

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 20, 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
Mr. Dave Sander, 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 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 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 introduced and welcomed Mr. Dave Sander, of the firm The Law Firm of Sean Kilkenny, as the new Township Solicitor.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Mr. David Brooman of High Swartz for the monthly Sunoco Mariner II update. Mr. Brooman stated that following the January 16, 2018 Board meeting, the Township filed a Petition for Reconsideration, or alternatively interlocutory appeal, of the January 9, 2018 Order discontinuing the injunction and asking for the PUC to reinstate the portion of the of the injunction prohibiting Sunoco from performing drilling in the Township in a manner inconsistent with installing a valve on the SPLP Use Area. He stated that the Township also provided written testimony for the upcoming hearings. And finally, the Township's response is due on February 21, 2018 on Sunoco's motion to dismiss the Township's objections. Mr. Brooman stated that work continues on the Township's behalf to meet the scheduling requirements for the upcoming hearings.

Mr. Brooman departed the Board meeting at 7:52 p.m., following the next item on the agenda, the pipeline risk assessment presentation by the Citizens' Risk Assessment Initiative.

Mr. Tom Casey, West Goshen Township resident and Ms. Caroline Hughes, East Goshen Township resident, presented the Citizens' Risk Assessment Initiative plan to have a 3rd party firm conduct a quantitative risk assessment for the Sunoco Mariner pipeline project. Mr. Casey provided details of the content and scope of work for a 3rd party to conduct a risk assessment, to include goals, inputs and outputs. Mr. Casey and Ms. Hughes used Powerpoint slides to highlight their group's efforts to have a quantitative risk assessment conducted.

Ms. Hughes discussed how the quantitative risk assessment would be funded. She stated that a Go Fund Me website has been launched and the initiative has received thousands of dollars in funding from individual contributors. She stated that The Clean Air Council will also receive donations and act to administer the funds with the approval of the Citizens' Risk Assessment Initiative. All contributions are tax deductible.

The verbal presentation by Mr. Casey and Ms. Hughes was captured as part of the Township meeting's video recording and may be viewed at www.westgoshen.org and a copy of the Powerpoint presentation can be obtained by contacting the Township.

Mr. Casey read a statement into the record and asked that the statement be attached as part of these minutes.

Ms. Tinamarie Smith asked when will the assessment begin and what is the process. Mr. Casey stated they have enough funding to start the project but still needs more funding. He stated the overall cost could be between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Mr. Curt Wise asked if Sunoco did a risk assessment. Mr. Casey responded that Sunoco did conduct a risk assessment, but it is not a public document.

Ms. Bobbie Lewis asked if the vendors interested in conducting the risk assessment have been cleared for conflicts of interest with Sunoco. Mr. Casey responded yes, they have been clear and that the vendors have been utilized by PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration).

Mr. Pielli thanked Mr. Casey and Ms. Hughes for their presentation. Mr. Pielli stated that he and his colleagues want to have additional discussions regarding this risk assessment issue.

Captain Greg Stone gave the Police Report for the month of January 2018.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of January 2018. 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 January 2018.

Mr. Pielli announced that the Supervisors and Township staff are continuing to work on Township employee recognition initiatives to recognize long-term employees, employees who devise innovated ideas for Township operations, etc.

Mr. Pielli read aloud a letter from the Board of Supervisors regarding comments made recently by Sunoco representatives. The letter is attached to these minutes and shall be published on the Township website.

In reference to the Solicitor announcement earlier in the meeting, on a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously appointed The Law Firm of Sean Kilkenny as the Township Solicitor.

Mr. Purnell announced that the Comprehensive Plan Update questionnaire has been mailed to households in the Township and is available to complete on the Township website. Mr. Purnell also announced that on July 21, 2018, the Township and Historical Commission are hosting a bus trip to Philadelphia to tour the recently opened Museum of the American Revolution.

Mr. Pielli announced that an Executive Session was held on February 20, 2018 to discuss litigation.

Mr. Pielli announced that on March 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., the Run 4 Richie will be held at the West Chester VFW. A link will be posted to the Township website for more details.

Mr. Pielli also announced that the establishment of a Traffic Safety Intersection Committee that will look at and recommend changes to the Board of Supervisors including additional enforcement and safety upgrades at specific intersections.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the May 2018 and September 2018 Board meetings need to be rescheduled due to Election Day and Rosh Hashanah. The Board agreed to move the September meeting to September 20th and the May meeting date will be announce well prior to the rescheduled date and advertised accordingly.

Mr. Webb announced that on March 8, 2018, the Zoning Hearing Board will hear a case regarding a non-conforming parcel at 825 South Church Street. Mr. Webb stated that the property owner wants to increase the footprint of the building in the rear yard by 260 square to house the property owner's elderly parents. On a motion by Mr. Pielli, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board voted unanimously to have the Township Solicitor attend the Hearing.

Mr. Webb introduced the concept of having the Township conduct inspections of registered residential rental homes and apartments and a separate inspection for resale homes and issuance of a new Use & Occupancy Permit.

Mr. Walt Wills stated that both of these concepts is just government overreach.

Mr. Bob Sheller asked what the turnaround for resale inspections would be considering some sales occur quickly. Mr. Webb responded that the inspection would occur with 30 days from settlement.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Township staff and the Township Solicitor to review the concept Ordinances and report back to the Board at an upcoming Board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of January 16, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2018 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 Ms. Ashley Gagne, Ms. Susan Chalkes and Ms. Eunice Alexander for a presentation on sustainability and the Tree City USA program.

The presentation was made via a Powerpoint slideshow. Ms. Chalkes began the presentation with an overview of the ad hoc Township Sustainability Committee that was formed recently to recommend possible changes to Township policies regarding energy use, energy efficiency and other elements to combat greenhouse gases and climate change and to making West Goshen Township a sustainable place to work, raise and family and live.

Ms. Ashley Gagne was next and presented information and the request for the Township to apply for and participate in the Arbor Day Foundation's "Tree City USA" program. Ms. Gagne stated that she believes the Township is already complying with many of the requirements for entry into the Tree City USA program including spending a specific amount of Township funds on tree maintenance, etc. Following this portion of the presentation Ms. LaSota, seconded by Ms. Stuntebeck and unanimously approved by the Board, agreed to apply for entry in and participate in the Tree City USA program with the caveat that the Township Park & Recreation Board and the Historical Commission participate in the program as well.

Ms. Eunice Alexander finished up the Powerpoint presentation with a scientific overview of how greenhouse gases contribute to climate change and how the Township can help reduce greenhouse gases through the support of alternative energy sources such as solar and wind.

The verbal presentation by the ad hoc Sustainability Committee was captured as part of the Township meeting's video recording and may be viewed at www.westgoshen.org and a copy of the Powerpoint presentation can be obtained by contacting the Township.

Mr. Pielli thanked the group for the presentation.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Mr. John Jaros, representing The Westrum Development Company and their plans for the Agway site located adjacent and to the south of the intersection of Rt. 202 and Matlack Street.

Mr. John Westrum presented a similar Powerpoint slideshow he presented to the Board in 2017.

Ms. Margie Swart, through questions and comments, made clear her opposition to this project.

By a consensus of the Board, Township staff were directed to begin working with the Township Solicitor and the applicant on a draft text amendment for the Agway site for a future Board meeting.

The verbal presentation by Mr. Westrum was captured as part of the Township meeting's video recording and may be viewed at www.westgoshen.org and a copy of the Powerpoint presentation can be obtained by contacting the Township.

Mr. Pielli thanked Mr. Jaros and Mr. Westrum for the presentation.

Mr. LaLonde introduced Ordinance No. 2-2018, further amending the Police DROP Program to limit the investment percentage from 0.0% to 4.5% per PA statute and to maintain the funds in the pension plan and not segregate the funds per participating Officer.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Ordinance has been duly advertised and that copies were made available at the Chester County Law Library, The Daily Local News and the Township Solicitor's office.

Ms. Swart asked the Township Solicitor if "hearings" need to be transcribed. Mr. Sander responded, no.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2-2018.

Mr. LaLonde introduced Mr. Nate Cline with Pennoni Associates who introduced a Vision Partnership Grant (Chester County Planning Commission) that would study the intersection of Rt. 3 and Paoli Pike as it moves from West Goshen Township into the Borough of West Chester. The grant would provide funding to study the intersection for possible pedestrian, bike and traffic improvements. The Borough would administer the grant. On a motion by Ms. LaSota, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board voted unanimously to support the Vision Partnership grant process with a "do not exceed" cap of \$12,500.

On a motion by Mr. Pielli, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Stuntebeck and Ms. LaSota to the recently enacted Neighborhood Improvement District Management Association as Township representatives for The Woodlands at Greystone project.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 4-2018, Finance Department records destruction.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 5-2018, Police Department records destruction.

Ms. Margie Swart reintroduced her issue with the Township not paying for fire hydrants located on private property, specifically, for her development The Links. Mr. Sander answered her questions that the Township does not provide water service nor hydrants for her development and that this is a private matter between her Homeowners' Association and Aqua, PA.

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 Ms. LaSota, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary