown Pike. He stated that the developer is ready to dedicate the roads and other public improvements to the Township. Mr. Craig stated this is the first step in the dedication process.

Mr. Craig stated that the Township's MS4 stormwater permit was due to be renewed on March 19, 2018. That renewal did not occur, as the permit is still being reviewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). He stated that PADEP received two hundred permit plans and that only thirty percent (30%) had been reviewed thus far and none approved. He stated that PADEP has no timeline on permit approvals. He stated that our plans have not been commented on by PADEP, but any comments will allow for a sixty-day response period for the Township. He stated that all existing stormwater permits are therefore extended.

Mr. Webb announced that the Township Zoning Hearing Board granted relief for 826 Church Avenue for their non-conforming lot issue.

Mr. Webb stated that he attended the Edu-Code conference and received forty (40) continuing education credits for his various licenses and certifications.

Mr. Webb asked for and received consensus by the Board of Supervisors to explore a change to the I-2 Zoning District for the Agway and traffic improvements. On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted unanimously to move forward with this issue.

Mr. Webb thanked the Board of Supervisors for the education funding in the Township budget. Mr. Webb is pursuing his Masters of Public Administration at West Chester University and recent was nominated for the Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Administration.

On a motion by Ms. LaSota, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of February 20, 2018 with all proposed amendments.

Ms. LaSota stated that she is employed by the law firm of High Swartz and that she began working with them in September of last year, they are also our Counsel for the Sunoco issue and they were hired before I became a

Supervisor so I had nothing to do with their hiring. Ms. LaSota stated that "I hereby recuse myself from voting on any or all invoices payable to High Swartz as I am an employee of that law firm."

On a motion by Ms. Stuntebeck, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2018 for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, and invoices from High Swartz. The vote was 4-0-1 with Ms. LaSota abstaining.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the balance of the bills to be paid.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Ms. Stuntebeck to provide an update on the Township employee recognition program efforts.

Ms. Stuntebeck stated that she had the pleasure of working with Casey LaLonde, Derek Davis and Jennifer Latzer for their work on the employee recognition program. Ms. LaSota introduced Ms. Latzer in the audience. Ms. Stuntebeck stated that the group met several times to examine what an employee recognition program should look like. She stated that the group discussed what is currently offered to employees and what improvements could be made for employee recognition. Items for recognition could include praise by Township residents for service, longevity and innovation brought forward by employees. She stated that Ms. Latzer produced a survey asking the employees what they would like to see in a recognition program. Those survey results were then provided to the Board for consideration of possible additions to the recognition program. With those results, the Board is going to conduct more research and due diligence on those additions to the program as to costs and impact. And finally, Ms. Stuntebeck stated that at the next Board meeting, those employees with twenty or twenty-five years of service will be honored.

Ms. LaSota thanked Ms. Latzer for the comprehensive and well-written memorandum on the employee survey.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 7-2018, regarding revised traffic signals for Chester County Hospital.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 8-2018, establishing "No Trucks" for the intersection of Marshall Street and Goshen Road and enacting a 25-MPH speed limit from 300 feet south of Nottingham Drive to Greenhill Road on Airport Road.

Mr. Bob Sheller thanked the Board for the public comment Resolution. He thanked Chief Gleason, stating that the Chief is too humble about the FBI National Academy, as only one percent of international police officers are in the program and for West Goshen Township to have six members is amazing.

Tony Spadaccini had comments regarding Sunoco. He stated that he moved into the Township in 2016. He provided information to the Board on natural gas line pressures and evacuation distances. He said that HVL's (highly volatile liquids) are disproportionate to the number of incidents.

Mr. Dan Sevick, Treasurer of The Links homeowners' association, asked that the Township take over payment of the two fire hydrants located inside The Links development. He stated that the subdivision's developer never paid the hydrant bills and their hydrants were shut off.

Mr. Ted Murphy, Chair of the Township Sewer Authority, provided a sewer plant update. He stated that construction is underway on several projects and that the life expectancy was long over for many components of the plant. He stated that the rate study is underway and will be updated at next week's Sewer Authority meeting. He stated that the rate components include operation and maintenance, capital upgrades and bond payments. Ms. Stuntebeck asked if the rate includes a capital fund. Mr. Murphy responded, yes. And finally, Mr. Murphy stated that the Authority will most likely recommend a rate increase in 2019.

Mr. Mike Schor stated that the Township does a good job on the roads. On the employee recognition program, he stated to "keep the politics out of the process." Ms. Stuntebeck stated that Township staff are in charge of the program. Mr. Schor stated that any Township expenses for the Police Department for the recent student walkout at West Chester Area School District should be reimbursed by the District. And finally, he stated that on the topic of pipeline safety, the pipeline operators can't publicly discuss safety measures, but should discuss safety with officials.

Dr. Douglas White thanked all of the long-time employees and elected officials.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session regarding litigation on March 28, 2018.

Please view this meeting's video recording via YouTube with the link located at www.westgoshen.org.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary

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