

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
APRIL 23, 2019**

Township Supervisors:

Ms. Robin Stuntebeck, Chair
Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Vice-Chair
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Member
Mr. Christopher Pielli, Esq., Member
Mr. Shaun Walsh (at 7:23 p.m.)

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Bill Webb, Township Zoning Officer
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chair Robin Stuntebeck, at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

Ms. Stuntebeck opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Stuntebeck requested that all audience members silence their cell phones.

Ms. Stuntebeck 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.

Ms. Stuntebeck announced that Supervisor Mary LaSota submitted a letter, dated April 19, 2019 and received by the Township on April 20, 2019, in which she resigns from the Board of Supervisors effective immediately. Ms. Stuntebeck read Ms. LaSota's letter into the record:

Dear Madam Chair:

It is with heavy heart and great sorrow that I write to inform you of my resignation from the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township effective immediately.

West Goshen Township is truly a remarkable place. It is remarkable because of the staff and management that work tirelessly to provide to its residents the highest level of service that is second to none.

I know you will continue to guard and protect her from all manner of attack, and that you will carry on the fight to keep politics from influencing Board decisions.

All My Best,

Mary LaSota

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously accepted Ms. LaSota's resignation letter, effective April 23, 2019.

Ms. Stuntebeck opened the floor for nominations for an appointed Supervisor to replace Ms. LaSota. Ms. Stuntebeck nominated Shaun Walsh, seconded by Mr. Meakim.

Mr. Pielli stated that Mr. Walsh was a good candidate and although he would prefer a more diligent process for candidates, this appointed position will only serve until the next Board reorganization meeting in January, 2020, and there appears to be possible unanimous support for Mr. Walsh from the Board. Ms. Camp stated that the way the Pennsylvania 2nd Class Township Code is written, this position would be placed on the November, 2019 General Election ballot and the successful candidate from that election would begin their new term in January 2020.

Ms. Nancy Lohrbach stated that she prefers the position be advertised and public interviews be conducted by the Board, but that Shaun is a great candidate. She stated it is best to take time for the process.

Dr. Douglas White stated Shaun is a good candidate.

Ms. Margie Swart stated that she didn't agree with the process, but she likes the candidate in Mr. Walsh. She stated we should interview more people.

Mr. Pielli stated that he agreed with all of the comments on Mr. Walsh and this is a process vs. candidate question.

Ms. Stuntebeck stated that Mr. Walsh is a strong candidate.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari stated that it appears there were backdoor deliberations on this matter.

Mr. Ted Murphy stated that the Board should take the vote tonight and he supports Mr. Walsh.

Mr. Tom Casey stated that the Board should take 30 days for the process. He stated he has nothing against Mr. Walsh. Mr. Casey stated that he (Mr. Casey) should be appointed for the vacancy.

Mr. Richard Cahoun stated that there is precedent for a short process.

As to the motion to appoint Mr. Shaun Walsh as the appointed Supervisor, the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Davis administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Walsh and Mr. Walsh took his seat on the dais at 7:23 p.m.

Ms. Camp opened the discussion of Resolution 9-2019, Final Subdivision and Land Development approval for The Woodlands at Greystone residential subdivision project. Ms. Camp introduced Ms. Alyson Zarro, applicant's attorney, who explained the various revisions to the plan and Final Land Development plan. She stated that this final plan calls for a reduction in total homes from 598 to 589. That reduction in homes is in the age-restricted area of the project to make way for a proposed relocation of the clubhouse.

Mr. Purnell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meakim, to approve Resolution 9-2019.

Ms. Margie Swart asked that the Board consider locating the pool and clubhouse so the entire 589 homeowners could use the facilities. Mr. Ray Grochowski, applicant's representative answered that the pool and clubhouse are for the active adult section only.

As to the motion, Resolution 9-2019 carried unanimously.

Mr. Craig introduced the riparian buffer waiver request for 118 Crosspointe Drive. Mr. Craig stated that the property owner requested a Township stormwater Ordinance waiver in order to install a patio, small bridge across the unnamed creek behind the home and a gazebo. The Township stormwater Ordinance requires a 100' buffer on both sides of any waterway and it is Mr. Craig's recommendation to have the Board approve the waiver.

Mr. Meakim made a motion to approve the waiver, seconded by Mr. Purnell.

Mr. James Ingram asked if plantings for the riparian buffer will be installed. Mr. Craig responded that the house predates the Township stormwater Ordinance and riparian buffer Ordinance, so no plantings are required.

Ms. Margie Swart stated she wanted to hear from the applicants.

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Mr. Tom Casey asked about the proposed bridge. Mr. Mark Padula, engineer for the applicant, stated that this is the first step before bridge design and that a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection General Permit application will follow.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari stated that this project will adversely affect the stream.

As for the motion, the waiver was granted 5-0.

Ms. Camp provided an update of the issue of the proposed uses and shared parking for 704 West Chester Pike. Mr. Eli Kahn provided an overview of the existing parking situation at 704 and 706 West Chester Pike and proposed sharing parking among the various parcels he owns at this location. He volunteered to record a covenant for shared parking across the parcels with the County Recorder of Deeds office.

Ms. Stuntebeck asked about ingress / egress and signage.

Mr. Walsh asked about cross-lot easements.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to add a new Paragraph "D" to allow cross lot access and forward the final draft Ordinance to the Township Planning Commission and Chester County Planning Commission for comment. Mr. Meakim seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Stuntebeck introduced the West Chester Area Council of Governments (WACOG) Renewable Energy initiative. She stated this is good example of mutual and regional planning. Ms. Stuntebeck introduced Mr. Henry Alexander who showed a PowerPoint presentation on the initiative and how it would positively affect greenhouse gas levels and help curtail global warming. Mr. Alexander stated that Cadmus Group was the firm chosen by the WACOG as best suited to meet the goals set forth for the project. Mr. Jim Wiley was also present and helped shape the Request for Proposals from the various planning firms who submitted proposals to the WACOG. Mr. Wiley and Mr. Alexander stated that the Cadmus proposal's cost was being split among the WACOG members and that West Goshen's share was approximately \$17,000.

Ms. Stuntebeck opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Walsh stated that the King County, WA project had admirable goals, but he was underwhelmed by the non-specificity of the goals. He stated that the sheer scale is beyond the WACOG and was a bit concerned about not getting a good bang for the buck.

Mr. Scott Bailey stated he was excited to see a local response to climate change and urged the Board to vote to approve the proposal.

Mr. Vince Gallagher stated that this was a noble cause but a bit piece-meal and suggested a County-wide approach.

Ms. Ann Snyder stated she is concerned about the planet and that evidence of climate change is overwhelming. She stated she supports the plan.

Ms. Ashley Gagne stated she supports the plan and investment in global infrastructure.

Mr. Pielli stated that it is nice to see neighboring municipalities cooperating in this effort.

Mr. John Hellman stated that as he is on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force, one of the prior goals in the Community survey showed renewable energy planning and resource protections as important goals.

Mr. Richard Cahoun stated that one gallon of gasoline produces 20 pounds of carbon dioxide and that the fight against climate change should be equated to a new moon challenge.

Mr. Tom Casey stated he supports the plan and that \$17,000 is not a lot of money.

Ms. Laura Alexander stated that she supports the plan and implored the Board fund the plan.

Mr. Leo Sinclair stated he supports the plan.

Mr. Vince Gallagher changed his position and he now supports the plan.

Ms. Stuntebeck had extensive comments regarding the Cadmus Group proposal and fully supports the plan. She stated that there is not any price not paying to have clean air and water. She stated she is will to invest \$17,000 with our municipal partners.

On a motion by Mr. Pielli, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board voted 4-1 with Mr. Purnell opposed, to approve the West Goshen Township portion of the Cadmus Group proposal for a renewable energy plan.

Ms. Stuntebeck recessed the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Ms. Camp provided an overview of Ordinance No. 5-2019. She stated the proposed Ordinance has been advertised accordingly and will create a new Township Code Chapter 82 to establish regulations regarding special events.

Mr. Webb explained that the main purpose is to regulate businesses that have many special events throughout the year without any notice to the Township or their neighbors and provides enforcement provisions.

Ms. Margie Swart asked to not exempt Greystone Manor.

Mr. Vince Gallagher asked about yard sales. He also stated that the Caswallen Civic Association holds an annual event and that the Ordinance's insurance requirement would be costly for the Association.

Dale Bonsall asked that the item be tabled.

Mr. Tom Casey stated that insurance is impossible to get for individuals.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari stated that the Ordinance is not legal.

The Board agreed to table the Ordinance.

After a brief discussion regarding Resolution 10-2019, the Boot Road Restriping Highway Occupancy Permit application, Mr. Purnell stated the Board should table the issue to the May 30, 2019 Board meeting.

Mr. LaLonde agreed to table the pipeline training activities presentation to the May 30, 2019 Board meeting.

Ms. Camp briefly discussed the Historic Resources Inventory in regards to the Historic Resources Ordinance and suggested this item be tabled to the May 30, 2019 Board meeting.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Township, in conjunction with Westtown Township and East Goshen Township, opened bids for pavement markings on April 11, 2019. The sole and low bidder was Alpha Space Control, 1580 Gabler Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201, in the amount of \$82,488.50. Mr. Dave Woodward stated that the other municipalities share the cost on a percentage basis, based on their total pavement markings. On a motion

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by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the 2019 pavement marking bid for Alpha Space Control in the amount of \$82,488.50.

Lt. Michael Carroll gave the March 2019 Police Department report.

Ms. Andrea Testa, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of March 2019. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Ms. Testa provided the Building Inspector Report for the month of March 2019.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Meakim.

Ms. Margie Swart had comments regarding the March 19, 2019 minutes.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari had several complaints about the March 19, 2019 minutes.

Following the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to approve the March 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid for the General Fund, Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste & Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Mr. Meakim.

Ms. Margie Swart requested that the Board not approve the paying of FOP dues for any Police Officers. Mr. LaLonde clarified that the dues in question are for the Chief, Captain and two Lieutenants for membership in the Fraternal Order of Police organization and are not union dues. He stated the dues are no different than for any other professional organization to which dues are paid.

Following the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid.

Mr. Tom Casey stated that he emailed some corrections to the Township's website information on the Sunoco pipeline. Mr. LaLonde thanked Mr. Casey for the corrections and stated that the information was deleted from the website.

Mr. Robert Brochet had more snow throwback complaints. Ms. Stuntebeck responded in detail to Mr. Brochet and for additional information on her comments, please see the Township's YouTube page for the full discussion at www.westgoshen.org.

Dr. Douglas White welcomed Mr. Walsh to the Board and thanked Ms. Mary LaSota for her service to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari stated that the Township Solicitor had a private discussion with the Board during the meeting which is not permitted.

Ms. Margie Swart asked if the Township had a cash receipts policy. Ms. Stuntebeck responded in detail to Ms. Swart and for additional information on her comments, please see the Township's YouTube page for the full discussion at www.westgoshen.org.

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 adjourned at approximately 10:35 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary