

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2010

Township Supervisors:

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

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager  
Ms. Jeanne Denham, Finance Director  
Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer  
Mr. Raymond D. McKeeman, Zoning Officer  
Mr. Skip Brion, Township Solicitor

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Edward Meakim at 4:01 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11, 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.

Captain Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of July 2010.

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

Mr. Ed Hunger, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for July 2010.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 South Spruce Street complimented the Township and Township Streets Department on installing new safety signage on Spruce Avenue and the Roslyn neighborhood. Mr. McCormack asked if the speed humps formerly installed on Jones Lane would be reinstalled due to the recent paving of Jones Lane. Dr. White and Township Engineer Rick Craig responded that pre and post testing showed a slight increase in speed and an approximate ten (10) percent decrease in vehicles. Those disappointing results convinced the Board of Supervisors not to spend the ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars per speed hump for reinstallation. The Board expected a more drastic reduction in traffic patterns.

Mr. McCormack inquired about the proposed two hundred forty (240) new beds for the University on South Campus. Dr. White responded that the new beds will be located in East Bradford Township and that West Goshen Township has no jurisdiction over what occurs in East Bradford Township.

Mr. McCormack stated that the Roslyn residents are still waiting for a solution to the large traffic volume in the Roslyn neighborhood.

Mrs. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, stated that she attended a recent West Chester University meeting and that the University officials stated that the traffic problem is not the University's problem, but a West Goshen Township problem.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, stated that the new University housing in East Bradford Township will negatively affect the Roslyn neighborhood. Mrs. Baker then provided a history of Jones Lane.

Ms. Carol Schatz, 541 Fernhill Lane, complained to the Board of Supervisors about her neighbor's overgrown weeds and bushes. Mr. McKeeman was instructed to investigate and take action against the property owner if they do not comply with Township Code.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes of July 14, 2010.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Township reports and the bills to be paid from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 22-2010, opposed HB 2431 and SB 1357 which would provide for forced local government mergers and consolidations.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the intent of the two bills before the Pennsylvania legislature would effectively abolish Townships and Boroughs in Pennsylvania and provide for a county form of government. All services currently provided by local governments would be turned over to county government, including police, fire, ambulance, road maintenance and plowing and all other services currently conducted by local governments. By approving this Resolution, the West Goshen Township Board of Supervisors opposes this forced consolidation of government operations because services to West Goshen Township residents would be diminished.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Final Land Develop Plan for construction of a 2,045 square foot garage and a 3,200 square foot garage for David M. Hickman located at 352 Snyder Avenue.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Final Subdivision Plan for 20 residential lots for the Glenn M. White Land Company, Inc., located at 1008 West Chester Pike with the conditions that a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for floodplains is completed; that the developer enter into a stormwater management agreement with the Township and that the Board approve a waiver for the twenty-eight (28') foot street width.

Howard Sundwall of the West Chester Library presented an update of the status of the library. Mr. Sundwall requested that the Township donate \$1 for each Township resident. Mr. Sundwall estimates that the Township population is around 22,000 people. The Board thanked Mr. Sundwall for the presentation and that the 2011 budget process had just begun and that his donation request would be examined during the budget process.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved a development agreement for the Jefferson at Matlack apartment development project at the intersection of Rt. 202 and Matlack Street, formerly the Spaz beverage warehouse.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde  
Assistant Secretary