

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
May 12, 2010**

Township Supervisors:

Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Chairman
Dr. Robert S. White, Vice Chairman
Ms. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Ms. Jeanne M. Denham, Finance Director
Ms. Sandra K. Turley, Township Secretary
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 Edward G. Meakim, Jr., at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. All members were present. Mr. Meakim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Lt. Gregory Stone gave the Police Report for the month of April 2010.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker asked how many of the alarms in the report were valid and Lt. Stone replied that of the 75 alarms 6 were valid.

Dr. White congratulated Lt. Stone for his recent promotion to lieutenant.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of April 2010. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for April 2010.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Meakim introduced Mayor Carolyn T. Comitta from the Borough of West Chester. Mayor Comitta said she was in attendance to introduce herself to the Board and Staff of West Goshen Township. She said that the Borough values its relationships with the surrounding municipalities and that through the West Chester Area Council of Governments it is possible to help each other. She invited West Goshen Township residents to shop and dine in West Chester and thanked the West Goshen Township police for their assistance during a recent event. She presented the Board with a book that was published on the bicentennial of the Borough of West Chester. Ms. McIlvaine asked Lt. Stone to convey to the police the appreciation of the Borough for their help.

Mrs. Baker asked that the Board consider installing a 2 foot shoulder on Spruce Avenue for pedestrians, bicyclists and others to use while traveling along the roadway. She suggested that shrubs and landscaping be removed from the right of way. Mr. Meakim asked Mrs. Baker if she had consulted with the residents of Spruce Avenue and she replied that she had only talked to one or two people. Ms. McIlvaine expressed concern about being able to enforce staying on the shoulder of the road. Dr. White said that the Board would consider the suggestion.

Mr. Louis Huis, 816 S. Church Avenue, asked if the speed limit could be reduced to 15 mph on Spruce Avenue and Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, replied that the lowest speed limit allowed is 25 mph.

Mr. Huis asked about a house in his neighborhood at 813 Church Avenue that is being renovated for rental use and said that the large number of rental properties in the area are becoming a quality of life issue. He asked about the C-A Overlay designation for the area. Mr. Raymond McKeeman, Zoning Officer, replied that the C-A designation is for West Chester University to convert units for university use and that the units would be managed by the university. He added that such uses could be for meeting rooms, fraternity houses, etc. He said it was not for use by private owners of property. Mr. McKeeman said that 813 Church Avenue is a nonconforming use and if any change is made, it will revert to a single family home. He said that the Township has issued a stop work order and that the renovations that have been done will need to be removed.

Mr. Rick Crangle, 812 Ceredo Avenue, asked about putting together a group to study the rental problem in the area. Ms. McIlvaine asked Mayor Comitta if the Borough had a group who works on such issues and Mayor Comitta replied that the Borough has an ordinance covering such issues. She suggested contacting Borough Manager Ernie McNeely and working with Kristin Camp, West Goshen Township Solicitor, who is also Solicitor for the Borough. Ms. Camp said that the situation is different in West Goshen Township than in the Borough but that there are options that can be considered. Dr. White said that the Board will take the matter under consideration.

Mr. Meakim announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on May 5, 2010 and on May 10, 2010 to discuss personnel matters.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved accepting the resignation of Theresa Davis from the West Goshen Township Sewer Authority Board and the appointment of Alternate David Johnson as a full member of the West Goshen Township Sewer Authority Board.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 19-2010 authorizing Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, to execute on behalf of the Township all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance for the 2010 snow emergency cleanup.

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, stated that Saturday, May 15, 2010 would be the second day of registration for the Summer Park and Recreation Program.

Ms. McIlvaine announced that PennDOT has awarded a \$19.3 million dollar Transportation Economic Recovery Project to improve four miles of Route 202 in West Goshen Township and Westtown Township.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes of April 28, 2010.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2010 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.

Prior to the consideration of the awarding of the bid for the 2010 Road Re-Surfacing Project, Mr. LaLonde announced that the two low bidders, Innovative Construction Services and Joseph E. Sucher & Sons Inc., were being rejected as the two companies are not PennDOT prequalified. He said that the third lowest bidder, Allan A. Myers, is prequalified by PennDOT and that Township staff and Carroll Engineering were recommending that the Board award the bid to Allan A. Myers.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved awarding the bid for the 2010 Road Re-Surfacing Project to Allan A. Myers who bid \$813,927.70. The bids were publicly opened and read aloud at 10:30 a.m. on May 5, 2010.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved awarding the bid for the Warren Road Guiderail Project to Long Fence with a bid of \$5,297.00. The bids were publicly opened and read aloud at 10:30 a.m. on May 5, 2010.

Prior to the consideration of the possible approval of Ordinance 04-2010 to prohibit all burning in West Goshen Township, Mrs. Baker asked why the ordinance was being considered. Dr. White replied that people have been burning leaves and trash in such a way as to endanger themselves and others. He said that recreational burning such as grills will not be affected.

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On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance 04-2010 amending the Code of Ordinances of West Goshen Township, Chapter 31, titled, "Burning, Outdoor", to prohibit all burning in West Goshen Township.

On motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 18-2010 for the erection of speed limit signs on Taylors Mill Road.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the signing of the 2010 Pavement Markings Bid, awarded to Alpha Space Controls Co., Chambersburg, PA for the amount of \$53,038.78. The bid was awarded at the April 28, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Prior to the consideration and possible approval of the Decision and Order for the conditional use application of Traditions Development Corporation, Ms. Camp reviewed the conditions in the order. Mr. John Jaros, attorney for the applicant, said he was aware of the conditions and that the applicant finds them to be acceptable. He thanked the Board for their consideration of this application.

Mrs. Baker asked how many parking places were in the conditions and Dr. White replied that there are 102 parking spots. He said that he and Mr. Meakim had visited the facility owned by the applicant in Hershey and had found only 18 cars in the parking lot of the facility. Ms. Camp said that the average age of the residents for a facility like this is 80. She said that 50 additional spaces can be required if needed.

Mr. Thomas Rath, representing the Greenhill Homeowner's Association asked what the vote was on the decision and Dr. White replied that the vote had not yet been taken. Ms. Camp explained that the decision had been compiled by her office and that the Board had an opportunity to review it as had the applicant. She said this is done in all cases. Mr. Rath asked when he could have a copy of the Decision and Ms. Camp said that he would receive a copy after it is signed. Mr. Rath asked if a zoning variance would be needed to add 50 more parking places and Ms. Camp replied that it would not be needed and she said that this would be considered in the land development phase of the plan. Mr. Rath asked about the 35 foot height for the building and Ms. Camp replied that the height would be determined by the ordinance.

Mr. John Hosey, Goshen Fire Company, asked about the audible alarm for the fire company and Ms. Camp responded that the alarm was struck in favor of a gate during emergencies.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, with Ms. McIlvaine dissenting, the Board voted 2-1 for the approval of the Decision and Order for the conditional use application of Traditions Development Corporation. The hearing record on this application was closed on April 14, 2010.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Philip Corvo, 863 Empress Road, asked when the April minutes would be posted on the Township website and Ms. Sandra Turley, Township Secretary, replied that she would ask that they be posted on May 13, 2010.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Turley
Township Secretary