WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TELECONFERENCE WORKSHOP MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Township Supervisors:

Ms. Robin Stuntebeck, Chair Mr. Shaun Walsh, Vice-Chair Ms. Ashley Gagné, Member Mr. John Hellmann, Member Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Member **Township Officials:**

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager Mr. Derek Davis, Asst. Township Manager Lt. Michael Carroll, Police Department

A workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chair Robin Stuntebeck, at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November4, 2020 via teleconference due to the on-going COVID-19 situation.

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

Supervisors' Announcements

Mr. Hellmann announced that the recently enacted "No Parking" signage for the section of Warren Road from Schoolhouse Lane to Elton Circle had been installed.

Mr. Hellmann announced that residents of Glen Avenue were surveyed for their comments regarding traffic calming.

Mr. Purnell announced that the Board held an Executive Session on November 4, 2020 to discuss personnel.

Ms. Gagné announced that the Township Sustainability Committee has met twice and that the Committee has already developed many goals and initiatives.

Ms. Gagné announced that due to the Good Fellowship Ambulance presentation at last month's Board meeting, she would be doing a ride-along with one of the ambulance crews soon.

Mr. Walsh announced that had received and was reviewing a proposal from Maillie Falconiero of Limerick, PA, for 2020 auditing services.

2021 Fire Companies and Ambulance Service Budget Requests

Mr. LaLonde provided a historical overview of the West Chester Fire Company, Goshen Fire Company & Ambulance and Good Fellowship Ambulance budget allocations.

Mr. LaLonde stated that per the Resolution adopted at each year's reorganization meeting, the Township is essentially divided with West Chester Fire Company providing fire service to the western half of the Township; Goshen Fire Company providing fire service to the eastern half of the Township; Goshen Fire Company providing Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance coverage to the eastern half of the Township; and Good Fellowship Ambulance providing Basic Life Support (BLS) to the western half of the Township and Advanced Life Support (ALS) to the entire Township.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Township is under a contract with West Chester Fire Company for \$346,298 annually from 2019 through 2023.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Township has paid the same amount, \$126,000, as an annual contribution to Goshen Fire Company for at least twenty years. Goshen Fire Company has requested an increase to \$215,532 for 2021 and to \$256,739 for 2022.

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Mr. LaLonde stated that the Township allocated a \$50,000 contribution to Good Fellowship Ambulance for 2020, but Good Fellowship has requested \$86,980.82 for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The lengthy discussion ensued about fire and ambulance funding levels and a path forward.

Dr. Douglas White had comments regarding Good Fellowship Ambulance and the West Chester Fire Company.

Public Comment

Mr. Dan Susan with The Links residential development deferred comments about his Home Owners' Association fire hydrants to Ms. Margie Swart.

Ms. Swart reaffirmed her previous comments that the two fire hydrants located at The Links development should be public and paid for by the Township.

Mr. Walsh addressed her comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde Township Secretary