

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**December 17, 2009**

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 8:00 AM 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**

None.

**Correspondence**

Thirty-eight (38) 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 for the December 3, 2009, Board of Supervisors meeting were presented for the Board's consideration. Supervisor Jones moved that the December 3, 2009 minutes be adopted as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**EAC**

EAC Representative Tish Malloy provided a report to the Board. She noted that the EAC is considering the purchase of sampling equipment in 2010 and requested clarification on the process for approval. In response to a question of whether the Columbia Gas settlement proceeds would be earmarked for environmental projects, Supervisor Jones noted that the funds have not been earmarked for any particular project. Instead, as it has done in the past, the Board is willing to consider Board/Commission reasonable requests for expenditures.

**Planning Commission**

Supervisor Moore provided the report of the Planning Commission. A 90 day extension request was received for the Fairview/Gulick project. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township accept and approve the 90 day extension request for the Fairview/Gulick

subdivision and land development project, with an expiration date of March 24, 2010. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. A further discussion was also held as to the outstanding professional consultant fees for certain of the developments, including Old Orchard. The Solicitor's office was requested to arrange a meeting with the Old Orchard applicant to address the outstanding/challenged consultant fees. For the completed developments with outstanding invoices, the Township Secretary/Treasurer was advised to draw down on the available escrows to satisfy the outstanding fees.

### **Township Budget**

Chairman McDonough noted that the 2010 budget has been advertised for adoption at this meeting. Supervisor Jones provided a summary of the various components of the 2010 budget. A surplus has been budgeted, without the need to raise Township property taxes. EAC representative Tish Malloy inquired as to whether the EAC was established as a separate line item, with a follow up inquiry by resident Sandy Neufeld and Trails Board representative Deb Schiller. Supervisor Jones indicated that the EAC budget and other Board/Commission budgets were incorporated into the general fund expenditures, but were not broken down into a separate line item. After the conclusion of discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township adopt the 2010 budget in the form as presented. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Supervisor Jones next moved that the Township adopt Resolution 2009-16, to establish a Township property tax of zero (0) mills for 2010. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Trails Preservation Board**

Trails Board representative Deb Schiller provided the report of the Trails Board. The Trails Board would like to install trail marker signs for two (2) developments – Brandywine Hill and Highspire. She inquired as to whether the Road Department could assist in doing so. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors noted their preference for an outside contractor to perform the work. The funding for the signs for the Brandywine Hill subdivision would be derived from the developer, through the escrow, while the funding for the additional Highspire signs would be derived from the Trails Board budget. The Trails Board was directed to obtain at least three (3) phone bids for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, with respect to the Camp Indian Run development, the Trails Board is looking into who is responsible for maintaining the trail. The Trails Board was requested by Natural Lands Trust to undertake the future maintenance responsibilities, and the Board indicated their preference against any such obligation on the part of the Township or one of its commissions.

### **New Business**

A. Tree Lighting: Chairman McDonough expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board to the Park and Recreation Commission, the Township Secretary and the Road Crew for their work in preparing for the annual tree lighting event.

B. Organization Meeting: Chairman McDonough announced that the Board of Supervisors would hold the organization meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010.

C. Appreciation for Supervisor Moore: Chairman McDonough and Supervisor Jones expressed their appreciation for the hard work and diligence of Supervisor William Moore over the past year and a half as a supervisor.

D. Indiantown Schoolhouse Stucco: Chairman McDonough noted that the Board received bids for repair of the crack and the stucco along the flashing on the Indiantown Schoolhouse. These repairs are necessary to winterize the building. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the bid from DelRossi Stucco and Plastering for the stucco repairs to the Indiantown Schoolhouse. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. PLGIT Cards: The Township Secretary/Treasurer presented additional information to the Board of Supervisors regarding Township PLGIT cards. The PLGIT account cards would impose no interest, no annual fee and would provide a cash back feature. The Supervisors agreed to pursue one PLGIT card for the Township Treasurer and one card for the Township Road Foreman, to be prefunded. The Township Secretary would present additional information at an upcoming meeting in order to finalize the application for the same.

F. Road Crew Cell Phone: The Township Secretary presented various options for a cell phone for part-time road crew worker Ralph Hannum. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of either a pre-paid phone or of revising the existing cell phone contract to add a new line for Ralph. Further information will be presented at the January morning meeting as to the costs of the additional cell phone line options discussed. Additionally, the Township Treasurer/Secretary also requested authorization from the Board for payment of \$107.07 to AT&T. This invoice was left off of the last bills list because of a dispute as to late fees. AT&T has agreed to remove any late fees from the account. Supervisor Jones moved that the Board authorize the payment of \$107.07 to AT&T. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

G. Road Department – Truck Signs: The Township Secretary presented the Board with several options for stick-on emblems for both the old and the new Township vehicles. After discussion, the Township Secretary was requested to obtain prices for bigger sizes of signs, as well as to get a price for a custom design with the Indiantown Schoolhouse logo.

H. Road Department – Police Vehicles: A discussion was held as to the two (2) remaining police vehicles in the Township's possession. In order to sell, they must be put out for bid. The Board of Supervisors would discuss doing so at an upcoming meeting. In the meantime, the Road Department/Township Staff was requested to ensure that the registration is kept up to date and that they remain insured.

I. Gil Weaver: Resident/Farmer Gil Weaver inquired as to whether the Township is satisfied with the rents that it is receiving for the bailing of hay on Township land. Further information was requested from Mr. Weaver and he was advised to coordinate with the Township Secretary regarding the scope of available land throughout the Township.

J. Route 282 Snow Plowing: The Supervisors inquired as to plowing along Route 282. The Solicitor noted that Route 282 is a state roadway and plowing it may trigger liability.

Chairman McDonough and Supervisor Jones requested that an official policy be prepared to authorize the plowing of Route 282 if not completed by PennDOT. The Township Secretary would inquire with the Township's liability carrier as to whether it creates any coverage issues in doing so.

K. Road Department – Calcium Chloride: The Township Secretary noted that the Township has received a quote from Elverson Supply Company for the purchase of forty-eight (48) 50 pound bags of calcium chloride flakes. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township purchase the forty-eight (48) 50 pound bags of calcium chloride. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Township Secretary would inquire as to whether liquid fuels monies could be used for the purchase.

L. Road Department – Township Building Trash: The Township Road Foreman noted that, in the past, he has picked up the trash from the Township building approximately once per week. He inquired as to whether the Township could secure a trash service to collect. Chairman McDonough noted his preference that the Township Road Department continue its collection of the trash. The Board does not prefer a separate trash service given the potential deterioration of the gravel driveway with a trash truck. Resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to whether the cleaning service for the Township building could take the trash. The Township Secretary would investigate.

In the context of the discussion, resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to the status of her request for a Township riparian map. It was noted that a riparian map was not enacted or adopted by the Township. Instead, the Township Engineer prepared a sketch at a past Planning Commission meeting. The Township Secretary indicated her understanding that the Township Engineer was going to provide the draft sketch directly to Ms. Neufeld at the last PC meeting. The Township Secretary would review and respond.

M. ZHB – Brooks Decision: Solicitor Crotty noted that the Township Zoning Hearing Board recently rendered a decision to grant variance relief to Robert and Laura Brooks. A copy of the decision is available at the Township building for inspection or for copying, at cost.

RECESS: A short, fifteen (15) minute recess was held at 10:05 a.m.

N. Glenmoore Fire Department Truck Fund: Supervisor Jones noted his desire for the Township to establish a fund to assist the Glenmoore Fire Company in the purchase of a new truck. He proposed placing \$10,000 into a Township-held and controlled fund in 2009, with an additional \$20,000 to be placed into the fund in 2010. The fund would not create any obligation on the part of the Township to use the money for that purpose, but would rather be to earmark the funds for future contribution. The money would remain in the possession and control of the Township. During the discussion, the Supervisors also indicated their strong preference that the Glenmoore Fire Company not pursue merger with other fire companies given the Township's past negative history with doing so. Supervisor Jones indicated that he would advise the GMFC of both matters.

O. Township Municipal Authority: The Township Supervisors continued their discussion as to the advantages and disadvantages of maintaining a separate authority. The Township Solicitor's office prepared a memorandum regarding the same for the Board of Supervisors. The Board expressed its concerns over the autonomy and lack of accountability of the Authority. The Board also expressed its concerns over a past lack of communication as to the status of the Authority facilities. Resident Sandy Neufeld inquired as to the lack of communication and oversight. Supervisor Jones took exception to the negative implications of Ms. Neufeld's question and the questions that she has raised over the past year. After discussion, Supervisor Jones noted that he would like to continue dialogue on the issue with the newly-elected supervisor in January.

P. Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Chairman McDonough requested that the Planning Commission compile a short list of the agreed-upon Zoning Ordinance revisions for consideration. While the Planning Commission and other Township Boards/Commissions are continuing their discussions in certain areas, the Board would like to move forward with adoption of those finalized portions. Supervisor Moore indicated that the Planning Commission expects to provide its finalized recommendations as to the entire ordinance amendment packet in the next several months.

Q. Tree Removal Complaint: Chairman McDonough noted that the Township received an anonymous complaint as to tree removal. The Township Zoning Officer was requested to follow up.

R. Township Part-time Road Worker: The Township Secretary noted that the Township is still waiting for the criminal background check and the driver's history check on the part-time road crew worker. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township hire Walter Peazzoni, II, at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, subject to and conditioned upon the Township's receipt of a satisfactory criminal background and driver's history. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Moore, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin  
Township Secretary/Treasurer