

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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, Township Finance Director
Mr. Richard 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 Edward Meakim at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Meakim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of November 2011.

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

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, complimented the Township on its recent bus trip to New York City. He stated that for \$35, it is a great deal for residents.

Ms. Nancy Giduck, 615 South Concord Road, stated that given her past experiences with a dog owner on South Concord Road, it is her opinion the Township's dog leash Ordinance needs to be revised and be more restrictive. On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board agreed to have Ms. Camp update the Township Ordinance to require that all dogs be leashed at all times while outside the home.

Mr. Jim Comstock, 1215 Karen Lane, stated he would like some solution to the cut through vehicular traffic on Karen Lane to Greenhill Avenue and beyond. Sgt. Justin DiMedio stated that through recent investigations, he did not find a speeding problem, but the problem is volume. He stated the Police Department's Traffic Division is planning on a traffic study during the 2nd week of January that will update traffic numbers gathered last in 2008.

Ms. Cathy Shallack, 1205 Karen Lane, asked if the Police Department can increase the timeframe of the study.

Sgt. DiMedio responded that the traffic counters work 24 hours per day for as long as they are in place.

Mr. Hugh Purnell, 704 Owen Road, stated that the radar speed sign that was placed in the North Hill neighborhood was very effective.

Mrs. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, stated that she wanted to remind the Board of Supervisors that speeding and volume are still problems in the Roslyn neighborhood.

Dr. White announced that checks have been mailed for the 2011 Senior Citizen Trash Rebate program. 129 residents qualified and received rebates in the amount of \$272.

Dr. White announced that Mr. Edward G. Meakim would be leaving the Board of Supervisors after eighteen years of service. He thanked Mr. Meakim for his continual dedication to West Goshen Township and wished him well in

his future endeavors. Mrs. McIlvaine thanked Mr. Meakim for his many years of service and stated it was a pleasure to work with him over the years.

State Representative Dan Truitt's office presented Mr. Meakim with a Pennsylvania Legislative Citation for Mr. Meakim's many years of service and dedication to public service and to West Goshen Township.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of November 9, 2011.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2011, for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund and the bills to be paid from these funds.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 18-2011, approving Traffic Regulatory Signs in the form of 25 mile per hour speed limit signs for North Concord Road.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the Final Land Development Plan for a 24,600 square foot building addition for the Chester County Hospital located at 701 East Marshall Street.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the 2012 Waste and Recycling Fund budget with expenditures budgeted at \$2,303,533. The 2012 budget includes no service fee increase.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the 2012 Sewer Fund budget with expenditures budgeted at \$3,972,292. The 2012 budget includes no service fee increase.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 19-2011, adopting the 2012 General Fund budget with expenditures budgeted at \$15,092,845.

Mr. Philip Corvo, 863 Empress Road, stated that the proposed General Fund budget increases the 2011 budget by \$1,000,000. He asked what the reason for the increase.

Dr. White responded that in addition to costs rising at approximately 3% over last year, the increase includes approximately \$670,000 in principal and interest costs for the new Public Works building.

Mr. Corvo asked why the Board and public were not looking at a more detailed budget presentation. He asked why more detail was not provided regarding revenues and expenditures.

Dr. White stated that the cumulative experience of the sitting Board of Supervisors is 44 years. He stated that the Township provides excellent services to its residents and the Board is not willing to cut those services.

Mr. Corvo asked when was the date for the Public Works open house.

Ray Halvorsen, Public Works Director, stated that we had just received the Use & Occupancy Permit and are currently in winter operations mode, making it not perfect for a full public open house. The Board can schedule an open house for spring once winter operations are concluded.

Ms. Nadine McDevitt, 812 Montbard Drive, asked if the Township foresees a tax increase in the future.

Mr. Hank Whalen, 688 Normandy Court, stated that the continued deficit spending cannot be maintained and that the Township should only provide services it can afford.

Mr. Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, questioned several of the Parks maintenance expenditures.

Mr. John Rusenko, 1029 Longview Drive, thanked the Township and Board for the services they offer, but stated that the Township cannot spend more than it takes in.

Rev. Ralph Mero, 1215 Eagle Road, asked if the millage rate was being maintained at 2.00 mills and asked if a tax increase was off the table.

Dr. White responded that a tax increase was not budgeted for 2012 and the millage rate was held at 2.00 mills.

Dr. White responded that not for 2012, but the Township has to budget year by year. He stated that in 16 of the last 18 years, there has been no tax increase.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Resolution 20-2011, establishing the 2012 Real Estate Tax at 2.0 mills.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Resolution 21-2011, proclaiming December 17, 2011 through December 25, 2011 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week."

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board approved Resolution 22-2011, regarding the Administrative and Roads' Pension Plan.

Mr. Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked if these Resolutions will require additional contributions by the Township to the pension plans.

Dr. White responded that no, these Resolutions will not require additional funding.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 23-2011, regarding the Sewer Employees' Pension Plan.

Walker Tompkins, 1245 Victoria Lane, stated that the Township pension plans are well funded and well managed with Vanguard.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Resolution 24-2011, regarding the Police Pension Plan.

Chief Joseph Gleason stated that there have been no additional improvements made to the range due to weather conditions.

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 8:10 p.m.

Supervisors Hearing S-02-11

Consideration and possible approval of an Ordinance of West Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, amending the West Goshen Township revised Zoning Ordinance of 1990, which is codified as chapter 84 of the West Goshen Township Code, by amending sections 84-37.a(15)(c), 84-38.a(17)(b), 84-39.a(18)(b) 84-40.a(17)(b) and 84-41.a(14)(b) to delete educational uses as a use which is permitted by Conditional Use in the I-1, Campus Light Industrial District, I-2 Light Industrial District, I-2R Light Industrial-restricted District; I-3 General Industrial District and I-C Industrial Commercial District; section 84-40 to allow an independent living facility in the I-2-R district by Conditional Use; section 84-40.b to add area and bulk regulations for an independent living facility in the I-2-R district; section 84-40.c to add design standards for an independent living facility in the I-2-R district; section 84-55.i to amend the parking regulations for an independent living facility and to rezone certain parcels of property from I-2 to I-2-R.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Ordinance no. 12-2011, regarding Supervisors Hearing S-02-11.

Supervisors Hearing S-02-11 adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary