

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TELECONFERENCE WORKSHOP MEETING
December 2, 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
Ms. Christine Riffey, Township Finance Director
Lt. Michael Carroll, Police Department
Mr. Dave Woodward, Director of Public Works

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, December 2, 2020 via teleconference due to the on-going COVID-19 situation.

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

Resolution 18-2020 – Extension of Outdoor Dining Options for Restaurants

Mr. LaLonde stated that this was only an extension to the previously adopted Resolution regarding allowing for restaurant outdoor dining due to the COVID-19 situation. This Resolution extends the outdoor dining options for another one hundred twenty (120) days.

Mr. Walsh asked if inspections have been or were continuing to be done of the various outdoor dining areas. Mr. LaLonde responded that Zoning Officer Bill Webb inspected all restaurants that requested outdoor dining and continues to do so.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Hellmann, Resolution 18-2020 was passed unanimously.

Continued Discussion of 2021 Budget

Presentation by Bill Ronayne – Fame Fire Company

Bill Ronayne of Fame Fire Company presented a slide show of the Company's operations during his presentation to request additional Township funding of \$25,000 for their capital campaign for the ongoing expansion and renovation of their existing fire station.

A discussion ensued regarding the funding request.

Ms. Margie Swart asked if the Township had previously provided \$100,000 in capital funding for the project. Mr. Ronayne thanked the Township for their prior contribution. Ms. Swart stated that the Township should pay for private fire hydrants.

The discussion ended without action by the Board of Supervisors.

Police Department – Dispatch Backfill Funding

After a brief discussion regarding the possible funding of Police Department dispatch backfill shifts, Mr. Walsh made a motion to reduce the Police Department's overtime budget by \$24,000 and fund the backfill of regular Monday-Friday dispatch hours and approve 16 hours of dispatch service on the weekend by part/time employees. Mr. Purnell seconded the motion.

Ms. Margie Swart asked if dispatch personnel work five days with eight-hour shifts. Several staff responded, yes. She stated that all Township employees should work five-day, eight-hour shifts to save the Township money.

The motion to fund the Police Department's 2021 dispatch backfill request was approved unanimously.

2020 Auditor Discussion

After a brief discussion begun by Ms. Stuntebeck regarding the Township's 2020 audit and choice of auditor, Mr. Walsh stated his preference to have the Township issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in Spring 2021. Ms. Gagné, Mr. Hellmann and Mr. Purnell concurred with issuing an RFP in Spring 2021.

Public Comment

Ms. Margie Swart stated that following up after the auditor discussion, she asked if the Board had already set policy and voted on a stormwater fee. Mr. Walsh responded that the Board has not taken a vote to implement a fee, but has authorized purchase of equipment and authorized projects to begin addressing the Township's stormwater issues.

Ms. Swart stated that she suggests the Township fund any stormwater expenses through the General Fund and by cutting government waste, not by implementing a new fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary