

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
OCTOBER 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. Rick Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Bill Webb, Township Zoning Officer
Mr. Dave Sander, Township Solicitor
Mr. Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager

A special 2019 budget discussion meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Pielli at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Pielli turned the meeting over to Mr. LaLonde, who discussed the various 2019 capital projects and capital equipment requests received from the Township's Department Heads for the 2019 budget.

Mr. LaLonde thanked the Township's Department Heads for attending the meeting and providing input as needed. Those Department Heads in attendance were:

Department	Personnel
Police	Chief Joseph Gleason
	Captain Greg Stone
	Lt. Justin DiMedio
	Lt. Michael Carroll
Streets	Dave Woodward, Director of Public Works
	Mark Bertolami, Streets Superintendent
	Dorine McClune, Parks Superintendent
	Mike Moffa, Wastewater Superintendent
	Mike Caccavo, Facilities Manager
	Lisa Covatta, Waste & Recycling Coordinator
Park & Recreation	Ken Lehr, Park & Recreation Director
Finance	Jeanne Denham, Finance Director
	Jennifer Latzer, Assistant Finance Director

Mr. LaLonde provided detail on the various capital requests per Department as follows:

Department	Item	Expense	Notes
Administration			
	Pool Car	\$30,000	Replaces 2009 Escape
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	Pool Car	\$30,000	Woodlands Insp. Vehicle
	Total Request	\$90,000	
Engineering			
	Total Station	\$30,000	Replaces 2012 Equipment
	Request	\$30,000	
Parks			
	Digital Sign	\$70,000	Community Park Sign
	Cameras	\$91,352	Community Park Security
	Cameras	\$23,804	Lambert Park Security
	Cameras	\$37,570	Coopersmith Park Sec.
	Cameras	\$22,813	Barker Park Security
	Mower	\$12,000	Hustler Z replacement
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	Mower	\$6,500	Exmark walk behind
	Truck	\$50,000	1-T pick-up replacement
	Truck	\$90,000	Dump Truck replacement
	Request	\$440,039	
Police			
	Vehicle	\$36,000	Police Car replacement
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	Vehicle	\$37,000	Police Car replacement
	Request	\$145,000	
Streets			
	Scrubber	\$13,000	Scrubber replacement
	Sweeper	\$10,000	Sweeper replacement
	Truck	\$70,000	Utility Truck replacement
	Truck	\$170,000	Dump Truck replacement
	Iron Worker	\$17,030	New Iron Worker
	Request	\$280,030	
Wastewater			
	Tank Truck	\$135,000	Tank Truck replacement
	Truck	\$55,000	F-350 replacement
	Request	\$190,000	
Facilities			
	Generator	\$450,000	Replacement
	Security Upgrades	\$80,000	Security Upgrades
	Digital Sign	\$70,000	Sign replacement
	Request	\$600,000	
Total Request		\$1,775,069	

Mr. LaLonde stated that these were raw requests from the Township's Department Heads and that these items needed input from the Board to move to a Preliminary Budget for the November 26, 2018 Board meeting.

Mr. LaLonde concluded the discussion at 6:45 p.m.

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 Tuesday, October 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.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Department Report for the month of September 2018.

Chief Gleason announced that Sgt. John Liss had been invited to participate in Class #273 of the FBI National Academy (FBINA).

Chief Gleason encouraged Township residents to sign up for ReadyChesco to receive emergency notifications.

Chief Gleason announced that he and West Goshen Township Police Officers were participating in a fundraising program for the charity and that he and the other Officers were growing beards until November 30th.

Ms. Andrea Testa gave the Fire Marshall's Report for the month of September 2018.

Mr. John Beswick gave the Building Official's Report for the month of September 2018.

Ms. LaSota stated that additional funding is available for the Township newsletter and she recommends that additional funding be used for communications with residents about the sewer plant upgrades and upcoming rate increase. There was Board consensus to move ahead with the additional communications with residents.

Ms. LaSota then recommended that the upcoming newsletter issue be repurposed to communicate with residents about the sewer rate increase. Mr. Purnell seconded the motion.

Margie Swart asked why not use the Township's ConnectCTY system.

Mr. Pielli stated this was an appropriate use of funding for this issue.

The Board voted 4-1 with Mr. Pielli opposed.

Mr. Purnell stated that the Historical Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Mr. Pielli congratulated Sgt. Liss for his attendance at the FBI National Academy and stated that six (6) West Goshen Township Police Officers have been attendees of the FBINA.

With Veterans' Day upon us, Mr. Pielli thanked those Township residents who served their country, to include Mr. Meakim, Mr. Purnell and Mr. Pielli. One resident in attendance was also recognized for his service.

Mr. Purnell announced that this year's Veterans' Day Parade was scheduled for November 4th, starting at 2:00 p.m. in West Chester.

Mr. Pielli announced that there was an Executive Session tonight to discuss personnel.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the Township and Township Sewer Authority had been awarded funding for two stormwater projects as a part of the Sunoco Mariner II fines levied by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. West Goshen Township was awarded \$215,273 for urban stormwater management that will reduce impacts to Taylor Run in West Goshen Township. The Township's Sewer Authority was awarded \$110,142 for restoration of a riparian buffer in the Chester Creek watershed in West Goshen Township.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the recently installed strobe light atop the Camaro Run Verizon cell tower was malfunctioning and introduced Doug Smith, Vice President of Government Affairs with Verizon and Nick Cuce of Riper Riley, the law firm representing Verizon. Mr. Smith stated that a wrong piece of equipment was installed on the cell tower and that it was being replaced immediately to ensure the correct operation of the cell tower strobe light in the vicinity of the Brandywine Airport.

Mr. LaLonde announced that Aqua, PA had begun a three-month long project to sandblast and paint both water tanks at the intersection of Rt. 202 and Boot Road. He stated that work may only occur during normal working hours per Township Code, but the work will be noisy.

Mr. LaLonde announced that two upcoming meeting dates had been added and changed to the Board's meeting schedule. A budget discussion meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. on November 1, 2018 and the Board's regular monthly meeting will occur on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 pm, postponed from November 20, 2018.

Mr. Webb announced that on October 20, 2018, the Zoning Hearing Board was hearing an application for 616 Green Avenue that had a conforming use, a conforming lot, but a non-conforming building and the applicant needed a dimensional variance. The Board took no position on the application.

Mr. Webb discussed the issue of political signs. He, Mr. LaLonde and Mr. Davis attended an informational meeting with the ACLU and Mr. Webb recommends some amendments to the existing Township sign Ordinance to conform with established case law. Mr. Webb read aloud the recommended changes.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to proceed with the amendments with Ms. LaSota seconding the motion.

Mr. Bob Stratton asked about signage vulgarity. Mr. Webb stated it is protected 1st Amendment speech.

Ms. Kip Stone asked about signage in the road right-of-way. Mr. Webb stated that the Township may only regulate signs in the right-of-way.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari asked about lights. Mr. Webb stated that signage lighting is currently addressed under the existing Ordinance.

Following the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to move ahead with the amendments for a November 26, 2018 adoption.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of September 20, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report of September 30, 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 Mr. Sander for the discussion and possible adoption of Ordinance No. 6-2018, Sewer Use Fees.

Ms. Margie Swart requested that this adoption be put off until the discussion of the 2019 budget occurs to see if the budget can be trimmed. Ms. Swart had questions regarding the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Pielli stated that he would be interested in seeing if a senior citizen rate abatement program could be established.

The Sewer User Rate Ordinance discussion was lengthy, so please see this meeting's video recording via YouTube with the link located at www.westgoshen.org.

On a motion by Ms. Stuntebeck, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted 4-1 with Mr. Pielli opposed to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2018, establishing Sewer User Fees.

On a motion by Ms. Stuntebeck, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously authorized Mr. Sander to advertise with the intent to adopt the proposed Fireworks Ordinance for the November 26, 2018 Board meeting.

After a brief discussion, on a motion by Ms. Stuntebeck, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the adoption process on the Historic Resources Ordinance.

On a motion by Ms. LaSota, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Solicitor to attend the October 26, 2018 Historic Commission meeting to provide guidance to the Commission on the proposed Ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. LaSota, the Board unanimously approved the Township's Investment Policy Statement (IPS) for the three Township pension plans.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 19-2018, approving the 2018 State Aid Pension Allocation for the Township's Police, Administration & Roads and Sewer Pension Plans.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Ms. Stuntebeck, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 20-2018, adding various traffic control devices.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved proceeding with the adoption process on a proposed Ordinance adoption for the proposed Inter-municipal Fire Services Agreement between West Goshen Township and the Borough of West Chester for their November 26, 2018 Board meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Stuntebeck, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the tax appeal settlement agreement with Park Valley Associates, effective for the tax year 2018, tax year 2019 and beyond.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the site stabilization agreement between RLD Greystone, LLC and West Goshen Township and establishment of an escrow account in the amount of \$293,629.17.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously awarded the 2019 Natural Deicing Liquid bid for bids opened on October 9, 2018 to GVM, 224 East King Street, Suite, 102, East Berlin, PA 17316, in the amount of \$10,665, for 4,500 gallons. GVM was the sole bidder.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Ms. Stuntebeck, the Board unanimously authorized proceeding with the adoption process for the Township's Shade Tree Commission Ordinance.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari commented that the Township staff and Police display atrocious behavior and Jim Crow Laws are still in effect.

Mr. Joe Nemeth, representing the homeowner on Wesley Court regarding recent Township action regarding stormwater issues and other issues at the property, asked for guidance from the Board on how to rectify the situation. Mr. Webb responded that the property owner failed to get a permit for the patio and made changes to grading, causing flooding issues for the immediately adjacent property owners.

Ms. Margie Swart asked that a citizens' budget committee be established.

Mr. Pielli thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary