

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JULY 11, 2012

Township Supervisors:

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

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Raymond Halvorsen at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 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 June 2012.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of June 2012. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. John Beswick gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for June 2012.

Mr. Halvorsen opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, commented that the Township Open House, held recently in June, was a great success and complimented staff. Mr. Halvorsen thanked Mr. Stratton for the positive comments and added that approximately four hundred Township residents attended and toured our facilities.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that the 2012 Decorated Bike Parade was very well attended last week on the 4th of July, with over two hundred children participating.

Mr. Murphy announced that West Chester University was holding its annual neighborhood update at 6:00 PM on July 26th and July 31st at Philips Autograph Library on campus.

Mr. Murphy stated that the Township was investigating an upgrade to the current Police Dispatch radio system that has resulted in void areas where the Chester County-provided radio equipment does not provide adequate coverage. The Township is investigating upgraded equipment and will make a decision in coming weeks on purchasing the new equipment.

Mr. LaLonde announced two upcoming Summer Concerts in the Park. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the amphitheater at Community Park unless inclement weather occurs, at which time the concert is moved to the East High School auditorium. He thanked the Parks & Recreation staff and Parks & Recreation Board for planning this year's exciting concert slate.

Sunday, July 22nd – Party favorites with The Greaseband; and
Sunday, August 5th – Folk music with The Rob Dickenson Band.

Mr. LaLonde announced that on July 28th at 7:00 PM, the Township was hosting a production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. The production will be held at the Community Park's Amphitheatre.

Mr. LaLonde announced that yard waste collection is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th. He asked that all residents have their yard waste at the curb by Friday night as Republic / Allied Waste begins at 6:00 AM Saturday morning with their collection process.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board approved the meeting minutes of June 13, 2012 and July 2, 2012.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2012, for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, and the bills to be paid from these funds.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Resolution 9-2012, establishing a new stop sign at David Lane at West Warren Road.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 10-2012, establishing a 25 MPH speed limit on Morris Road.

Mr. Murphy presented a history of the Roslyn traffic situation and the effects of residential development in municipalities neighboring West Goshen Township and at West Chester University. Pass through traffic has increased steadily over the past twenty year. Mr. Murphy provided a summary of the 2012 Board of Supervisors decision to establish the Roslyn Traffic Advisory Committee.

The Traffic Committee found that traffic has increased tremendously over the past several decades from residential, commercial and institutional development, specifically West Chester University. The Committee investigated various traffic calming and traffic diversion methods to alleviate the increasing numbers of vehicles using the Roslyn neighborhood as a cut through to Rt. 202 and points east. The Committee examined options such as road closures, one way streets and other signage changes to alleviate some traffic volume flowing through the neighborhood. The Committee's final recommendations include new signage on New Street, Rosary Lane, Jones Lane, Rosedale Avenue, Roslyn Avenue and Norfolk Avenue that changes the vehicle flow patterns to lower the traffic volume flowing through the neighborhood.

Mr. Murphy presented the Board of Supervisors with a written statement regarding the Traffic Committee's findings and Resolution 11-2012, regarding the traffic situation in the Roslyn neighborhood. Mr. Murphy stated that the proposed traffic signage changes first need approval by Resolution by the Board of Supervisors. He asked that the Resolution be drafted; and discussed and possibly approved at the August 8, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Jim Duey, 862 Spruce Avenue, asked if a post-signage installation traffic study be conducted. Mr. Murphy responded yes.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, asked if any warning signage will be setup prior to enactment of the Resolution. Mr. Halvorsen responded that the Township's new electronic message board will be set up prior to installation of the new signage.

Mr. Halvorsen complimented the Traffic Committee on its recommendations to help alleviate the traffic problems in the Roslyn neighborhood.

Mr. Murphy stated there was a split between Township staff and resident members of the Committee about closures and the delivery of emergency services. Emergency service delivery was taken into account by the Committee and after extensive discussion, this proposal was adopted. A comprehensive plan to address the overall traffic situation in the area is also part of this plan.

Dr. White stated he has concerns about the West Chester University statement in the Resolution.

Mrs. McIlvaine asked how the Traffic Committee intended to improve Rosedale Avenue. Mr. Murphy stated that as a part of the 2005 West Chester Regional Planning Commission Regional Traffic Study, it was recommended that a Rosedale Avenue Corridor Study from Rt. 52 eastbound to Bolmar Street be conducted to provide recommendations on establishing better traffic flow and possibly an additional access to Rt. 202.

Mr. Halvorsen suggested several language changes to the final Resolution.

Mr. Corvo suggested we begin with these signage changes and measure the results.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 11-2012, regarding traffic in the Roslyn neighborhood.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the Final Land Development Plan for a 46,000 square foot health club facility at 999 Paoli Pike.

Mr. LaLonde introduced the West Goshen Township Fund Balance Policy (GASB Statement No. 54). Mr. LaLonde stated that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) endorsed Statement No. 54 that requires Townships to set by written policy a level at which all operating fund balances shall remain at a minimum.

For example, with the current Township General Fund operating budget of approximately \$15,000,000 and an approved fund balance limit of 20% of expenditures, the Township would have to maintain a General Fund fund balance of \$3,000,000 to act as a buffer for unforeseen emergencies and adequate cash flow. If the Township approves expenditures that force the fund balance to drop below the \$3,000,000 limit, the Board of Supervisors must approve a plan to increase the fund balance back to the \$3,000,000 minimum.

After some discussion, the Board of Supervisors approved the West Goshen Township Fund Balance Policy, setting the Fund balance limit at 20% of the given year's operating budgets.

Mrs. McIlvaine suggested the Township forward signed copies of the proposed Resolution to be put forth for adoption regarding the Roslyn traffic signage to West Chester University, all surrounding municipalities and our State Representative, State Senator, and County Commissioners.

There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary