

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 15, 2009**

Township Supervisors:

Ms. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Chairman
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Vice 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
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Patricia B. McIlvaine at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. All members were present. Ms. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. McIlvaine opened the floor for public comment.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, requested that pavement markings for pedestrian crossings be placed at Spruce Avenue and Jones Lane and at Spruce Avenue and Parkside Avenue. Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, replied that the legality of placing pedestrian crossings at those locations would need to be investigated since there are no sidewalks in those areas.

Ms. McIlvaine announced that the 4th Annual Chester Creek Earth Day Cleanup would be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. She said that participants will meet behind the McDonalds on Gay Street at 9:00 a.m. and that more information was available on the leaflets located at the back of the meeting room.

Mrs. Baker asked where the cleanup would be taking place and Mr. Raymond Halvorsen, Public Works Director, replied that the cleanup would occur along Goose Creek.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved adding Beneficial Bank and the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) to the list of depositories for the Township.

Dr. White explained that Sovereign Bank has begun charging a fee for accounts which negates the interest earned on the money in the deposits so the Township will be removing funds from these accounts.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes from March 18, 2009.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2009 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.

Capt. Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of March 2009.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of March 2009. Ms. Testa also gave the reports for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company, Goshen Fire Company and West Chester Fire Department.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for March 2009.

Prior to the consideration of Ordinance 03-2009 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 84, to add a definition for "Building Envelope" and to allow swimming pools in the R-2, R-3, R-3A, R-3B and R-4 Districts as

accessory uses to dwellings on lots which front on two or more streets and on corner lots provided they are located within the building envelope and to the rear of the dwelling, Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor, submitted the following exhibits: B1 – Proof of Publication, B2 – Filing with the Chester County Law Library, B3 – Filing with the Daily Local News, B4 – Review letter from the Chester County Planning Commission and B5 – Review letter from the West Goshen Township Planning Commission. Ms. Camp stated that this ordinance clarifies that when a house fronts on two or more streets a pool must be located at the rear of the property.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the board unanimously approved Ordinance 03-2009 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 84, to add a definition for “Building Envelope” and to allow swimming pools in the R-2, R-3, R-3A, R-3B and R-4 Districts as accessory uses to dwellings on lots which front on two or more streets and on corner lots provided they are located within the building envelope and to the rear of the dwelling.

Prior to the consideration of Ordinance 04-2009 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, titled “Fireworks” to add a definition for fireworks, to permit the use of sparklers in the Township and to renumber the violation and enforcement provisions, Ms. Camp submitted the following exhibits: B1 – Proof of Publication, B2 – Filing with the Chester County Law Library, B3 – Filing with the Daily Local News. In response to a question from Mrs. Baker, Ms. Testa said that sparklers are not considered fireworks by the state and that this ordinance will make the West Goshen Code consistent with the state code.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 04-2009 amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, titled “Fireworks” to add a definition for fireworks, to permit the use of sparklers in the Township and to renumber the violation and enforcement provisions.

Prior to the consideration of the signing of an Inter-Municipal Government Agreement between West Goshen Township and Chester County for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award, Ms. McIlvaine said that as a result of the signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the U. S. Department of Justice is providing funding grants to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement in combating violence against women, to fight internet crimes against children, to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime and to support youth mentoring. She said the amount of the grant for West Goshen Township is \$30,318.00. Capt. Gleason said the money will be used to improve the training facility in the Police building and to help improve communication with the West Chester Borough Police. He noted that when West Goshen Township Police host a training seminar, free slots for the training are provided to the West Goshen Police.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the signing of an Inter-Municipal Government Agreement between West Goshen Township and Chester County for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 15-2009 setting the date of May 6, 2009 for a public hearing for a conditional use application for AT&T Mobility Communications, Inc., for the removal of two existing panel antennas located at 1000 North Five Points Road and replacement with three improved antennas.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 16-2009 setting the date of May 6, 2009 for a public hearing for a conditional use for West Chester Area School District to allow the use of the Henderson North ball fields by outside groups.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 17-2009 setting the date of May 20, 2009 for a public hearing for a conditional use application for Cricket Communications, Inc., for the co-location of additional antennas for wireless telephone service on an existing utility tower and installation of radio-related equipment on the ground located at 1198 Grove Road.

Prior to the consideration of the awarding of the bid for the West Goshen Township 2009 Road Re-surfacing Project, Mr. LaLonde stated that eight bids were received and that they were opened and read publicly at 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2009. He said that Allan A. Myers was the low bidder at \$1,080,816.37 and that Alberto Vennettilli, P.E., from Carroll Engineering had reviewed the bids and recommended approval of the Allan A. Myers bid.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved awarding the bid for the West Goshen Township 2009 Road Re-surfacing Project to Allan A. Myers.

Prior to the consideration of the awarding of the bid for the 2009 Pavement Markings, Mr. LaLonde stated that three bids were received and that they were opened and read publicly at 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2009. He said that the markings were for West Goshen Township, East Goshen Township and Westtown Township. Mr. LaLonde said the low bidder was Alpha Space Control at \$51,348.79 and that Mr. Vennettilli from Carroll Engineering had reviewed the bids and recommended approval of the Alpha Space Control bid.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved awarding the bid for the 2009 Pavement Markings to Alpha Space Control.

Ms. McIlvaine opened the floor for further public comment.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, said that a speed sign on High Street is obscured by an advertising flag for McDonalds. He also asked if a "day glo" sign such as one that is located on Five Points Road could be placed near McDonalds. He also asked that the Township consider installing a sign on New Street heading south before the pedestrian crossing. Mr. McCormack asked that PennDOT be contacted about placing the sign on High Street. In response to a question by Mrs. Baker, Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer, said that the clearing of vegetation in the right of way is the responsibility of the property owner and that West Goshen Township Zoning personnel will check on the obscuring of traffic signs by flags and signs.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Turley
Township Secretary