

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 3, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan W. McDonough
Rob Jones
William Moore

Solicitor: Stephen V. Siana, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Session

It was announced that an executive session was held on August 24, 2009, in order to deliberate on the Valhalla Brandywine conditional use application.

Correspondence

Eighty-five (85) 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 August 6, 2009 were presented for review by the Board. Supervisor Moore moved that the minutes for August 6, 2009 be approved as submitted. Supervisor Jones abstained from the vote because he was not in attendance at the meeting. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which was approved by affirmative vote of Chairman McDonough and Supervisor Moore.

Treasurer's Report

Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin gave the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Thirty-three (33) invoices totaling \$34,999.35 were presented to the Township Supervisors for their approval. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the thirty-three (33) invoices totaling \$34,999.35 be authorized for payment. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. In discussion, Resident Jack Stewart noted that, being through $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year, the Board is doing a good job at managing the Township's fiscal affairs.

Pennsylvania State Police

A report was submitted, which is available for review. There were fifty-six (56) calls for service in August, which Acting Station Commander Sgt. Daniels summarized. Sgt. Daniels noted that the Township has a low crime rate, but residents should take standard precautions such as keeping vehicles locked. Also, with a rash of break-ins in the surrounding communities, residents should make sure to call the State Police if suspicious persons are noted or if an incident occurs.

Glenmoore Fire Company

No report.

Elverson Ambulance

Supervisor Jones provided a report for the Board of Supervisors. A financial advisory committee was formed. The Financial Planning Committee will have two (2) votes on the Elverson Ambulance Company Board. After additional discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township send Elverson Ambulance their 2008 and 2009 contributions in the amount of \$5,000 each (for an aggregate of \$10,000). Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Supervisor Jones noted that Elverson EMS might be interested in one of the Township's Ford Expeditions if the successful bidder fails to follow through. The Township Secretary was requested to follow up with the bidder.

Park and Recreation Board

Movie night was held on August 29, 2009, and all of the volunteers were thanked for their efforts at organizing the event.

Historical Commission

No report.

Trails Preservation Board

No report.

Wallace Trust

Barbara D'Angelo of the Wallace Trust provided a report. Ms. D'Angelo noted that Bitten Krentel resigned as the president of the Trust effective as of October 8, 2009.

Municipal Authority

Mrs. D'Angelo provided the Authority's report. The Authority is working with the Heritage in order to enter into an operations contract for the Highspire development.

Planning Commission

Barbara D'Angelo provided the report for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is continuing its discussion of the various ordinance revisions. It was also noted that the Fairview/Gulick subdivision MPC time period expires on September 25, 2009. Ms. D'Angelo will contact the developer to inquire as to the issue with PECO and whether an extension would be granted. With regard to the Seibert subdivision, issues with DEP are being addressed.

Old Business

a. **Township Office Hours:** It was announced that the Township Office would be closed on Friday, September 4, 2009, Monday, September 7, 2009, and Monday, September 14, 2009.

b. **Valhalla Brandywine Conditional Use Application:** It was noted that the applicant has granted the Township's request for a sixty (60) day extension on its deliberations and decision on its conditional use application. Pursuant to the extension, the Township has until November 6, 2009, in which to render its decision.

New Business

a. **Fall Bulk Trash Day:** Chairman McDonough announced that Fall Bulk Trash day would take place on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

b. **Halloween:** Chairman McDonough announced that the Township's Halloween activities would take place on October 31, 2009, with trick-or-treating from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the party and parade to take place at 6:00 p.m. at Wagenseller Park. The Township Secretary was asked to contact the Fire Department to discuss closing Route 282, as well as to contact the State Police to advise them of the event.

c. **Chester County School of Government:** It was announced that the Chester County School of Government is offering a free seven (7) week course open to all county residents on various aspects of county governance, from September 15, 2009 through November 10, 2009.

d. **Marshman Triathlon:** The Marshman Triathlon will take place on Sunday, September 20, 2009. This is not a Township-sponsored event. The organizers of the event have asked that the Township provide written approval for use of the roads within the Township. However, similar to last year, none of the roads on the proposed route are Township roads. The Township Secretary was requested to advise the organizers of this fact and that no Township approval is given or is required, consistent with the prior years' notice.

e. **PennDOT Winter Services Agreement:** Supervisor Jones moved that the Township adopt the PennDOT Winter Services Agreement, subject to final review and confirmation of the form agreement for accuracy, and subject to confirmation as to the mileage being serviced by the Township. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ms. D'Angelo

made a public comment that she felt that the Township was doing a great job at taking care of the roads.

f. Township Truck: Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the purchase of the truck improvements, conditioned upon the Township Road Foreman inspecting the truck and determining that it is in satisfactory condition. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Chairman McDonough also noted that the Township Road Foreman has inspected the 1996 Dump Truck that is being sold by East Whiteland Township. The Road Foreman was directed to secure prices for the additional improvements to the truck that may be necessary.

g. Township Newsletter: Preparations are ongoing with respect to the Township Newsletter, which is expected to be circulated by mid-October. The Supervisors noted that all articles from the various Township boards and commissions must be submitted on or before September 21, 2009.

h. Township Building and Facilities: Chairman McDonough thanked the Road Crew for their job in painting at the Township building. Chairman McDonough also requested that Mike Trego perform the roadside mowing. Chairman McDonough also noted that he would obtain pricing for boom mowing from qualified contractors, the cost of which is estimated to fall below the threshold public bidding requirement (\$10,000).

Public Comment

a. Resident Mark Eschbacher made public comment to note that he is opposed to the Transco or Dominion Pipeline that may traverse through the Township. Mr. Eschbacher also noted that he wrote to the Township to inquire as to the upkeep and maintenance issues with Heritage's Brandywine Hill development. The Supervisors discussed the conditions of the Brandywine Hill development and requested that both the Township Engineer and the Township Zoning Officer inspect the site for compliance with the various ordinance requirements.

b. Resident John O'Brien made public comment to question as to the exclusivity given to the Wallace Deer Management Association for hunting in various of the Township parks. The Supervisors noted that the WDMA does not have exclusive hunting rights in all of the Township parks. The Supervisors explained that the WDMA was granted exclusive rights in certain parks because they provide a structured association of hunters by which the Township can monitor hunting activities in the parks. The WDMA is required to provide the Township with monthly status updates on its progress in culling the deer population with the archery hunting. Supervisor Jones noted that the Board would take Mr. O'Brien's issues under consideration for next years' hunting season. The Supervisors further noted that the Township has not received many non-WDMA hunting applications from Township residents.

c. Resident Dan Scaringi made public comment to complain about stormwater issues and re-grading on a neighboring property without a permit. After discussion, the Board requested that the Zoning Officer follow up and provide the Board with a report. Generally, Solicitor Siana noted that Mr. Scaringi's issues are matters of private concern. However, the neighbor may be in violation from a Township perspective to the extent that the culvert is being

improperly affected. Mr. Scaringi was asked to provide the Township with any information or pictures that he had gathered.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary

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