

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR MAY 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 11, 2010, was called to order at 7:30 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The members present were as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

Rebecca A. Kiefer, Chairperson; John Paul, Vice Chairman; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary; Michael W. Lamond, Jr., Assistant Secretary; Paul Plotnick, Member; Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; Richard Wieland, Township Engineer; Carolyn Hanel, Director of Administrative Services/Parks and Recreation; Richard Lesniak, Director of Emergency Services; Thomas Mazzo, Chief of Ambulance Corps; Michael Bean, Chief of Fire Company #1; and Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

1. April 27, 2010 to May 11, 2010 - \$558,358.10

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Plotnick, to approve the bill list from 4/27/10 to 5/11/10 totaling \$558,358.10. This motion passed unanimously by roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. April 13, 2010

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Plotnick, to approve the April 13, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR POSTING

3. April 27, 2010

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Plotnick, the posting of the April 27, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals had questions on the TEVA Development Plans. Mr. Tieperman reported that the applicant submitted revised sketch plans and a petition for amendment to the zoning map and Comprehensive Plan. Staff expects the next public meeting to be sometime in June. The applicant has also commenced the formal Traffic Impact Study.

- Mr. Mike Kelly of 135 Muirfield Lane, Chalfont, PA
- Steven Filipe of 14 Kulp Road East, Chalfont, PA
- Joe Kirby of 145 Muirfield Lane, Chalfont, PA

Palomino Farms Basin Retrofit Project

• Ernie Montella, Sr. of 1924 Appaloosa Road, Warrington, PA

4. MANAGER'S REPORT.

Mr. Tieperman highlighted the following bulleted items in his report:

- Route 202 Meeting
- Staff Road Tour
- CBSD Meeting
- Redstone Wetlands
- Quarterly Pension Reports
- Quarterly Fire and Ambulance Reports

2009 and 2010 Business Privilege Tax Waivers

It was the consensus of the Board for the township to waive penalties and/or interest fees for qualified business owners for the 2009 and 2010 business privilege taxes. The Solicitor was directed to draw up a resolution that reflects this waiver.

Advertise Water and Sewer Fees for County Line Road

It was the consensus of the Board to give the Solicitor authorization to proceed with advertisement of the proposed water and sewer fees for County Line Road in the Horsham District.

Quarterly Fire Company Report

Fire Chief Michael J. Bean reviewed the quarterly report for the Fire Company. The Board's June 22, 2010 public meeting will be held at the West End Fire Station at which time the formal building dedication will take place.

Quarterly Ambulance Corps Report

Chief Thomas Mazzo reviewed the quarterly report for the Ambulance Corps.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Wieland updated the Board on the following engineering projects/issues:

- Final plans that have been submitted on the Lingo tract and
- CEC performed the 18-month maintenance period punch list inspections on the new section of Kelly Road through Warrington Ridge, Stone Manor, and the Windsong Development.

Mr. Paul reported that the township had received a call from Mr. Leslie Surnitsky, who resides at 802 Geranium Drive, Warrington, and is President of the Homeowners Association in the Bluestone Creek Development. Mr. Surnitsky is requesting that the township engineer meet with them to review some of their concerns; i.e., sidewalks and driveway aprons.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

6. Joint discussion with Warrington Township Communications Advisory Board.

Michael Starner, Chairman of the Warrington Township Communications Advisory Board (CAB) reviewed his executive summary outlining the CABs mission statement and 2010 goals and fielded questions from the Supervisors. Mr. James Calore, Vice Chairman of the CAB was also in attendance. In order to determine how Township residents wish to receive information on Township activities and issues, the CAB will conduct a survey. A draft survey form will be prepared and reviewed with the Supervisors for their feedback before distribution via "The Link."

7. Review and discussion of Warrington Township Emergency Management Plan.

Mr. Lesniak briefly reviewed the Township's Emergency Management Plan. An Emergency Management Plan is required in order to be eligible for funding from the State or the Federal Government in the event of a major disaster. Mr. Lamond verified that the required NIMS training is being provided. Mr. Paul suggested that the Emergency Management Plan book be digitized for use by personnel when not in the command center.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to approve the 2010 Emergency Management Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to approve the format of the 2010 National Incident Management System (NIMS). The motion passed unanimously.

8. <u>Consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 213 (Stop Signs) of the Township Code.</u>

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to table the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 213 (Stop Signs) of the Township Code until the May 25, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 27, Part 22 (Signs) of the Township Code.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to table the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 27, Part 22 (Signs) of the Township Code until the May 25, 2010 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discuss and develop consensus on 2010 Board goals and objectives.

Mrs. Kiefer recommended that the Board table discussions on the 2010 Board goals and objectives until a future meeting.

11. Discussion on Permanent Finance Committee.

Mr. Paul recommended that a work session be held on June 1, 2010 and directed the Manager to advertise this meeting and prepare an agenda that would include (2010 Board goals and objectives, reactivating the Open Space Committee, and any other pertinent business that needs to be accomplished.)

12. Consider appointments to volunteer boards and commissions.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, that Maryann Scarpill be appointed to the Veterans' Affairs Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, that Nicholas Braccia be appointed to the Permanent Finance Committee. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1. Mr. Plotnick voted no.

Mrs. Kiefer reported that in 1995 Warrington passed the very first open space resolution in the County. Board consensus was to reactivate the Open Space Committee. Board would like to look at some draft resolutions from other municipalities and make some recommendations.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, that Richard Weiss, Jr., be appointed to the Park and Recreation Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Plotnick motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, that Steven Filipe be appointed to the Communications Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Kiefer recommended that appointments to the Planning Commission be deferred until all of the interested candidates have been interviewed.

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

13. <u>Consider conceptual installation of a cell tower on township-owned property adjacent to</u> Valley Road by Tower One Partners.

Lawrence Romanowski and Nicholas Pullen from Tower One Partners presented a photo simulation of how the proposed tower at Valley Road might look from different vantage points along Valley Road using stealth technology.

Tower One Partners were directed to prepare a cost analysis based on a tree vs. monopole type of pole for the cell tower.

14. <u>Consider Amendment to the June 9, 2008 Agreement between Warrington Township and</u> Horsham Water and Sewer Authority.

Mr. Fred Achenbach reviewed the proposed amendment to the June 9, 2008 Agreement between Warrington Township and Horsham Water and Sewer Authority that addresses the Authority to utilize a special purpose tapping fee in order to recoup certain costs associated with constructing the sewer improvements.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Plotnick, to approve the Amendment to the June 9, 2008 Agreement between Warrington Township and Horsham Water and Sewer Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

15. Earth Day Comments.

The Board was in agreement that this year's Earth Day was very successful, well attended, and had a number of people completing a multiple of activities.

16. Farmers Market at Valley Square.

Mr. Paul reported that the grand opening of the Farmers' Market will be held at Valley Square in front of Borders on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 3 to 6 p.m. Twelve vendors will be participating in this 22-weeks program. Products will be locally grown or made locally. All Supervisors are invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Lamond, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Edited and Reviewed By:

Carolyn Hanel, Director of Admin. Services