

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

Township Supervisors:

Mr. Raymond H. Halvorsen, Chairman
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Mr. Philip J. Corvo, Jr., Member
Mr. Christopher Pielli, Esq., Member
Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. William E. Webb, 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 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Halvorsen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Halvorsen called for public comment on any topic not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

Captain Greg Stone gave the Police Report for the month of January 2016.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of January 2016. 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 January 2016.

Mr. Pielli discussed the possible placement of the plaque presented to the Township by the Caswallen Civic Association on behalf of Dr. Robert White. Mr. Halvorsen stated that the ultimate location should be within the proposed Woodlands at Greystone open space, but in the interim, the plaque should be placed somewhere in the Township. Mr. LaLonde stated that he spoke with Dr. Douglas White about a possible location and that he was waiting for some suggestions from Dr. White and Mrs. Judy White.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously appointed Supervisor Hugh Purnell to the Township's Pension Committee.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on January 27th and February 10th to discuss personnel and litigation.

Mr. LaLonde stated that he was seeking approval from the Board to execute Certificates of Authority for the Township's three pension plans with Vanguard. On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the three Certificates of Authority for the Township's Police, Administration & Roads and Sewer Pension Plans. Mr. LaLonde stated that the Certificates of Authority list each elected official as the ultimate fiduciary for the three pension plans.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of January 13, 2016 and January 27, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2016, 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.

Mr. LaLonde requested that Resolution 5-2016, destruction of records for the Finance Department, be tabled to the March 9, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Camp introduced the possible approval of the Conditional Use Order for the Francis Iacobucci residential townhome project "Reserve at West Goshen" located at 1210 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA. Ms. Camp stated that through the Conditional Use Hearing process, the application has shown to be consistent with Township Code with the proposed development of twenty-eight (28) townhomes. The Order states that it is the Board's Decision, in conjunction with the Township Engineer's recommendation that Exhibit A-7A with the paved

“bulb” is the plan that provides a safe and proper vehicle drive isle and turnaround. Ms. Camp stated, however, that the applicant, through the Land Development process, must present to the Board the following to ensure safe and proper traffic flow and movement through the site, to include: A plan showing truck turning movements that are acceptable and approved by the Township Engineer; and the availability of areas inside the development to stockpile snow cleared during snow and ice storms.

Ms. Margie Swart, 1519 Links Drive, asked if this were the cul-de-sac design option. Mr. Craig answered that this was indeed the cul-de-sac option plan. Ms. Swart asked if the Board was approving a design this evening. Ms. Camp answered that the Board was only approving the Conditional Use application and that the plan is still required to go through the Subdivision and Land Development process.

Dr. Douglas White, 1001 Woodview Lane, asked if the plan still had to go through the Land Development process. Ms. Camp answered that yes, the plan still needs to go through Land Development with the Township Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Conditional Use Order for the Francis Iacobucci project, “Reserve at West Goshen.”

Mr. LaLonde introduced Mr. Josh Fox, Sewage and Wastewater Engineer with Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. (HRG). Mr. LaLonde stated that the Township hired HRG early last fall after finding the need for significant capital improvements and upgrades at the Township’s wastewater treatment plant on South Concord Road. Mr. LaLonde stated that Township staff have been assisting Mr. Fox with his firm’s investigation and recommendations.

Mr. Josh Fox provided an overview of his findings stemming from a review of the Township’s wastewater treatment plan, collection system and sewage pump stations. Mr. Fox provided a review of capital improvement issues that need to be addressed, including replacement of the 46-year old emergency generator; replacement of the grit removal system that does not function properly; repairs to the headworks portion of the facility that has experienced significant deterioration due to the large quantity of hydrogen sulfide in the headworks facility; investigation and replacement or lining of approximately two miles of sewage pipes each year; and upgrade of the Sewer Authority’s Downing Avenue pump station.

Mr. Fox presented a short Powerpoint presentation with embedded video clips of some of the issues present at the plant including a hydraulic condition that is causing a reversal of the plants wastewater flow and likely breaks in the piping for the aeration tanks causing air bubbles to percolate up through the pavement near the aeration tanks. Mr. Fox stated that these issues should be addressed.

Mr. Fox presented a capital improvements plan that spans approximately seven years, beginning with the capital items mentioned above to occur in the first two years. The overall cost estimate across the seven years is approximately \$14,000,000. Mr. Fox stated that he, his staff and Township staff are working with the Township’s Sewer Authority to finalize the capital improvements plan and get the capital repairs and replacements moving forward. The Sewer Authority is responsible for all capital improvement projects at the plant, collection system and pump stations.

Mr. Tom Casey, 1113 Windsor Drive, asked if any of these improvements would affect the TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) regulations the Township was facing from EPA or DEP. Mr. Halvorsen responded that none of the capital improvements recommended by Mr. Fox would have a negative impact on the TMDL requirements. Mr. Fox responded that some of the recommended capital improvements may actually help with the TMDL issue faced by the Township wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Casey asked if the plant was mismanaged, and if so, was anyone fired. Mr. Halvorsen responded by stating that personnel changes have been made in regards to the wastewater treatment plant but would not comment further, as the Board does not discuss personnel issues in public.

Mr. Fox stated that many of the recommended capital improvements presented tonight should have been addressed in the past, but were not.

Mr. Ted Murphy, 852 Spruce Avenue, identified himself as a member of the West Goshen Township Sewer Authority. Mr. Murphy stated that the Sewer Authority has jurisdiction of the sewer plant and all of these capital improvement costs. Mr. Murphy stated that there has been no capital improvements plan or funding in at least fifteen years, so we are now dealing with these issues now.

The Board thanked Mr. Fox for his presentation.

Mr. LaLonde introduced the "Citizens Transparency Initiative," an online resource for residents and other members of the public to view the Township's finances in real time. Mr. LaLonde stated that a link for the Initiative will be made available by Friday, February 12th and that the public may view vendor information, year to date revenues and expenditures and financial data back through the beginning of 2013. Mr. LaLonde stated that the data is drawn directly from the Township's financial software, MUNIS, and that the data is updated weekly, thereby providing the most current data available for viewing. Mr. LaLonde stated that once utilized, if any member of the public has questions about the financial data, they are free to contact him.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 6-2016, approval of the Deed of Dedication for Wrangley Court, part of the Wrangley Court subdivision adjacent to North Pottstown Pike conditioned on receipt of the updated letter of credit from the developer.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following bids for the 2016 fuel bids for Unleaded Gasoline, Bio-Ultra Clear Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, #2 Heating Oil and Low-Sulfur Diesel (15 ppm), for bids opened at 10:15 a.m., Monday February 9, 2016.

Vendor	Unleaded Gasoline	Bio-Ultra Clear Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	#2 Heating Oil	Low Sulfur Diesel 15ppm
Sheller Oil Co.	No Bid	No Bid	1.1406	No Bid
Reilly & Sons	1.0940	1.110	1.294	1.323
Mauger & Co., Inc.	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Superior Plus Energy Service	1.1398	1.1242	1.1798	1.2660
Papco Inc	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid

Mr. Tom Casey, 1113 Windsor Drive, asked the Board if they had heard that a Judge had ruled against Sunoco regarding the Mariner II pipeline project. Mr. Casey stated he would forward the information to Mr. LaLonde for distribution to the Board. Ms. Camp suggested Township staff contact the Township's Public Utility Counsel for their review of this case.

Mr. Casey asked if the Board were willing to consider withdrawing from the settlement agreement made last year between the Concerned Citizens of West Goshen, the Township and Sunoco. Ms. Camp stated that the Board could not withdraw from the agreement, as it would be a breach of contract.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
 Township Secretary