

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 19, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, February 19 at 8:05 a.m. in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan W. McDonough
William Moore
Rob Jones

Engineer: Craig Kologie

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session

Chairman McDonough noted that an executive session was held on February 10, 2009 regarding personnel issues, contract negotiations and legal issues.

Minutes

Due to satellite problems with the computers at the Township building, the Supervisors were unable to review the minutes and the minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

Correspondence

Seventeen (17) pieces of correspondence were noted as received. A list of the correspondence as well as the individual pieces of correspondence is available for public inspection.

Road Report

Chairman McDonough began the report with an update on the inventory of vehicles on hand, and spoke about the possibility of purchasing some new vehicles. He met with Rob Van De Boe, Commercial Department Manager for Fred Beans, and toured their commercial facility. Fred Beans is a member of COSTARS. In discussion by the Board, it was noted that the Township's first choice is for the purchase of a 550 series four wheel drive diesel truck, and that the Township would consider the purchase of an additional larger truck next year. Road crew member Duane Hammond participated in the discussion. Duane met with representatives from International (??) Chairman McDonough will forward the specifications of these trucks to the other board members for their review and consideration.

Duane Hammond of the Road Crew reported on the conditions of the roads. Two road issues were discussed: Highspire Road between Springton Road and the West Brandywine Township boundary; and a hole on Devereux Road that needs to be cut-out, re-stoned and

patched. Township Engineer Craig Kologie suggested working with Heritage Construction on the timing of the road repairs to Highspire. Chairman McDonough instructed Secretary Betty Randzin to work with Township Engineer Craig Kologie and Township Solicitor Steve Siana on preparing a bid package for repaving this section of Highspire Rd.

Planning Commission

Barbara D'Angelo reported the last PC meeting was held on February 11, 2009.

Ranieri: two-lot subdivision. Ms. D'Angelo noted that the proposed new house is too close to the slopes according to our ordinance. Ranieri will return to the next PC meeting with a new plan. An extension is needed.

It was also announced that the fourth (4th) Wednesday meeting of the PC is to be a work session, primarily dealing with ordinance revisions.

Township Engineer Kologie mentioned that the tree next to the Springhouse at Brandywine Hill subdivision will be removed in the spring per the previous request of the Board.

Old Business

- a. Valhalla Brandywine Conditional Use Hearing - Chairman McDonough announced the Conditional Use Hearing dates for Valhalla Brandywine on February 24th, to commence at 7:30 pm. It was also announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 24th at the Township Building.
- b. Volunteers Dinner – Supervisor Moore reported that the list of active volunteers for the Township is complete. Springton Manor Farm has been discussed as a possible site for sometime in April or May 2009.

New Business

a. Seibert Subdivision: Approval of Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 2 to be sent to PA DEP. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township adopt and submit to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection the Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 2 for the Seibert subdivision as reviewed and approved by the township engineers, Castle Valley Consultants. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Camp Indian Run Subdivision Certificate of Completion No. 3. The Applicant has submitted a request for approval of Certificate of Completion No. 1 in the amount of \$42,165.00. The Township Engineer has reviewed the request and recommends that the Board approve. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve Certificate of Completion No. 3 and that Chairman McDonough be authorized to take all necessary actions in order to effectuate the same. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Personnel Issues: Chairman McDonough directed Secretary Randzin to schedule a six month review for Lisa Gardner for March 6, 2009. A year-end review was conducted on Secretary Randzin and, given her hard work, her dedication and the expanding role that she has assumed within the Township, the Supervisors would like to promote her to the position of Township Secretary/Treasurer. Supervisor Jones moved that Secretary Randzin be promoted to Township Secretary/Treasurer at a salary of \$47,500.00, prorated to 1-1-09. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Board thanked Secretary Randzin for her dedication and commitment to the Township.

An evaluation of employee Duane Hammond was also conducted by the Board. Chairman McDonough spoke of the additional responsibilities assumed by Duane Hammond and his hard work in the position. In recognition of the same, Supervisor Jones moved that Duane Hammond be given the title of Township Road Foreman at an hourly rate of \$19.40, prorated to 1-1-09. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Springton Road Bridges: Steven P. Fellin, Project Manager of Penn DOT and Brian W. Baldwin, PE, of Alfred Benesch Engineering were present to discuss the possible design alternatives for the Springton Road Bridges. The bridges need to be replaced due to safety considerations. Mr. Fellin noted that the detour will be approximately 5-1/2 miles long for a time period of less than a calendar year. Mr. Baldwin and Benesch Engineering are responsible for the engineering on only one of the bridges, although they will be coordinating with the engineering firm for the other bridge. The Supervisors noted that the goal of the Township is to minimize the time during which the bridges are closed, keeping in mind that property owners must have access to their homes. Mr. Baldwin mentioned that the width of the existing bridge is 18'. The new bridge will be 28' curb to curb. Resident Jen Harkins, representing the WT Historical Commission, asked why the bridge needs to be so big. Mr. Baldwin responded the new bridge will be built to eliminate the site distance issue and upgrade to the current weight limit. Supervisor Moore asked if repair to the existing bridge would be possible instead of replacement. Mr. Baldwin responded no. It is obsolete and unable to be rebuilt to current standards. Supervisor Moore asked about the weight limit on the replacement bridge. Mr. Baldwin responded Penn DOT will not build a bridge with a weight limit. Resident Jen Harkins asked if the original bridge plaque will be visible in the new bridge. Mr. Baldwin responded it should be placed in an area where most people can see it. There was discussion about stone (stone façade) walls or guide rails on bridge sides. Jen Harkins asked if the Section 106 process has been completed. She would like copies for the Historical Commission. Other concerns expressed were the proximity of the bridge to Springton Manor Farm (which is on the National Register of Historic Places), how much land Penn Dot will need to acquire to perform the work, and if the neighboring home owners would be notified. Penn Dot was seeking a level of agreement on the aesthetics of the bridge by the Board. The Board generally agreed that galvanized guide rails were not preferred, and that some stone work would be most preferable. There was discussion about various options including elevated wing walls, use of real stone on lower sides of bridge, use of stone "entrance" walls similar to what is present currently, and combinations of stone facades, guide rails, and real stone. Mr. Baldwin asked the Board for a decision on their choice of stone color. The Board asked the members of the Historical Commission to review and advise.

e. Park and Recreation Board: Chairwoman Danielle McDonough spoke about the Wallace Township Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009. Supervisor Jones moved that the Park & Recreation Board work with Penn DOT on the beautification of the Township on April 25, 2009, Wallace Township Clean-Up Day. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

f. Police Vehicles: Supervisor Moore mentioned that the police vehicles have been cleaned and parked at the Township Maintenance Building. Several interested parties have been notified. There was a discussion whether the vehicles should be sold on Municibid or EBay. Supervisor Moore asked Secretary Randzin to request Road Foreman Hammond to begin removing the POLICE decals to ready the vehicles for sale.

g. Indiantown Schoolhouse Roof: Township Engineer Craig Kologie asked about the Roof bid. Chairman McDonough responded it was being reviewed by the Township Solicitor.

h. Elverson EMS: Supervisor Jones made an inquiry about the donation to the Elverson EMS for 2008. At a recent meeting it was mentioned that the \$5,000 from WT was a large part of next year's budget. If it wasn't paid, he would like the Board to consider paying last year's and this year's allocations together.

Public Comment

a. Resident Tish Molloy attended a meeting on Tuesday night with officials from the Federal and State government on the pipeline. She gave the Board a book from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and suggested the Supervisors consider becoming interveners on this project. She also spoke of C-SAW, Consortium for Scientific Assistance to Watersheds. This organization is working with the Stroud Water Management on project Watershed Awareness.

b. Springton Road Bridges: The members of the Historical Commission present at the meeting selected #912 Valley Forge Fieldstone as their preference for the bridge treatment. The Supervisors agreed with the decision and told Mr. Fellin and Mr. Baldwin that any stone effect visible from the road is what the Board would like to see.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary/Treasurer