

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 13, 2008**

Township Supervisors:

Ms. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Chairman
Dr. Robert S. White, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Ms. Jeanne M. Denham, Finance Director
Ms. Sandra K. Turley, Township Secretary
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Raymond D. McKeeman, Zoning Officer

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Patricia B. McIlvaine at 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., was absent. Ms. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. McIlvaine opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, read a statement regarding the traffic jams at Spruce Avenue and South High Street and Church Avenue and South High Street. He said that these situations are due to drivers detouring to new routes to avoid traffic congestion on Spruce Avenue. He stated that there is also a problem at the La Tolteca Restaurant on South High Street where patrons of the restaurant are using the exit from the parking lot as an entrance. Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, advised Mr. McCormack that the opening from the restaurant parking lot is not an exit but an entrance to the parking lot.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, stated that cars traveling south on High Street are backing traffic up as they wait to turn left into the parking lot at La Tolteca and she proposed closing the entrance. Dr. White responded that South High Street is a PennDOT road and the decision to close the entrance would need to be made by PennDOT.

Mr. McCormack read letters from Ms. Joan Tukloff, 821 Spruce Avenue, and Ms. Susan Curtin, 822 Spruce Avenue, regarding the traffic issues in the area. Mr. McCormack asked that the Board develop some solutions for the traffic problems. He suggested making Jones Lane a cul de sac and Dr. White replied that the roadway would not be wide enough for snow plows to turn around. Dr. White said that the independent traffic study of the area is not complete and that the independent study will be considered in conjunction with the West Goshen Township Police study. Dr. White said that any changes would need to be made by an amendment of the West Goshen Township Ordinance. Ms. McIlvaine said that the Board must consider the effect of any changes on all of the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Ms. McIlvaine announced that Helen Meakim, the wife of Mr. Meakim, Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, had passed away on February 11, 2008 and she asked that the Meakim family be remembered in thoughts and prayers.

Ms. McIlvaine announced that the Board met in Executive Session on January 30, 2008 to discuss real estate matters.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved removing PFM Advisors as the financial advisor for the Pension Committee and launching a search for a new consultant.

Mrs. Baker asked for the reason for replacing PFM Advisors and Dr. White replied that the Township needed a more responsive advisor and one who would provide better communication with the Township.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved limiting the number of police units using the Louis H. Close Firing Range beginning July 1, 2008, to five groups: West Goshen Township Police, Westtown-East Goshen Township Police, West Chester Borough Police, the West Chester Regional Emergency Response Team and the Newtown Square Emergency Response Team.

Dr. White said the possibility of asking for financial payment for use of the facility by outside groups will be discussed at a future date. He noted that some groups presently provide in-kind services to the Township for use of the facility. He said that a fence will be erected at the range. Mrs. Baker noted that the lack of facilities for training police is a county problem and that they should be asked to provide the facilities.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved setting the date of March 26, 2008 to consider an ordinance to rezone the Jerrehian property as a new R-3B Flexible Design Conservation Overlay District which would permit the residential development of the Jerrehian property into lots with single family detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings and single family attached dwellings in a cluster development with a minimum of 40% of the Gross Development Tract Area being preserved as open space or "greenway lands."

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes from January 7, January 23 (4:00 p.m. meeting) and January 23, 2008 (7:30 p.m. meeting).

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2008 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 January 2008.

Mrs. Baker asked Chief Carroll if the Police are doing surveillance on Spruce Avenue for speeding and Chief Carroll replied that they are.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of January 2008. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Goshen Fire Company and Good Fellowship Ambulance Company.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for January 2008.

Mrs. Baker asked how many permits were issued for single family houses and Mr. Beswick replied that no permits were issued for single family houses but that four permits were issued for attached single family dwellings.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 07-2008 setting the date of March 12, 2008 for a public hearing for the conditional use application of Cricket Communications for the purpose of the installation of cellular communications antennas and related ground equipment at 1201 Boot Road, West Chester, PA.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 08-2008 setting the date of March 12, 2008 for a public hearing for the conditional use application of Cricket Communications for the purpose of extending the existing 120 foot tower, located at 596 Snyder Avenue, West Chester, PA, to 140 feet per the January 24, 2001 Conditional Use Decision of the Board of Supervisors.

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Ms. McIlvaine opened the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Turley
Township Secretary