

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 15, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 8:00 AM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough
William Moore

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Session

None.

Correspondence

Fifty-three (53) 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

None.

Road Report

Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin and Road foreman Duane Hammond provided the road report.

A. Gas Can Storage: One of the items noted in the last audit was the need to store the Township's gas cans in a flame resistant cabinet. Duane has obtained phone quotes from several vendors, which were provided to the Supervisors for their review. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township purchase the Global Flammable Cabinet from Global Industrial, in an amount (including shipping) not to exceed \$425. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Truck Tires: Duane reported that new tires are needed for the Township's Ford F250 pickup truck (4 tires), the 1996 Ford F800 truck (2 tires), and the 1995 Ford F800 truck (2 rear tires). After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township purchase four (4) LT 235-85R16-E Duratrak tires, for a price of \$102.60 per tire. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Supervisor Moore next moved that the Township purchase

four (4) 11R22.5-G622-14P14 tires at a price of \$260.00 per tire for the 1996 Dump Truck and two (2) 12R22.5-G124 tires at a price of \$282.00 per tire for the 1995 Dump Truck. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Supervisors directed Duane to retain the old tires as backups.

C. Truck Emblems: Discussion regarding the truck emblems was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Snow Removal Help: Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin noted that the road crew would like two additional part-time employees to add to the on-call list in order to assist with snow removal if needed. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township advertise for two (2) part-time employees for snow removal. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. Vacation: Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin noted to the Board that Road Foreman Duane Hammond has requested certain vacation days in November. The Township Secretary was asked to follow up with the other on-call part-time employees in order to confirm their availability in the event that a need arises. Resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to trees that had fallen on Little Conestoga Road. Supervisor Moore noted that the homeowner had gotten a contractor to come out to remove the tree and to place the remaining trunk in a safe location.

F. Creek Road: Road Foreman Duane Hammond noted that he is in the process of ordering the new speed limit signs for the reduced speed limit on Creek Road.

Planning Commission

Supervisor Moore noted that the Planning Commission held a work session on October 14, 2009, during which they discussed revisions to the draft Zoning Ordinance amendment. Ann Hutchinson of Natural Lands Trust is in the process of putting together a summary of all of the proposed revisions incorporated thus far. This summary will be provided to the Board of Supervisors by November 1, 2009, for possible discussion at the November 19, 2009 BOS meeting.

Old Business

A. Halloween Party: Chairman McDonough announced that the Halloween Party and parade will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Wagenseller Park. The Township Secretary has interfaced with the Glenmoore Fire Company, which will provide Fire Police to close down the road. Also, the State Police were notified of the event. Township Secretary Betty Randzin was requested by the Board to follow up with the State Police as to whether an officer will be in attendance.

New Business

A. EAC Report: Tish Malloy was present on behalf of the EAC and provided its report. She noted that the proposed plans by Old Dominion pipeline company to route pipes

through the Township have apparently been shelved. The EAC did not have quorum for its July or September meetings, and did not have a meeting in August. The EAC is in the process of planning nature walks in the Spring or Summer of next year. Mrs. Malloy also inquired as to the status of the Columbia pipeline matter. Solicitor Crotty noted that he would look into the status.

B. Steepleview Dedication Request: Anderson Homes has submitted an offer of dedication of Steepleview Drive and Peters Lane. In discussion, it was noted that the Steepleview HOA has a dispute with Anderson as to reimbursement for maintenance of the common areas. The Supervisors tabled the offer of dedication until the dispute is resolved. The Supervisors also noted that Anderson has outstanding review fees that it is required to remit to the Township. Solicitor Crotty noted that he would look into these issues.

C. Pension Fund: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has provided the Township with funding for the pension fund obligations of the former Brandywine Regional Police pension fund. Supervisor Moore moved that the Township remit \$33,857.62 to the Regional Police Pension Fund. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to the status of the police dissolution and an update was provided.

D. Township Trucks: Supervisor Moore noted that the successful bidders for three of the trucks that were put up for bid in July and August have not remitted payment nor taken delivery of the trucks. The Solicitor has sent both successful bidders letters to demand that they remit payment, failing which they have breached their agreement with the Township. Neither have responded. The Township is now free to otherwise dispose of the vehicles. Supervisor Moore noted that Elverson Ambulance has approached the Township to request the donation of one of the Ford Expeditions. Nathan Spece of Elverson Ambulance was present. The value of the Expedition will be offset against any contribution obligation of Wallace Township for 2010. After discussion, Supervisor Moore moved that the Township convey the unmarked 2003 Ford Expedition XLT 4X4, with a trunk organizer (to be installed by Elverson), to Elverson Ambulance as an offset to the Township's required 2010 contribution, and that the Township Secretary is authorized to take any necessary actions to effectuate the same. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Further discussion ensued as to the remaining two vehicles, and any action thereon was tabled until the Board's November meeting.

E. Budget: Chairman McDonough noted that the Board of Supervisors has started working on the Township's budget for 2010. Several of the commissions and boards have submitted proposed budgets.

F. Lamb Tavern: Supervisor Moore noted that the Township was contacted by the Trust as to possible fence repairs to Lamb Tavern. It was reiterated that the Trust must obtain Township permission before proceeding with any improvements. The Township Secretary will follow up with the Trust.

Public Comment

A. Resident Douglas Goodwin was present to discuss the Zoning Officer's recent determination that his property did not constitute a nonconforming use with respect to the number of horses permitted on the property. After discussion, it was noted that the Board of Supervisors cannot inappropriately interfere with the Zoning Officer's decision. Mr. Goodwin's recourse is to either request reconsideration from the Zoning Officer or to take an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board.

B. Resident Tish Malloy requested that the Township Zoning Ordinance be placed on the Township's website. Supervisor Moore noted that doing so is an option once the latest comprehensive revisions to the Zoning Ordinance are adopted. Ms. Malloy also noted her concern as to certain derogatory statements made by a member of the public at the last PC meeting (referring to certain individuals as "tree boys" or the like). Supervisor Moore stated that the individual resident was directed to refrain from using derogatory terms during the meeting and that all members of the public should be respectful of others in making comments before the Board of Supervisors or Planning Commission.

Adjournment

Supervisor Moore moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDonaugh, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary