

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
JULY 10, 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, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. David Woodward, Director of Public Works

A special workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chair Robin Stuntebeck, at 6:01 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

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

Ms. Stuntebeck stated that the Board recently decided to host a meeting every other month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to address residents' general concerns and provide a forum for more discussion. She thanked all of the residents for attending the meeting.

The other four Supervisors introduced themselves to the attendees.

Ms. Stuntebeck opened the floor for topics from the audience.

West Chester University Overlay Project

Angelina May spoke against the Overlay Project and requested residential uses be eliminated from the PUC1 District.

Dan Schantz stated he would like the residential uses removed from the PUC1 District and had general comments against the PUC.

Jeanne Jarmosha wants residential uses removed from the PUC1 and had general comments against the PUC.

Simon Rutpe had general comments against the PUC and stated that his neighborhood would become an unsafe place to life if the University expands.

Gita Shipudie stated she is against the PUC overlay.

Sewer Authority Capital Plan Discussion

Ms. Stuntebeck introduced Mr. Shaun Walsh, Township Supervisor and Sewer Authority member. Mr. Walsh discussed the Sewer Authority's capital expenses need over the next several years, above and beyond what was financed through the 2017 Authority bond. Mr. Walsh stated that the Authority's engineer had recently conducted a study of the main interceptor lines and found several issues that need to be addressed.

Mamie Fosnacht had questions regarding her quarterly sewer bill. Mr. Walsh responded that the sewer bill's increased fees are used to pay down the 2017 Sewer Authority bond.

Possible K-Mart Redevelopment

Katie DiRocco stated that she is against any possible redevelopment into apartments for the K-Mart at the West Goshen Shopping Center.

Jim Nolan stated he is against any residential redevelopment of the K-Mart.

Mr. Pielli stated that the Board of Supervisors did not approve of any redevelopment of the K-Mart at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting. The presentation by the property owner was for information only and any change to the Zoning for the K-Mart would have to go through the normal public process for approval. He stated that residential uses are currently not permitted at that site.

As the monthly Sewer Authority meeting was about to begin, Ms. Stuntebeck moved the workshop meeting to adjacent Room A to continue the discussion and invited the public to join the Board. Several attendees, including Bob Stratton, Nina Stratton, Kathy Everhart and John Hellman joined the Board to continue the meeting.

Mr. LaLonde introduced Township Engineer Rick Craig and Director of Public Works Dave Woodward to discuss three serious stormwater issues.

Stormwater Issues

Mr. Craig stated that the Township has three serious stormwater issues, two of which should be deemed emergencies. Mr. Craig stated that a large corrugated metal pipe (CMP) crossing Knollwood Road is in imminent danger of collapse due to the pipe's age, deterioration and the significant stormwater events the Township has experienced in the past year. Mr. Craig stated that the CMP is a perfect candidate for slip lining, in which a smaller, smooth plastic pipe is inserted inside the existing CMP and flowable grout is then pumped into the space between the existing pipe and the new pipe. Mr. Craig stated that this should be considered an emergency as this is the only road into and out of the neighborhood. If the CMP fails, it will trap the residents inside the neighborhood.

Mr. Craig then stated that a CMP outfall pipe in the lake at the North Hill neighborhood has partially failed and caused a sinkhole on Penn Drive, causing an almost \$10,000 emergency repair. He stated the outfall pipe has partially failed and started to erode the street. He stated he is working with the North Hill HOA and Carroll Engineering to determine an effective fix for this issue. Similar to the Knollwood Road issue is that Penn Drive is the only ingress and egress for the rear portion of the North Hill neighborhood and the new Greystone South residential development adjacent to the lake. Mr. Craig and staff consider this issue to be of an emergency as well.

Mr. Purnell disclosed his membership on the North Hills HOA.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to declare the Knollwood Road and the North Hills stormwater situations as emergencies so the Township could move quickly on fixes for the issues. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Walsh absent as he was attending the monthly Sewer Authority meeting.

Mr. Craig then discussed the Ravens Lane stormwater issue. Mr. Craig stated this issue was a priority, but not necessarily an emergency. Mr. Craig stated that as part of the Glen Acres subdivision project many decades ago, an existing stream was buried using CMP. The CMP is now failing and sinkholes have started to appear in various side yards and back yards of the neighborhood's homes. Mr. Craig stated that a combination of replacement and slip lining could be options and Carroll Engineering would be needed to explore those options.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the Township staff to move ahead with the Ravens Lane stormwater issue.

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Kathy Everhart, resident on S. Five Points Road, expressed her negative issues with stormwater in her neighborhood. She stated that she has had stormwater issues on her property for thirty years, but for the past several years, the problem has gotten worse. Ms. Everhart also complained about speeding on S. Five Points Road and the impact of the new Wawa on her home and neighboring properties.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary