

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 9, 2016**

Township Supervisors:

Mr. Raymond H. Halvorsen, 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 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Meakim was absent for the meeting. Mr. Halvorsen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Halvorsen introduced Mr. David Brooman, Special Counsel to the Township, for a Sunoco Logistics pump station and pipeline update. Mr. Brooman stated that Sunoco Logistics has completed all improvements at the Boot Road pump station site, including all piping installations, combustion unit installation and the additional two valves as required by the agreement. Mr. Brooman stated that the additional landscaping as provided for in the agreement was still a work in progress. He stated that the Mariner II pipeline project was currently under review by the Township's safety expert, Richard Kuprewicz.

Ms. Lilli Middlebrooks, 1209 Trafalgar Lane, asked if Sunoco could continue the newly installed brick fence all along Boot Road. Mr. Brooman stated that due to underground piping and other utility constraints, no new fencing can be installed. Ms. Middlebrooks asked who would be verifying the new valve installation. Mr. Brooman stated that Mr. Kuprewicz is charged with verifying the installation of the two new valves.

Mr. Joe Kerchevitz asked for the locations of the two new valves. Mr. Brooman stated that one is located in West Whiteland Township and Thornbury Township (Chester County) at mile markers 228 and 236.6. He also asked if Mariner III was under construction yet. Mr. Brooman responded no.

Mr. Pielli asked for the timing of improvements. Mr. Brooman stated that all improvements have been made to the Boot Road pump station site; that the valves were installed; and that the additional landscaping improvements were still under discussion.

Mr. Tom Casey, 1113 Windsor Drive, stated that Mariner II is only 50% sold, so Sunoco is dragging their feet on the project starting construction; that the Sunoco jet fuel pipeline had a leak near Rt. 352 and Sunoco may repurpose this jet fuel line to carry Marcellus Shale gas liquids.

Mr. Walker Tompkins, 1245 Victoria Lane, asked if additional plantings and landscaping were coming. Mr. Brooman stated yes, additional landscaping is still under discussion.

Ms. Lilli Middlebrooks stated that various pipeline flags were damaged by PennDOT plowing operations over the winter and that Sunoco needed to repair the flags.

Mr. Walker Tompkins stated that drill rigs are noisy. He asked what affect the drill rigs have on noise and vibration in the area.

Ms. Lilli Middlebrooks asked if East Goshen Township has granted Sunoco permission to drill 24/7. Mr. Brooman stated that neither East Goshen Township nor West Whiteland Township has granted permission to drill 24/7.

Mr. Tom Casey asked about a new confidentiality agreement if that was in effect for Mariner II. Mr. Brooman stated that a new confidentiality agreement was in place for Mr. Kuprewicz to review the Mariner II safety information.

Mr. Tom Casey asked about the Clear Air Council case. Mr. Brooman stated that Commonwealth Court is set to review the case.

Mr. Brooman stated that Mariner II is fully funded and that Mariner III is in "open season," meaning Sunoco is currently looking for buyers of the additional liquids.

Mr. Halvorsen thanked Mr. Brooman for his time and update on the Sunoco pump station and Mariner II and Mariner III projects.

Mr. LaLonde read the following statement regarding the West Goshen Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"In October 2015, Township staff and the Board of Supervisors became aware of significant issues with the Township's Sewer Plant, including deferred maintenance and failure to replace capital equipment and processes, lapsed employee safety protective measures and the continued use of equipment that no longer worked correctly. The Board of Supervisors immediately made personnel changes at the plant, including bringing the Sewer Plant operations back under the supervision of the Public Works Department. The Sewer Plant is now being operated by Michael Moffa, who has worked for the Sewer Plant for twenty years. The Public Works Department will continue to provide assistance and oversight of the Sewer Plant staff. In regard to the personnel changes made at the Sewer Plant, the Board of Supervisors is not at liberty to discuss the personnel issues yet and will do so once a final resolution of the matter is achieved.

The Sewer Authority is an independent legal entity that owns the Sewer Plant and all sewer infrastructure. The Authority hires its own Solicitor and Engineer and has its own public monthly meetings. Other than appointing Sewer Authority members, the Board of Supervisors has no direct jurisdiction or legal authority over the Sewer Authority.

Once the Township became aware of the issues at the Sewer Plant, it retained Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., (HRG), a local engineering firm with extensive experience in operating municipal sewer plants. HRG investigated the condition of the Plant, the ten sewer pump stations and the two hundred mile-long sewer collection piping system. Josh Fox and his colleagues produced two separate reports, the first on the Plant and pump stations and a second on the collection piping system. Mr. Fox presented the first report to the Board at the February meeting and set forth his recommendations for capital improvements to the Plant and the pump stations. Mr. Fox is working collaboratively with the Authority's engineer and has attended the last three Authority meetings to provide advice and guidance on the recommended capital improvements. HRG has recommended improvements to the generator, replacement of the grit removal system, upgrade of the headworks facility and upgrade of the Downing Avenue Pump station as the priorities for the Authority to focus on in 2016 and 2017. He has also suggested other improvements coming over a seven year time period. The Authority has authorized HRG to provide design specifications for the generator and to design a replacement for three failing sewer manholes adjacent to the Sewer Plant and for Glace Associates, the Authority's Engineer, to design an upgrade for the Downing Avenue Pump Station and to repair Clarifier #3.

The Sewer Authority is responsible for initiating and funding all capital improvements to the Sewer System. The Township Board of Supervisors has no direct role in initiating or funding the capital improvements. The Board of Supervisors' and Township staff's role in this process is to advocate to the Authority to schedule these capital upgrades per HRG's recommended timetable. The Board and staff will continue to guide the Authority and assist it in any way it can to see that the necessary upgrades are made in a timely and economically way. Any resident with concerns about the condition of the Sewer Plant is invited to attend the next Sewer Authority meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016."

Mr. Halvorsen stated that he fully supports HRG and their recommendations.

Ms. Margie Swart, 1519 Links Drive, asked that the Township add the Sewer Authority meeting minutes to the website. The Board and Mr. LaLonde responded that they will be added to the Township's website.

Mr. Ted Murphy, 806 Spruce Avenue, identified himself as a Sewer Authority member. Mr. Murphy stated that the Authority now meets at the Township building. He stated that the Authority has some difficult issues to deal with including equipment replacements and upgrades that need to be done immediately and that the Authority has responsibility for all capital improvements.

Mr. Pielli asked if some of the projects had been approved by the Authority. Mr. Murphy stated that yes, but there is disagreement on the Authority over the projects and over the Authority Engineer of choice to get the projects designed.

Mr. Walker Tompkins asked how costly were the improvements. Mr. Murphy responded that an immediate cost is approximately \$4,500,000 with overall costs over seven years of the proposed capital improvements plans was approximately \$14,000,000, including the initial \$4,500,000.

Mr. Tom Casey asked who was in charge of the Authority. Kristin Camp stated that the Sewer Authority was and is in charge of capital improvements.

Mr. Charles Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, stated that Dr. White was in charge of the Sewer Authority.

Dr. Douglas White, 1001 Woodview Lane, stated that the Sewer Authority and Dr. Robert White relied on John Scott.

Ms. Margie Swart stated that she appreciated the efforts by the Township staff and Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Tom Casey asked how the Board of Supervisors may remove members of the Sewer Authority. Mr. Camp stated that the Board cannot remove Authority members and that the Authority operates under the Pennsylvania Authorities Act.

Mr. Halvorsen stated that is why the Board of Supervisors has stepped back from enacting a Stormwater Authority. He stated that the Board has discussed expanding the Sewer Authority Board, but the Board of Supervisors has seen some forward progress by the Sewer Authority to get the short-term and long-term capital improvements plan in place.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of February 2016. Chief Gleason stated that new forms have been placed on the Township's website for the public for Officers commendations, complaints and a survey on Police Department services.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of February 2016. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Ms. Andrea Testa also gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for February 2016.

Mrs. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, asked when the Toll Bros. East Bradford Township Conditional Use Hearing for the Tigue property was scheduled. Mr. Halvorsen and Mr. LaLonde will contact East Bradford Township and respond to Mrs. Colvin.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of February 10, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 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.

On a motion by Mr. Pielli, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 5-2016, destruction of records for the Finance Department.

Ms. Margie Swart asked why the Township was destroying files. Mr. LaLonde responded that the Township follows the Pennsylvania Museum and Historic Commission (PHMC) guidelines on file retention to the letter. He stated that the Township does not have infinite paper file storage space and periodic document destruction recommended by the Pennsylvania PHMC.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved the 2016 Paving Program bid to low bidder DiRocco Bros. in the amount of \$860,503.35. Mr. Halvorsen stated he was very pleased with the low bid and that the drop in oil prices was partially responsible for the low price.

Vendor	Price
Allan Myers, Inc.	\$940,000.00
DiRocco Bros.	\$860,503.35
Glasgow, Inc.	\$937,630.62
H&K Group, Inc.	\$930,768.80
Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc.	\$1,228,391.40

Mr. Don Braceland, member of West Chester Borough Council and Chester County Health Department Director Dr. Jeanne Casner presented a pilot program to help eliminate spraying of pesticides in Chester County for mosquitos. Dr. Casner stated that the Health Department does not like to use pesticides for mosquito control as using pesticides has effects on beneficial insects and the general public does not like spraying in their neighborhoods. Mr. Braceland stated that pilot program will advocate for and educate the public on non-pesticide elimination techniques, such as eliminating standing water from ditches, old tires and other items that hold standing water, as well as the advocacy for using so-called "mosquito dunks" that kill mosquito larvae as opposed to spraying to kill adult mosquitos.

The Board thanked Mr. Braceland and Dr. Casner for their presentation. Mr. Halvorsen suggested using Eagle Scouts in some fashion to get the word out. Mr. LaLonde stated that he would write an article for the upcoming Township newsletter to highlight the initiatives presented at tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Pielli, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Township resident Shaun Walsh to the Township Planning Commission in the position vacated by long-time member Jeff Laudenslager who recently resigned. The Board welcomed Mr. Walsh to the Planning Commission. Mr. Walsh thanked the Board for the appointment and stated that he looks forward to working with the Board and the Planning Commission.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved a Final Subdivision Plan for three residential lots for Jerrehian at 1135 Pottstown Pike. Mr. Ray Grochowski was present for the applicant.

On a motion by Mr. Corvo, seconded by Mr. Purnell, the Board unanimously approved a Final Land Development Plan for a 229,179 square foot, 709 parking space parking garage for Chester County Hospital at 701 East Marshall Street.

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Corvo, the Board unanimously approved a Final Land Development Plan for a 65,120 square foot self-storage building with 12,920 square feet of portable storage units for Christopher Knauer at 1075 Andrew Drive.

A discussion ensued of the Final Land Development Plan for a 54,260 square foot age restricted independent and assisted living facility for Commerce Operating GP LLC, at 1205 Ward Avenue, also named "Abours Square."

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Mr. Pielli stated that he has concerns with the Arbours Square plans and will be voting “no” on the approval. Mr. Corvo also expressed concerns with the plan and stated he will be voting “no” on the plan approval.

Ms. Camp stated that the plan meets all Code requirements and must now be approved.

Mr. John Jaros, representing the developer, stated that the Board must approve the plan and that he disagrees with Mr. Pielli and Mr. Corvo. Mr. Jaros stated that this is a Land Development approval, not a use approval.

Mr. LaLonde suggested that the applicant allow the Township to defer a decision to the Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Jaros, stated that the project complies with all Land Development Codes and complies with the nine (9) Conditions as approved by the Conditional Use approval, but agrees with the continuance to the April 13, 2016 Board meeting.

Mr. Halvorsen read the names of those Township employees who had perfect attendance in 2015.

Administration

Casey LaLonde
Ken Lehr
Jen Latzer
Philip Eberly

Sewer

Robert Gallagher
Jeff Howell
John Scott
Reece Papenfuss

Roads

Ray Halvorsen
Dave Woodward
Hugh Boyce

Police

Joe Gleason
Justin DiMedio
Daniel Boyle
Michael Carroll
Jose Torres

Dispatch

Cindy Haldeman

Parks

Joseph Smith
Kent Daly

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 7-2016, approval of the Deed of Dedication for Sorber Drive.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Pielli, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary