

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
APRIL 13, 2011

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Edward Meakim at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Meakim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Captain Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of March 2011. Captain Gleason also stated that the West Goshen Township Police Department hosted Skate-a-Rama at Iceline on Saturday, March 19th from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM that drew 600 students.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of March 2011. 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 March 2011.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Craig Argo, 446 Veronica Road, complained about commercial literature being deposited at his home and wants it stopped. He stated that vacant homes are also targets of this literature and it provides an indication to burglars when homeowners are on vacation. Captain Gleason responded that the Township cannot control delivery of commercial literature but homeowners can contact the companies have delivery halted.

Mr. LaLonde announced that once again, West Goshen Township would be participating in the Earth Day cleanup of one mile section of Goose Creek starting behind the McDonald's on Montgomery Avenue. CRC Watersheds and many volunteers assist Township Public Works employees with the annual cleanup. All are invited to volunteer for the cleanup event.

Mr. Ken Lehr, Park & Recreation Director, announced that the recently closed Township skate park, located at Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike, was set to reopen after noon on Monday, May 9th. The skate park had been closed temporarily due to staffing issues but was set to reopen. The Township has also scheduled a skate park informational meeting for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, May 4th at the Township building. Residents who use the park are encouraged to attend the meeting.

On motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved the Board of Supervisors minutes dated March 9, 2011.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2011 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 Capitol Reserve Fund and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 06-2011 recognizing Walter E. Hoover for eighteen years of service and dedication to the West Goshen Township Sewer Authority.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board awarded the 2011 Paving Program Bid Allan A. Myers in the amount of \$882,603.27.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board awarded the Todd Way Mini-Piles Project to American Geotech in the amount of \$51,000.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board awarded the 2011 Pavement Marking Project to Alpha Space Control in the amount of \$63,431.76.

Mr. Craig, Township Engineer, provided an update of the Louis E. Close Pistol Range improvements. Mr. Craig stated that the concrete side walls, baffles and backstop were just about complete, per the presentation provided in March. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of May, with fence bids to be awarded at the May 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Phillip Corvo, 836 Empress Road, asked if an outside audit were to be conducted on the shooting range. Mr. Craig responded that the Township entered into a contract with the National Rifle Association (NRA) to conduct a range audit and that the audit would be conducted very soon. Mr. Corvo asked if the final audit would be a public record and Mr. LaLonde responded that the document would be a public document once received by the Township.

Mark Phillis, 689 Normandy Court, asked if the improvements constructed to date are temporary improvements. Mr. Craig responded that these improvements were temporary in nature, but will last several years. Mr. Phillis asked if the only municipalities using the range are currently members of the West Chester Emergency Response Team. Captain Gleason responded that yes, only members of the West Chester ERT may use the Township's range.

Mr. Phillis asked if he and several other members of the neighborhood bordering the range may have a meeting with the Supervisors, Township staff and Police Department. The Board members agreed to have a meeting at the neighbors' convenience and that it would be set up in the next few weeks.

Mr. Phillis stated his neighbors' concerns about the range, including: Neighbors leaving their homes during shooting periods due to the noise; neighbors are holding back on major life decisions, such as having additional children; neighbors want to sell their homes, but cannot due to the proximity to the range; neighbors are scared to go outside during shooting periods; neighbors cannot conduct business in their homes because of the shooting noise; neighbors have difficulty putting their children down for naps during shooting periods; neighbors have to close their doors and windows during nice weather because of the shooting; and neighbors cannot use their outdoor spaces because of the shooting noise.

Mr. Phillis stated that he and his neighbors fully support the training and Officer safety, but need some changes to the noise situation. He does not believe the safety issues are being fully addressed.

Mrs. McIlvaine thanked Mr. Phillis for his cordial comments and constructive attempts to address the noise and safety issues at the range. She stated that the shooting range is an emotional topic.

Mr. Brian Lane, 858 South High Street, asked if the Township's Trash & Recycling Fund is running a surplus. Mr. LaLonde responded that the Township is projecting a small surplus for 2011 in the Fund. Mr. Lane also asked what type of material is used in the pavement markings, referring to the bid award this evening. Mr. LaLonde responded that it is a standard type of road pavement marking paint that is utilized.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary