

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**May 7, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan W. McDonough  
Robert Jones  
William Moore

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was begun with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Executive Session**

Chairman McDonough announced that an executive session was held on April 21, 2009 and May 5, 2009 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

**Correspondence**

Fifty-six (56) 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.

**Minutes**

The minutes of February 19, 2009 were presented for review by the Board. Supervisor Jones requested that the Board table the minutes as he had not yet had a full opportunity to review.

**Treasurer's Report**

Township Treasurer Betty Randzin gave the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Forty-nine (48) invoices totaling \$90,831.06 were presented to the Township Supervisors for their approval. Discussion ensued as to certain of the invoices. Supervisor Moore noted that two invoices from the Solicitor's office were included, for the two-month period of March and April. Chairman McDonough noted that the April invoice had just arrived and it was tabled in order to give the Supervisors an opportunity to review. Chairman McDonough also requested that the Board table the County Propane bill given that the Township may wish to seek a credit for the unused propane in the event that the Township switches providers. A question was also raised as to the TPD Traffic Planning and Design invoice. It was unclear as to whether the TPD invoice was duplicative of the prior TPD invoice paid by the Township, and whether the TPD services were captured under the prior invoice. Chairman McDonough also noted that the Township was advised by the bank that there has been no

activity on the Township's open space account for an extended period of time and that a transaction would be necessary in order to maintain the account. Chairman McDonough proposed putting \$100 into the Township open space account. After completion of the discussion on the invoices, Supervisor Jones moved that the remaining forty-five (45) invoices noted on the bills list, in the aggregate amount of \$64,840.58, be authorized for payment. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Historical Commission**

Jane Davidson of the Historical Commission presented the HC's report. The HC held its monthly meeting on April 27, 2009. The HC inquired as to the status of the removal of the tree in the Brandywine Creek subdivision. Chairman McDonough noted that the matter had been forwarded to the Township Engineer, who will continue to monitor. The HC has also completed the oral histories of Penny Antrim, Janet McCanaghy, Charles V. Zeiders, and Dr. Mary Ann Zeiders. Mrs. Davidson also noted some comments on the Township newsletter article on the Indiantown School. Next, with regard to the Seibert tract, all correspondence from the HC has been submitted to the Planning Commission. In regard to the Planning Commission, the HC is continuing to work with the Planning Commission relative to the ordinance provisions pertaining to the Determination of Effect and Adverse Effects on historic resources. The HC would also like to make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors concerning the Valhalla Brandywine Conditional Use application. Supervisor Jones noted that the HC members would need to appear before the Board during a conditional use hearing in order to participate or make any presentation. Planning Commission Chairwoman Barbara D'Angelo noted that the PC is in the process of reviewing the Valhalla conditional use application in order to formulate proposed conditions for the approval and that the PC is welcome to participate. Mrs. Davidson indicated that she would attempt to attend the PC meeting next Thursday night. Next, Bob Wise has prepared a draft document on the Glenmoore Historic District in response to questions from the Bureau of Historic Preservation. Next, the HC is preparing for the Towns Tours and Village Walks, which will take place on July 23, 2009. The HC will be sending letters to the owners of affected property owners to advise them of the Walk. The tours will not enter any of the properties. Elaine McGrew will administer the reservations for the Walk and anyone interested should contact her to reserve a spot. Next, the HC is concerned about the condition of the Lamb Tavern springhouse. Supervisor Jones noted that he shares the HC's concern and would request that the HC put together its recommendation as to what should be done to stabilize the structure. Lastly, Mrs. Davidson noted that this month is the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Historical Commission, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest historical commission in the County.

### **Springton Road Bridge**

Resident Jane Davidson noted to the Board of Supervisors that she met with Dee, Ron and PennDOT concerning the Springton Road Bridge. She wishes to make a presentation at the BOS meeting on June 4, 2009. She will prepare a memorandum of her position prior to the meeting. Supervisor Moore inquired as to whether Mrs. Davidson received the Section 106 materials that she had previously requested from PennDOT. Mrs. Davidson indicated that she had not. In the meantime, she has requested that the Township send a letter to PennDOT to inform them that the presentation will occur on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pennsylvania State Police**

Supervisor Jones gave the PSP report, a copy of which is available at the Township building for review. In the month of March, there were 41 calls for service. A breakdown of the types of calls was provided, as is shown in the PSP report. Supervisor Moore inquired as to whether the State Police have been setting up the speed checks requested by the Township. Supervisor Jones noted that the State Police has done so and, understanding that Fairview Road is a continuing issue, the Township Secretary was asked to follow up with the Lieutenant. The Township Secretary was also asked to follow up with the Lieutenant as to the Township's offer of the radios and to remind him of Community Day. Chairman McDonough noted that he has spoken with the principal of Springton Manor Elementary School, who was pleased with the police presence. The police walk through the school at least once per week and the police are seen in the area daily. Resident Sandy Neufeld noted that she had spoken with another resident, who indicated that vehicles are not stopping for buses on Little Conestoga Road. Chairman McDonough noted that he has spoken with the Lieutenant about it and the Township would follow up.

## **Glen Moore Fire Company**

The Township Secretary noted that the GMFC has submitted a report, which is available at the Township for review. Supervisor Jones stated that the GMFC responded to eight (8) fire calls in April, with two (2) being in Wallace Township.

Supervisor Jones next provided an update on the Elverson EMS. He noted that EEMS had been using deficit spending for the past several years, all while transitioning from fewer volunteers to more full-time responders. EEMS is now facing budgetary issues and requires additional contributions from the participating municipalities. Supervisor Jones stated that, despite some allegations in the newspaper, the EEMS is not mismanaged. The current administration of the EEMS has reduced its spending and is moving in the right direction, but the budgetary issues will need to be addressed in the near short term in order to ensure that the EEMS can continue to provide its excellent service. Supervisor Jones notes that it is likely that the Wallace Township contribution will increase next year to approximately \$30,000. The Supervisors noted that, while the contribution is increased, it is excellent service and that the contribution is comparable to the costs for the GMFC. A number of different methods can be used in order to calculate each municipality's contribution, but Supervisor Jones noted that he prefers having the contribution measured based on the number of calls for service. The EEMS and participating municipalities will continue to work toward getting the budgetary issues resolved. Resident Cathy Poole inquired as to whether the Township pays for the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps. Supervisor Jones noted that the Township does, but that it is more of a nominal fee given that the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps only covers a small portion of the Township. Resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to whether the ambulance companies have a call report. Supervisor Jones noted that that issue has been raised and that the ambulance companies will provide those breakdowns in the future in order for the municipalities to better monitor their service and needs.

## **Park and Recreation Board**

Nanette Hervey provided the report from the Park and Recreation Board. She noted that P&R Board held the Easter Egg hunt and Earth Day cleanup day in April. Thanks to all of the volunteers and participants for making those successful events. The P&R Board will be meeting next Monday night, May 11, 2009, in order to discuss planning and preparation for Community Day. Community Day will be held on June 27, 2009. In order to prepare for Community Day, Supervisor Jones moved that the Park and Recreation Board be authorized to commence orders for event providers, to an aggregate limit of \$4,500, and with the individual invoices to be subject to the approval of the Supervisors for payment. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The P&R Board has also submitted a draft of new rules and regulations for use of the Township parks. Chairman McDonough also noted that these items should be forwarded to the Township's insurance carrier and the Township Solicitor for their review.

Lastly, Chairman McDonough asked that the P&R Board provide the Township with dates for the upcoming events through the remainder of 2009 so that the Township could include those dates in the next Township newsletter. Ms. Hervey indicated that the P&R Board is looking to host a movie night, a Halloween event, and the Christmas tree lighting. She will follow up with the full P&R Board as to scheduling.

## **Wallace Trust**

No report.

## **Municipal Authority**

No report. Chairman McDonough noted that the Township is taking care of the mowing for Authority property and Authority Chairwoman Barbara D'Angelo confirmed that the Authority would pay the Township for those services.

## **Planning Commission**

Barbara D'Angelo provided the report for the Planning Commission. The PC is in the midst of preparing proposed conditions for the Valhalla Brandywine PCCC application. With respect to Ranieri, the Trust has reviewed the draft Conservation Easement and has provided comments. Supervisor Moore noted that the Old Orchard subdivision approval extension will expire at the next BOS meeting unless the applicant complies with the conditions noted by the Board. Solicitor Crotty noted that he has been in touch with the applicant, who is finalizing the deed of dedication for the road right of way, the public use easement and the conservation easement. The Solicitor's office has scheduled a teleconference with the applicant for Friday, May 08, 2009, in order to further follow up. Lastly, resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to the status of Popjoy. PC Chairwoman D'Angelo noted that Popjoy has not yet filed a final plan application. There has been no definitive determination as to the route for the public water transmission lines.

## **Old Business**

- a. Valhalla Brandywine Partners Conditional Use Hearings: Chairman McDonough announced that further hearings on the Valhalla Brandywine conditional use matter have been scheduled for May 12, 2009, and June 2, 2009. Tentative dates have also been set for May 26, 2009 and June 9, 2009. All of the hearings will commence at 7:30 p.m. at the Township building.
- b. Wallace Township Cleanup Day: The Board of Supervisors expressed their thanks to everyone who organized and participated in the Township Cleanup Day, including the Park and Recreation Board, the EAC and the Trails Preservation Board.
- c. Spring Bulk Trash Day: The Board of Supervisors expressed their thanks to the Township Secretary, the road crew and all of the residents who participated in Spring Bulk Trash Day.
- d. Wallace Township Community Day: It was announced that the Wallace Township Community Day has been scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2009. Chairman McDonough asked that the Park and Recreation Board confirm the time of the events. Supervisor Moore also inquired as to whether the Park and Recreation Board could prepare a flyer to raise awareness of the parade and to request participation.

## **New Business**

- a. Indiantown Schoolhouse Roof Bids: Solicitor Crotty opened and read the bids for the rehabilitation of the Indiantown Schoolhouse roof. Four (4) bids were received: 1) McMullen Roofing for a lump sum price of \$36,958; 2) JDT Construction for a lump sum price of \$24,975; 3) DiOttavio Construction for a lump sum price of \$39,500; and 4) JPI #2 Inc. for a lump sum price of \$24,999. The Supervisors indicated that the Township would review all of the bids and would award the winning bid at the BOS meeting on May 21, 2009. Tom DiOttavio was present and noted that the Supervisors should review the lower bids closely because he does not believe that they will be able to buy the required shingles for their lower prices.
- b. Signage at Springton Manor Elementary School: Supervisor Moore noted that the Township had previously requested that PennDOT install flashing signs through the school zone in front of the Springton Manor Elementary School, but that PennDOT has not done so. The Supervisors would like the signs installed in order to provide a safe environment for the school children. Supervisor Moore noted that pedestrian traffic in the area has increased since the last time that PennDOT was asked to review whether the signage is warranted, and that it is appropriate to renew the request from PennDOT. The Township has received numerous requests for such signage from Township residents. In preparing to resubmit the request to PennDOT, residents in the area are urged to write letters to the Township signifying the need for the flashing signs. The Township will then be in a better position to press the request with PennDOT.
- c. Propane: Chairman McDonough noted that the Township Staff has found out that the Township owns the propane tanks and has researched alternative propane providers. Sharp

Energy is approximately 30 cents to 40 cents cheaper per gallon of propane. The Supervisors requested that the Township Assistant Secretary follow up with County Propane to inquire as to whether they have a buy back program. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township cancel its account with County Propane and to establish propane delivery service from Sharp Energy. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Speed Limit on S.R. 282: The Township has received additional requests from residents that the speed limit on S.R. 282 be reduced in the Village of Glenmoore. The Township Secretary noted that the Township had requested that PennDOT take action approximately a year ago, but it did not do so. While “intersection ahead” signs were installed for one approach, PennDOT did not reduce the speed limit. Supervisor Moore noted that the prior request was for a traffic study to assess possible line of site issues with the increased speed, and that it might be appropriate to request a speed study as well. The residents in attendance at the meeting were in agreement with PennDOT reducing the speed, noting that similar traffic safety measures were installed near other area schools that have recently been constructed. After continued discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township submit a formal request to PennDOT to perform a speed study and a sight distance study along Route 282 through the Village of Glenmoore. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Bathrooms at Wagenseller Park: Chairman McDonough noted that he has been in touch with Bill Zinkle, who has offered to review the pros and cons of the installing stationary bathrooms at Wagenseller Park. The Supervisors authorized Mr. Zinkle to do so on behalf of the Township and requested that he coordinate with the Park and Recreation Board.

f. Purchase of Truck: Chairman McDonough noted that he and the road crew are working on a 20 year plan for the Township road crew vehicles. Presently, the Township has budgeted for the purchase of a new 550 series truck. The Township has gotten a quote from Fred Beans, through the PA COSTARS program. The Supervisors discussed the various options for the truck and opted against the upgrades to a cd player or tilt steering wheel options. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the purchase of the Ford F-550 4x4 Diesel pickup truck with a 141 inch wheel base, with snow plow and towing package, for a purchase price of \$38,186 from Fred Beans. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It is estimated that it will take 6 – 8 weeks until the truck is ready. The Supervisors will look into using one of the existing older trucks as a trade in. Supervisor Jones also moved that the Township be authorized to pay a \$5,000 deposit for the purchase of the truck. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

g. Purchase of Pressure Washer: Chairman McDonough noted that there are a number of projects that he would like the road crew to complete that would require a pressure washer, but the Township does not own one. The Township Road Foreman has solicited several telephone bids for the costs of an appropriate pressure washer. Of the three, the Supervisors noted their preference for the least expensive pressure washer, which was rated for the most pressure. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township purchase the Karcher HD 3600 PSI pressure washer from Kochel Equipment Company for a price of \$999. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

h. Boom Mowing: Chairman McDonaugh noted that Trego Enterprises performed the boom mowing services for the Township last year and that he would like to use them again this year. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township engage Trego Enterprises to perform the boom mowing services for the Township roads at a cost of \$50.00 per mile. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

a. Bob Klinger, the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, noted that he received a letter from FEMA regarding the floodplain insurance requirements. The FEMA materials will be forwarded to the Township Engineer in order to prepare and submit the appropriate information.

b. Resident Ward Albert inquired as to whether PennDOT could delay the start of construction on the Springton Road bridge until after the completion of the Route 82 bridge. Supervisor Moore noted that the construction of the Springton Road bridge would likely not commence until next Spring. Also, Chairman McDonaugh noted that the Route 82 bridge is moving more quickly and the materials have already being submitted to the County.

c. Resident Nanette Hervey thanked the Township for the quick work in repairing the pothole on Barnestown Road. Also, Nanette noted that the Park and Recreation Board would like to update its portion of the Township website. Supervisor Jones noted that the Park and Recreation Board could follow up with him on any changes. Supervisor Jones also acknowledged that Supervisor Moore had requested certain changes/updates to the PC portion of the Township website.

d. Chairman McDonaugh noted that the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer are continuing their preparations of the Springton Road paving project.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin  
Township Secretary