

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
January 16, 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. Tom Oeste, 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 Chair Chris Pielli, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2018 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. 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. Mark Fischer of High Swartz for the monthly Sunoco Mariner II update. Mr. Fischer stated that since the last public Board meeting, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, at their December 21st meeting, discontinued the injunction against Sunoco conducting work in West Goshen Township due to the fact that the valve station was not going to be installed in the disputed location. The PUC's decision was made available on January 9, 2018. Mr. Fischer stated that the Board of Supervisors is considering a petition to reinstate the injunction. He Stated that written testimony is due to the PUC from the Township and that hearings will occur over the next several months with a PUC decision by summer, 2018.

Mr. Tom Casey asked what remedy does the Township have to force the safety valve back to the original location. Mr. Pielli responded that the Township is filing a petition and interlocutory appeal. Mr. Pielli stated that the valve is needed for public safety.

Mr. Tom Casey asked extensive questions regarding the Settlement Agreement. Please see the video recorded meeting at www.westgoshen.org for more details.

Ms. Inga Wallen asked if Sunoco could be decertified as a Public Utility. Mr. Fischer stated that on many occasions throughout the Commonwealth, courts have determined that Sunoco is a Public Utility, so no. Mr. Fischer stated that the PA DEP is much more active now enforcing PA laws. A lengthy discussion ensued. Please see the video recorded meeting at www.westgoshen.org for more details.

Ms. Judith Mills asked if the Township's Solicitors have contacted the law offices of Curtin & Heefner. Mr. Fischer responded that his office has been in touch with Curtin & Heefner numerous times.

Mr. Curt Wise asked if the Township may impose fines against Sunoco. Mr. Fischer stated that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has jurisdiction.

Mr. Pielli stated that West Goshen Township may follow East Goshen Township and adopt a Resolution but the Township cannot issue a safety complaint.

Mr. Eric Friedman, Thornbury Township, Delaware County, stated that the valve was intended as a safety device. He stated that the Public Utility Commission concerns him, as they accepted the valve removal so easily. A lengthy discussion ensued. Please see the video recorded meeting at www.westgoshen.org for more details.

As there were no additional questions, Mr. Fischer departed the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of December 2017 and a 2017 annual update. Chief Gleason announced that Skat-a-rama is scheduled for April 15th with more details to come. Chief Gleason also stated that the annual Geiger 5K is scheduled for March 24th.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of December 2017 and a 2017 annual update. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. John Beswick gave the Building Inspector Report for the month of December 2017.

Mr. Pielli announced that the Comprehensive Plan Task Force meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 24th. He stated that a written and online community questionnaire is forthcoming.

Mr. Purnell announced that the Bishop's Lodge home on Goshen Road was been torn down.

Mr. Webb announced that the Township Zoning Hearing Board has scheduled their reorganization for 7:00 p.m., February 8th.

Mr. Purnell moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017 and January 2, 2018 with a second from Ms. Stuntebeck. Dr. Douglas White requested that the September 18, 2018 meeting move to another date due to the Rosh Hashanah holiday. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to move the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting to September 20, 2018.

Ms. Margie Swart had several comments about the December 13, 2017 meeting minutes, including comments regarding the Police Contract DROP Ordinance and the Police Contract. Mr. LaLonde asked that Ms. Swart forward him the comments for inclusion in the minutes. After the discussion, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the December 13, 2017 and January 2, 2018 meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report of December 31, 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.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Township Solicitor Tom Oeste who introduced Ordinance No. 1-2018, the Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) for The Woodlands at Greystone project. The entire Ordinance adoption segment of this meeting was captured by a court reporter. The discussion began at 7:43 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m.

See official transcript.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Stuntebeck, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 1-2018.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Mr. Lou Colagreco, representing the Jerrehian family in the Final Subdivision Plan for Jerrehian at the intersection of Phoenixville Pike and Rt. 322 Bypass. Mr. Colagreco stated that this is an intermediate step in The Woodlands at Greystone subdivision project. Mr. Craig stated that this is a lot consolidation.

Mr. Purnell asked about the Serpentine Barrens that exist inside the project's limits. Mr. Colagreco stated that the Barrens will eventually become part of the Township's open space.

Ms. Margie Swart asked who is buying the resulting three large parcels. Mr. Ray Grochowski, the project's engineer, stated that the portion in white (Phase 1) may be purchased in as soon as sixty days by the developer.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved the lot consolidation.

Mr. Pielli announced the creation of a Traffic Safety Committee to review key intersections that may be upgraded to improve traffic safety. Chief Gleason provided a memorandum with problem intersections and their locations. He stated that the Department's Traffic Safety Division looked at the intersections listed in the memo.

Mr. Pielli stated that the Traffic Safety Committee representatives should include the Director of Public Works, the Township Engineer, members of the Department's Traffic Safety Division, etc. Mr. Pielli will formulate a list of representatives and circulate the names.

A discussion of the Township's mailbox replacement policy was started by Ms. LaSota. She stated she received a resident complaint, after the resident stated his mailbox was hit by a Township plow. Ms. LaSota stated the existing policy is generous, with a replacement mailbox and post provided by the Township. She stated that it was her opinion that the Township should also install the mailbox.

Mr. Purnell stated that he agrees that the Township should continue to provide a replacement mailbox and post, but the Township should not install the replacements.

Ms. LaSota stated that the installation should be done by Township employees or a 3rd party contractor at Township expense.

After a lengthy discussion, the issue was tabled to a future meeting.

Mr. Pielli introduced the idea of establishing a Township employee appreciation awards program. He stated that the Township has some very long-term employees and they should be recognized for their service. He suggested studying other programs to recognize our employees and that awards should be publicly announced every quarter.

After a brief discussion, the approval of the Township Finance Department policies, "Purchase Orders and Accounts Payable Policy," and "Cash Disbursement Policy," were tabled to the February meeting. Mr. Purnell stated he would like to review the policies more and provide edits.

Mr. Tom Casey asked the Board of Supervisors if he may work with Ms. Andrea Testa on a risk analysis. Mr. Pielli stated he would check with the Township's Special Counsel and get back to him.

Ms. Margie Swart asked additional questions regarding public vs. private water hydrants located throughout the Township. Township staff present stated that water hydrants on private property are the responsibility of the property owner, while hydrants in public rights-of-way are the Township's responsibility.

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

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Stuntebeck, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary