

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 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 (departed 6:35 p.m.)  
Mr. Shaun Walsh, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager  
Mr. Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager  
Mr. Bill Webb, Township Zoning Officer  
Mr. Ryan Jennings, Township Solicitor

**6:00 p.m. Special Board Budget Workshop Meeting**

Ms. Stuntebeck called the Special Budget Workshop meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

**2020 Budgets Discussion**

Ms. Stuntebeck turned the meeting over to Mr. LaLonde who presented the Final 2020 General Fund, Waste & Recycling Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund and Capital Reserve Fund budgets and Five-Year Capital and Budget Projections.

Mr. LaLonde stated that there were only incremental changes from the previously presented 2020 Preliminary Budgets to the Final Budgets.

**The full 2020 Budgets presentation may be viewed at the Township's YouTube page link located at [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org).**

Dr. Douglas White had one question regarding the 2020 Budgets.

Ms. Stuntebeck noted that the meeting had only two residents in attendance and asked if any of the attending Township staff members had any questions regarding the budgets. There were none.

A brief discussion ensued regarding overall salary increases, transfers between Funds, long-term disability insurance coverage and Police dispatch coverage.

On a motion by Mr. Pielli, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 20-2019, approving the 2020 General Fund, Waste & Recycling Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund and Capital Reserve Fund budgets and Five-Year Capital and Budget Projections with the following budgeted expenditures:

General Fund in the amount of \$17,507,571;  
Sewer Fund in the amount of \$7,439,887;  
Waste & Recycling Fund in the amount of \$2,600,504;  
State Highway Fund in the amount of \$750,000; and  
Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$2,613,729

On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 21-2019, setting the Real Estate Tax Millage at 2.00 mills.

### **Supervisor Chris Pielli's Resignation**

Ms. Stuntebeck turned the meeting over to Supervisor Chris Pielli who announced his retirement, as he was recently elected to the Chester County position of Recorder of Deeds. Mr. Pielli submitted his resignation on writing to the Board and made comment.

Mr. Pielli stated that he wanted to participate in tonight's budget discussion and vote. He stated that he wanted to provide the Township with sufficient time to choose a successor to allow for a smooth transition. Mr. Pielli thanked his colleagues for all their help for the past several years. He stated it has been an honor and a privilege to work with you. He thanked the entire staff, volunteers and all the employees of West Goshen Township for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the residents. He stated that from our Police force, Streets Department, Public Works, Sewer Department and our Finance Department, he is convinced that they are the best Township employees in all of Chester County. He thanked the Township Commission and Board members for their years of public service and dedication to the Township. Mr. Pielli thanked Mr. LaLonde and Mr. Davis. He thanked the public and stated that it has been a personal and professional honor to serve for the past four years.

Ms. Stuntebeck presented a plaque to Mr. Pielli, thanking him for his public service to West Goshen Township.

Ms. Stuntebeck presented a plaque to Mr. Meakim, thanking him for his many years of public service to West Goshen Township, as he is retiring at the end of 2019 from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Pielli and Mr. Meakim received a round of applause.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously adjourned the workshop portion of tonight's meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Pielli exited the meeting.

### **7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting**

Ms. Stuntebeck called the monthly Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Stuntebeck reminded the audience to silence all cell phones.

Ms. Stuntebeck announced that audience members may be audio or video recorded by third parties.

Ms. Stuntebeck reminded the audience of the meeting conduct and public comment rules.

Ms. Stuntebeck announced the resignation of Supervisor Chris Pielli, effective December 17, 2019. On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously accepted Mr. Pielli's resignation.

A brief discussion by the Board regarding the process to fill the position occurred. The Board agreed that the replacement would fill the vacant position for two years for the years 2020 and 2021 and asked that the vacancy be posted on the Township website with an application deadline of January 10, 2020 and to hold a special meeting on January 13, 2020 to name a replacement.

**Conditional Use Hearing for Tru-Mark Financial Bank – 704 East Market Street**

Mr. Jennings opened the Conditional Use Hearing for the proposed Tru-Mark Financial Bank, to be located at 704 East Market Street at 7:11 p.m.

**See Official Transcript**

The Hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m. The Hearing was continued and recessed until the January 21, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

**Ordinance No. 11-2019 – Creation of R-3C Infill District**

Mr. Jennings introduced Ordinance No. 11-2019, an amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance that would create a new Zoning District, the R-3C Infill District.

Mr. Jennings read aloud the exhibit list, to include: B-1, Proof of Publication for The Daily Local News from November 26, 2019 and December 3, 2019; B-2, Chester County Law Library filing from November 15, 2019; B-3, a letter to The Daily Local News from November 15, 2019; B-4, Affidavit of Mailing from November 15, 2019; B-5, Affidavit of Posting from December 4, 2019; B-6, West Goshen Township Planning Commission review letter from October 8, 2019; B-7, Chester County Planning Commission review letter from October 25, 2019; B-8, October 18, 2019 email on vehicle trip generation; and B-9, a November 1, 2019 letter from Frank Tovani, P.E., on vehicle trip generation.

Ms. Stuntebeck inquired about the vehicle trip generation for the proposed project.

Mr. Walsh had a question regarding the proposed residential subdivision project, if the traffic generation would be addressed during Land Development. Mr. Jennings discussed the findings of developer's traffic engineer Frank Tovani and the analysis conducted by Township Engineer Rick Craig.

Theodore Robbins had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

John Poth had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Richard Trembicki had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Chief Gleason stated that the Police Department's Traffic Division had conducted a study of the Isabel Lane – North Five Points intersection and found there were no sight distance issues for the intersection; that there was no reportable crash history over the past five years for the intersection; the average speed at the intersection was 31 miles per hour and speeds averaged between 28 and 38 miles per hour; and that between 5,700 and 9,700 vehicles use North Five Points per day.

Jackie Rodell had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

John Hellman had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Vaughn Andrean had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Douglas White had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Mark Profetto had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Theodore Robbins had additional comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Walsh had observations regarding Land Development and vehicle traffic. Mr. Jennings stated that all questions regarding traffic and planning may be addressed during the Land Development process.

Mark Profetto had additional comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Seth Teeter had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

With no more public comment, on a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2019.

### **Monthly Reports**

Chief Gleason gave the Police Department report for November 2019. He stated that the Police Department has recently established a program for residents and businesses to register their surveillance cameras with the Police Department to assist the Department. Registration may be found on the Township's website.

He also announced that the Chester County Emergency Management Service has created a "Call 211" system for assistance to the homeless population. The "Call 211" system goes live on December 12, 2019.

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

Mr. Beswick provided the Building Inspector Report for the month of November 2019.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval – November 19, 2019**

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of November 19, 2019 with the corrections noted on page 1 (correction to "2.00% to 3.00%"); page 2 (correction of 2020 Budget "ending fund balance" and to move the chart to the correct area in the minutes).

### **Treasurer's Report Approval – November 2019**

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2019, for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste & Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, and the bills to be paid from these funds.

### **Supervisors' Announcements**

Mr. Walsh announced that the West Chester Area Council of Governments was hosting a meeting with Cadmus to present the Renewable Energy Plan on January 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Whiteland Township building.

Mr. Purnell thanked Mr. Walsh for his work on the 2020 budgets.

### **Township Engineer's Announcements**

In Mr. Craig's absence, Mr. LaLonde provided an update on The Woodlands at Greystone project.

**Zoning Officer’s Announcements**

Mr. Webb announced that on December 4, 2019, the Zoning Hearing Board would have two Hearings, with 704 E. Market Street for a sign variance and NVHomes for sign variances for The Woodlands at Greystone project.

He announced that on January 9, 2020, the owner of the Hain Celestial property on Old Fernhill Road would be requesting a Special Exception to allow for 10% retail sales for the proposed indoor storage facility.

Mr. Webb thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support in his work to obtain a Master’s of Public Administration degree.

Mr. Purnell asked if the historic weeping beech tree had been discussed as part of the Celestial Hain project. Mr. Webb and Mr. LaLonde both stated that that topic was discussed during a meeting with the new property owner and that the owner agreed to offer ownership of the tree to the Township.

**Ordinance No. 12-2019 – Speed Limits**

Mr. Jennings introduced Ordinance No. 12-2019, establishing speed limits on certain Township streets. He introduced exhibit B-1, Proof of Publication with The Daily Local News from December 9, 2019; B-2, submission to the Chester County Law Library from December 9, 2019; and B-3, a letter to The Daily Local News from December 9, 2019.

John Hellman had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-2019, seconded by Mr. Walsh.

Douglas White had comments regarding the proposed Ordinance.

Mr. Walsh stated that speeding and traffic are problems in the Township.

Steve Sully stated several traffic concerns.

After the discussion ended, Ordinance No. 12-2019 was adopted 4-0.

**2020 Fuel Bids**

Mr. LaLonde introduced the 2020 fuel bids, for bids opened on December 13, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the 2020 fuel bids by Riggins, Inc.

Vendor	Unleaded Gasoline (Fuel Island)	Bio Clear Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (Fuel Island)	Low Sulfur Heating Oil	Dyed Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel (Generator)
Riggins, Inc.	1.7781	2.0963	No Bid	2.2908
Reilly & Sons	1.8668	2.1602	No Bid	No Bid

**Public Comment**

Douglas White thanked Mr. Pielli and Mr. Meakim for their work as Supervisors.

Ms. Stuntebeck recognized Hank Zawara to speak to the Board.

Hank Zawara stated he is a resident of Elverson, PA and introduced John McHugh from the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors. Mr. Zawara stated that Sunoco contaminated his well during their work on the Mariner East pipeline project and that he was speaking about the topic with other municipalities.

Vaughn Andean had comments regarding Boot Road.

John McHugh, Honey Brook Township Supervisor, had comments regarding the West Chester Area Council of Governments and their work with the Cadmus Group. Mr. Walsh invited Mr. McHugh to attend the January 16, 2020 COG meeting at West Whiteland Township.

Ms. Stuntebeck thanked with Board members and appreciated that all of the Board members work well together across party lines.

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There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde  
Township Secretary