

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
December 3, 2009

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

Supervisors present: Bryan 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 December 3, 2009, in order to interview candidates for the snow removal laborer position.

Correspondence

Thirty-five (35) 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.

Treasurer's Report

Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin gave the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Forty-three (43) invoices were presented for review. In discussion, there were questions as to the Pitney Bowes invoice, which was tabled. It was further noted that the Township has not yet received a further invoice from KPI2 regarding the work to the roof of Indiantown Schoolhouse. The Supervisors also noted the need to additionally authorize the payment of background checks for the part-time snow removal laborer interviewee. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that forty-three (43) invoices, totaling \$60,255.68, be authorized for payment. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Pennsylvania State Police

A report for the month of October was submitted, and is available for review. Supervisor Jones provided a synopsis of the report. There were twenty-seven (27) calls for service in November. Supervisor Jones noted that the PSP Lieutenant is planning on attending the next meeting.

Glenmoore Fire Company

GMFC representative Scott Welker provided the report from the Fire Company. GMFC received twelve (12) calls for service in November, eight (8) of which were in Wallace Township. GMFC is also in the process of preparing its budget for 2010. A deficit is forecasted, due in part to certain extraordinary costs incurred in 2009 (such as the heating system failure). The GMFC may need to defer contributions to the new truck fund. Donations were up in 2009.

Elverson EMS

No report. It was reported, however, that the Elverson EMS was operating with its own staffing as of October 24, 2009.

Historical Commission

Jennifer Harkins gave the report for the Historical Commission. The HC has prepared and presented an estimate for the Lamb Tavern Springhouse. Norm Glass has prepared an estimate for removing the rotten wood, reconstructing the stone wall and installing a concrete cap. The Supervisors requested that the HC attempt to obtain two (2) additional quotes. Additionally, Ms. Harkins noted that the HC would not have a December meeting, but it is intending to forward its comments to the Article X revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. The HC would maintain the same meeting schedule as 2009.

Park and Recreation Board

Nanette Hervey provided the report for the Park and Recreation Board. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 6, 2009, starting at 6:00 p.m., and a number of events are planned.

Wallace Trust

Barbara D'Angelo provided the report for the Trust. Bitten Krentel was also present and made a request that the Trust is looking for volunteer members. Ms. D'Angelo gave a report as to the fence replacement for the Lamb Tavern property. A more limited portion of the fence would be replaced than was previously reported. The Trust would be following up with the initially contractor and other contractors to discuss the concerns/questions discussed at the last evening Board of Supervisors meeting.

Municipal Authority

Barbara D'Angelo provided the report for the Authority. The Authority has met with its contracted operator to go over his contract and discuss reporting issues. Discussions are ongoing. Supervisor Moore noted the concern that adequate maintenance is being provided for the aging portions of the systems. The Authority is also awaiting a study regarding a capital reserve program and is reviewing the rates. Additional signs will also be posted in the spray fields in order to deter people from traversing those areas. Supervisor Jones inquired as to the advantages and disadvantages of maintaining a separate authority. Generally, municipalities have been moving toward consolidation of authorities into the municipal entity. Concern was also raised as to the redundancy, accessibility and accountability that result from an independent authority. Ms. D'Angelo agreed that better communication between the various Township boards and commissions is necessary. The Solicitor was requested to put together an analysis of the issues discussed. The Supervisors requested that the issue be further discussed at upcoming Board of Supervisors' meetings.

Planning Commission

Barbara D'Angelo provided the report for the Planning Commission. No action items to discuss. Fairview/Gulick submitted revised plans to the Township Engineer, which are under review. Ms. D'Angelo will follow up with the applicant as to an extension request. Additionally, the Planning Commission will further review the Seibert application at its next meeting, and it may be ready for the Board's consideration at its next meeting. Lastly, Chairman McDonough noted that the developer of the Old Orchard subdivision is untimely in payment of the requisite professional consultant review fees, some of which are contested. The Board requested that the Solicitor's office review and advise the developer that it is deemed to be in violation of the conditions imposed on the prior grant of the two (2) year extension (through March of 2011), which can be considered at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 17, 2009.

Old Business

a. Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony: Chairman McDonough announced that the annual tree lighting ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Indiantown Schoolhouse.

b. 2010 Township Budget: Chairman McDonough announced that the 2010 Township Budget has been finalized and advertised as available for review. There will be no property tax increase (and no Township property tax) for 2010, and the Township is again projecting a surplus. The Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the budget at its meeting on December 17, 2009.

New Business

a. Columbia Gas: Chairman McDonough announced that Columbia has sent its settlement contributions to the Township and Trust for the spraying incident. The contribution to the Trust was made out to the Township and should be endorsed over to the Trust. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township endorse over the check in the amount of

\$10,000 to the Wallace Trust, in settlement of the Columbia Gas matter. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Indiantown Schoolhouse Stucco Work: Chairman McDonough noted that the Township has received a price quote of \$600 to repair the crack in the stucco at the Indiantown Schoolhouse. After discussion, the Supervisors tabled the issue and requested additional information as to the scope of work anticipated for the stucco repairs.

c. Steepleview: Solicitor Crotty noted that Anderson Homes has offered for dedication Steepleview Road and Peters Lane. It has been reported that the issues between the developer and the homeowners' association have been resolved. It was also noted that the developer still owes the Township professional consultant review fees. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize the execution of a Resolution to accept the dedication of Steepleview Road and Peters Lane, subject to the conditions set forth in the Resolution, subject to the posting of an adequate maintenance bond, and subject to the developer's payment in full of all outstanding professional consultant review fees. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

d. Highspire Road: A status update on the Highspire Road project was provided. A follow up would be done with the Township Engineer as to when the work on the sides of the road would be done.

e. Route 82: The Township Secretary noted that the Township received a complaint from a resident living along Route 82. The resident has asked that the Township request PennDOT to perform a traffic speed limit study to determine whether a lesser speed limit is warranted. The Supervisors noted their concerns that such a study could result in the speed limit being raised. The Township Secretary was directed to contact the State Police and request that they monitor the applicable portion of Route 82.

f. Springton Road Bridge: The Township Secretary announced that PennDOT has notified the Township that a bid has been awarded for the Springton Road Bridge project. A pre-construction meeting will be held on December 14, 2009, in Harrisburg.

g. Flashing Lights at School: Chairman McDonough inquired as to the status of the efforts to install flashing lights at the elementary school. A discussion was held as to the obligations of the school district in these efforts. The Township Secretary was requested to follow up with PennDOT and the Township would seek a contribution from the School District.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary

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