

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 13, 2017**

Township Supervisors:

Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr.
Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Philip J. Corvo, Member
Mr. Raymond H. Halvorsen, Member
Mr. Chris Pielli, Esq., Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Rick Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Bill Webb, Township Zoning Officer
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor
Mr. Mark Fischer, Special Counsel

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Edward G. Meakim, at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Meakim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mr. Meakim 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. Meakim turned the meeting over to Mark Fischer, Township Special Counsel. Mr. Fischer stated that the Public Utility Commission may hear Sunoco's request to overturn the injunction at their December 21st meeting or in early January. He stated that discovery for the case continues. Hearings will begin in February and continue through April for the Township's case in 2018.

There being no questions for Mr. Fischer, he departed the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Captain Greg Stone provided the Police Report for the month of November 2017.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of November 2017. Ms. Testa gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. John Beswick provided the Building Inspector Report for the month of November 2017.

Mr. Halvorsen thanked the Board of Supervisors and the residents of West Goshen Township and that he was honored to serve the Township in his capacity as Township Supervisor. He stated that he gave 33 years of service to West Goshen and that we live in a 5-star Township.

Mr. Corvo thanked everyone and stated that through his efforts the Board of Supervisors was expanded from 3 to 5 members and moved the meeting times to 7:00 p.m.. He stated that he is not ready for retirement.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and staff, Mr. LaLonde presented Mr. Halvorsen and Mr. Corvo with plaques thanking them for their years of dedicated service to West Goshen Township.

Mr. LaLonde announced that fall leaf collection is scheduled for Saturday, December 16th. Mr. LaLonde read aloud a letter required by the Pennsylvania Township 2nd Class Code that Ms. Robin Stuntebeck has chosen to take the Township's health insurance coverage starting on January 1, 2018 in her new role as Township Supervisor. Mr. LaLonde announced that beginning in January, 2018, the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m., on the third Tuesday of each month, with the first meeting being held on January 16, 2018 and that the Township Planning Commission is moving their meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Douglas White presented plaques to Mr. Halvorsen and Mr. Corvo in recognition of their years of service as Supervisors to West Goshen Township.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of November 8, 2017 with the various changes requested by Ms. Margie Swart.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2017 for the General Fund, the Sewer Fund Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, and the bills to be paid from these funds.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the Final Subdivision Plan for two residential lots for Corrado and Daniel Iacovella at 208 Long Lane.

Mr. Tom Casey asked that the DROP legislation be moved before the Police contract discussion and approval.

After a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 10-2017, Deferred Retirement Option Program, in conjunction with the 2018-2022 West Goshen Township Police Officers' Association Contract.

After a discussion, on a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved the 2018-2022 West Goshen Township Police Officers' Association Contract.

Mr. Purnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meakim, to adopt Resolution 20-2017, adopting the 2018 General Fund Budget, Sewer Fund Budget, Waste & Recycling Fund Budget, State Highway Fund Budget and Capital Reserve Fund Budget and Five-Year Capital Plan and Budget Projects.

Ms. Margie Swart had several comments and questions. She stated that the budget adoption process was a violation of The Sunshine Act. Ms. Camp stated that the Township held two specific budget workshops and that she failed to attend either meeting.

Ms. Swart stated the following: On Page 2, should state General Fund in paragraph 2; On Page 6, the \$2M is not shown; Tax Collector Bond – Ms. Denham answered it is issued every four years; Buildings wages; She asked about the "Fire Pension" and if the Township has a pension plan for the volunteer firefighters. Ms. Denham answered that this is the pass-through funding from the Commonwealth for the two Fire Companies and that the funds are for the "Fire Relief Associations;" She asked about fire hydrants and who pays for public and private hydrants; She asked what allocation the Township Manager's salary is paid for from the Sewer Fund; Ms. Swart had several other questions and the entirety of her questions and answers may be viewed at www.westgoshen.org as this meeting was taped and placed on YouTube.

Mr. Mike Short stated that the Township does an excellent job. He stated that the pipeline legal costs are going up and he would like to see the pipeline legal fees be reallocated to parks or other expenses.

Mr. Pielli stated that there are many differing opinions on how the budget process should work. He stated that this is the best budget he has seen in his two years on the Board and we should proceed with the vote.

Mr. Tom Casey stated that he believes the budget should be reduced by 1%. He asked what have been the Sunoco pipeline legal costs to date. Mr. LaLonde stated that the Township has spent over \$500,000 on legal costs, primarily with the Special Counsel. Mr. Casey stated that Right-To-Know case legal fees should be reviewed.

After the budget discussion, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 20-2017.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 21-2017, establishing the 2018 Real Estate Tax at 2.00 mills.

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On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 22-2017, prohibiting the location of a Category 4 Casino facility within West Goshen Township.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board voted unanimously to maintain Vanguard as the Township's pension advisor. Mr. LaLonde explained that the Township had gone through the required Pennsylvania Act 44 process for due diligence purposes on examining the Township's Pension Fund Advisory Services and determined that Vanguard provided the best service and lowest costs to the three Pension Plans.

Ms. Maxine Richter stated that she has lived in many municipalities and two different countries and that this Board of Supervisors always sets aside politics for the benefit of West Goshen Township. She stated she has not seen this bipartisan spirit anywhere else. She praised the Board for their patience.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. and move into the Conditional Use Hearing 5-2017.

The Board began the Conditional Use Hearing for Internet-only car sales for Felix Collection, LLC at 325 Westtown Road at 9:00 p.m. with the Hearing ending at 9:10 p.m.

See Official Transcript

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary