

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
June 13, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Robert S. White at 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. All members were present. Dr. White opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dr. White opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, announced that on June 21, 2007 International Go Skateboarding Day will be celebrated at Lambert Park and that Fairman's Skate, Snow and Surf Shop will provide tips for skateboarding from experts and raffle prizes. Mr. LaLonde announced that the Summer Concert Series will continue on June 24, 2007 at Community Park with Irish music by The Brothers McGillian and on July 8, 2007 with the Chester County Pops Orchestra. The Decorated Bicycle Parade will be held on July 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Park.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes from May 9 and May 23, 2007.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2007 for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, as well as the bills to be paid from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

Chief Michael Carroll gave the Police Report for the month of May 2007.

Ms. McIlvaine stated that she had read in the Daily Local News that there is new legislation from the Commonwealth requiring that municipalities send crime reports to the state and Chief Carroll replied that the West Goshen Township Police prior to the legislation submitted reports to the state. He said that it will now be mandatory to do so.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, asked how many of the 77 alarms in the Police Report were valid and Chief Carroll replied that 9 were valid.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of May 2007. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Goshen Fire Company. The report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company was not available.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for May 2007.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 13-2007 appointing Kimberly A. DiCristino, a Township staff person, to assist the Tax Collector in his duties while the Tax Collector is on Medical Leave.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 14-2007 approving the erection of stop signs at the intersection of North New Street and Taylor's Mill Road.

Prior to the consideration of Resolution 15-2007 regarding the implementation of the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II regulations, Mr. LaLonde explained that for 4 ½ years West Goshen Township and all other municipalities have had to adhere to the MS4 stormwater regulations which are an unfunded mandate by the Commonwealth. He explained that the resolution before the board would urge the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to involve the affected municipalities in the changes to the NPDES Phase II by allowing a review and comment period before they are implemented.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 15-2007 asking the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) to urge the Pennsylvania

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to involve the affected municipalities in changes to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II.

Prior to the consideration and possible approval of the Decision and Order for Supervisors Hearing S-08-06, Benson Companies, Mr. Joseph E. Brion, Township Solicitor, stated that he had prepared two Decisions and Orders for the Board to consider after separate conversations with the members of the Board. Mr. Brion said that the plan for this project as presented at the April 11, 2007 hearing proposed building 18 townhouses but that number was reduced to 12 townhouses at the May 23, 2007 hearing. He explained this was based on three issues.

Stormwater management: The stormwater discharge can be maintained on the site at the pond with 12 townhouses but would need to be discharged to Taylor's Mill Creek with 18 townhouses.

Vegetation: When zoning was changed for this area, the goal was to maintain as much as possible of the density of the vegetation on the site. The building of townhouses would allow the growth as planted to be maintained and the reduction from 18 to 12 townhouses helped even further to maintain the vegetation.

Traffic improvements: With 18 townhouses there was concern that a dedicated right turn lane might be needed at New Street and the Route 322 Bypass and that New Street would need to be widened to allow a left turn lane into the property. With 12 townhouses these changes are not warranted.

Mr. Brion said that there are 18 conditions in the Decision and Order with the 18th being the accepting of the conditions by the applicant within 10 days of approval of the Decision and Order. Mr. Brion explained that the difference in the two proposed Decision and Orders he had prepared involved the inclusion of the construction of the left turn lane into the site in one of the orders.

Mr. Joseph Ryan, attorney for the applicant, stated that because the number of townhouses was reduced from 18 to 12, the proposed units would now be built with 4 units per building instead of 6 units. He said that the originally proposed copper patina would now be replaced by stone.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Decision and Order for Supervisors Hearing S-08-06, Benson Companies, which excluded the construction of a left turn lane into the site and the dedicated right turn lane at New Street and the Route 322 Bypass.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved withdrawing the Board's April 12, 2007, letter to the West Goshen Township Zoning Hearing Board concerning the steep slopes and stormwater management on the site of the proposed Benson project since the concerns had been removed with the reduction of the townhouses from 18 to 12 units.

Dr. White opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Turley
Township Secretary