

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 14, 2012

Township Supervisors:

Raymond H. Halvorsen, Chairman
Mrs. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Vice-Chairman
Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., Member
Philip J. Corvo, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer
Ms. Diane Clayton, 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 Raymond Halvorsen at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Halvorsen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of February 2012.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of February 2012. 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 February 2012.

Mr. Halvorsen opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Jim Comstock, 1215 Karen Lane, stated that he and other Karen Lane residents met with Dr. White and Township staff recently. He stated that the residents do not want double yellow lines, but indicated a willingness to have timed "no left turns" signs installed. Mr. Craig stated that the Township will need concurrence from all residents in the vicinity before installation may proceed. Mr. Halvorsen suggested that Mr. Comstock circulate a petition and submit the petition to Mr. LaLonde for delivery to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Comstock thanked Dr. White and Township staff for meeting with residents.

Mr. Hank Whalen, 688 Normandy Court, stated that the Township has had budget deficits during the last two years. He asked what the Board was doing to stem the deficit. Mr. Halvorsen responded that it will be addressed through the 2013 budget process. Mr. Whalen responded that the Township needs effective budgetary cuts now. Mr. Corvo stated that he would like to see a monthly report with actual throughout the year. Mr. LaLonde responded that a report is currently available showing monthly actual to date.

Mr. Whalen asked if the Township would consider enacting a Financial Advisory Committee. Mr. Halvorsen responded, "That is what I was elected for," and will take the request under advisement.

Mr. Mark Phillis, 689 Normandy Court, stated that Chief Gleason is organizing a meeting regarding the Township shooting range. He stated that there have been many improvements in communication, but our quality of life has not improved. Mr. Murphy responded that safety has been greatly improved and asked about his other concerns. Mr. Phillis responded that the neighborhood still has environmental concerns and the neighborhood's property values are still negatively affected. Mr. Murphy responded that he didn't understand how property values are affected, especially considering the neighborhood's proximity to the Township sewer plant.

Mr. Halvorsen stated the Township needs to examine all options, including enclosing the range to maintain peace and tranquility.

Mr. Murphy stated that we need to balance the residents' concerns with Police training requirements. The Officers' training is extensive, required and paramount for public safety.

Mr. Phillis responded that he was not asking for the Police to train less, just train somewhere else. He stated that Montgomery County and Delaware County already have facilities, Chester County needs to follow suit. The neighborhood's impact is too great for continued use of the range.

Mr. Corvo stated that once the Chester County facility is open, the Township will need to examine the Township's training needs at the current range.

Mr. Murphy responded that Mr. Phillis' concerns are real and fair and will be taken under consideration. The Township will work towards a compromise on this issue.

Mr. Mike Ahern, 1108 Phoenixville Pike, stated that light pollution from the new Road-Con building on Phoenixville Pike is glaring onto his property. Mr. Craig responded that Road-Con regraded the site, reactivated old lights and removed trees on the property. Road-Con was notified recently that the changes required approval from the Township and that all applicable Township regulations regarding lighting, grading, etc., must be adhered to. Road-Con submitted a revised grading plan and lighting plan that is currently under review. The plan calls for a double row of evergreen trees to be installed on the Phoenixville Pike side of the property, thereby buffering neighboring properties.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that an executive session was held today, March 14, 2012.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the Township was awarded a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection recycling grant in the amount of \$223,790 for the reporting year of 2009. This is a substantial increase over previous years and is due to the dedicated recycling efforts of West Goshen Township residents and business owners. As a comparison, West Goshen Township is the second largest Chester County municipality with approximately 24,000 residents. Tredyffrin Township is the largest Chester County municipality with over 30,000 residents and Tredyffrin received a 2009 recycling grant of \$127,324. Mr. LaLonde again thanked the Township's residents and business owners for their incredible recycling efforts.

On motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the Board of Supervisors minutes dated February 8, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Corvo, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2012 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 Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved ballfield use agreements for East Side Little League, West Side Little League and the West Chester Girls Softball Association. Mr. Halvorsen stated that the agreements are for a period of ten years with each organization providing a donation of \$5,000 per year to the Township. Mr. Len Chylak appeared representing East Side Little League; Mr. Dave Harvey appeared representing West Side Little League; and Mr. Andrew Bonner appeared representing the West Chester Girls Softball Association.

Ms. Camp opened discussion on the proposed Dog Leash Ordinance update and reviewed the history of the proposed amendment. She stated that following last meeting's discussion, she incorporated the changes into the proposed amendment. Mrs. McIlvaine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to advertise with the intent to adopt the Ordinance amendment at the April meeting.

Ms. Camp opened discussion on the proposed Noise Ordinance. The Board agreed to the following changes: No work by commercial construction activities on Federal holidays; work hours for commercial construction activities shall be 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturdays and no work on Sundays. This Ordinance amendment shall be redrafted and placed on a future agenda for the Board's consideration following review by the Township Planning Commission and Chester County Planning Commission.

Mr. Ron Agulnick, 931 North Hill Drive, stated that the proposed Noise Ordinance is over restrictive.

Mr. Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked for the delineation between commercial and resident construction. Ms. Camp stated that the difference would be the operation of heavy equipment and machinery.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved a Final Land Development Plan for a 3,152 square foot building addition for Deco Sales Company, Inc., located at 209 Carter Drive.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved a Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for a 133 unit townhouse development for Goshen Partners, L.P., located at Honeysuckle Court and Ward Avenue.

Mr. Ron Coupe, 955 North Penn Drive, thanked Mr. Halvorsen and the Board of Supervisors for getting the Black Walnut tree removed from the Greystone South subdivision project adjacent to his home.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Corvo, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary