

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 18, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 8:00 AM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough
Robert Jones
Barbara D'Angelo

Road Foreman: Duane Hammond

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Session

None.

Correspondence

Sixty five (65) 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 January 21, 2010, and February 4, 2010 Board of Supervisors meetings were presented for the Board's consideration. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the January 21, 2010, and February 4, 2010 minutes be adopted as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Road Report

Snow Plowing: The Road Department has been busy keeping the roads clear after the recent snow storms. A state of emergency had been called due to the snow storms. The Supervisors expressed their thanks and appreciation to the road crew for a job well done. Through the hard work of the Road Department, no Township roads were closed because of the snow. The new truck worked well to help clear the roads. Supervisor D'Angelo requested that the Road Department and Road Foreman keep the Board apprised if he feels that any additional equipment would assist in his efforts. Chairman McDonough noted that the Township has received a few complaints of mailboxes being damaged due to the snow plowing. Residents are advised that they should put any requests in writing, with pictures of the damage and an estimate

for the repair. Such information would then be forwarded to the Township's carrier for handling. The Board further discussed the ratification of the labor of Joe Lewis during the snow emergency. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved to ratify the use of Joe Lewis excavating, at a cost of \$3,800, for snow removal work. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Jay Heim also performed Township work, but the Township had not yet received an invoice and the issue was tabled.

2010-2011 Salt Contract: The Township Secretary reported that the deadline to apply for participation in the COSTARs salt contract is March 15, 2010. The Supervisors discussed the estimated salt usage based on usage from previous years. It was discussed that the Township should increase the maximum amount that it is permitted to purchase, with as little impact as possible on the required minimum purchase amount. The Supervisors requested that the Township Secretary review the matter to assess the impact of increasing the maximum amount on the minimum required purchase.

Wallace Trust

Melanie Kirkpatrick appeared on behalf of the Wallace Trust. The Chester County Preservation Officer has requested the opportunity to meet with the Township to make a presentation. The Supervisors suggested that he be invited to the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. Kirkpatrick further inquired as to whether the Supervisors had considered imposing easements with the Trust on the Steeplechase property. Ms. Randzin would forward the draft easements to the Solicitor for review, who would then advise the Board as to any advantage of proceeding.

EAC

No report.

Trails Preservation Board

No report.

Planning Commission

Supervisor D'Angelo provided the report of the Planning Commission. The PC met on February 17, 2010, to continue its review of the Zoning Ordinance revisions. Several issues were discussed, including the regulation of fire water tanks, setbacks for drop sheds and other definitional items. The PC is also working to implement the suggestions made by the Supervisors at its last meeting, and would finalize the draft ordinance by the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Authority

Chairman McDonough inquired as to the plowing of the sewage plants operated by the Authority. Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Authority's preference would be to utilize the Township Road Department for snow plowing, with the Authority to be billed for the services.

Given the magnitude of the other roads that must be plowed by the Road Department and the difficulties associated with plowing certain of the sewer plant access drives, Chairman McDonough noted his preference that the Authority hire independent contractors. Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Authority would look into doing so.

At this point, Supervisor D'Angelo excused herself from the meeting.

Old Business

A. Professional Consultant Review Fees: A discussion was held as to the status of the outstanding professional consultant review fees owed by several of the developers. The Solicitor's office was requested to work with the Township staff in order to address the issue.

New Business

A. Camp Indian Run Escrow Release Request #4: Pursuant to an escrow release request of Rotelle, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Township release of \$21,335.40, leaving a balance of \$307,682.67. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the Escrow Release Request 4 of Rotelle for the Camp Indian Run Development pursuant to the recommendation of the Township Engineer, in the amount of \$21,335.40. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried with an affirmative vote of Supervisor Jones and Chairman McDonough.

B. Brandywine Regional Police: Supervisor Jones provided an update as to the status of the BRPC dissolution proceedings. The BRPC is hopeful that it can resolve all of its outstanding personnel matters, except for those pertaining to Officer Sheller, in the near future. In order to facilitate this process, the BRPC has requested a contribution of \$5,000 from Wallace Township (with a contribution of \$10,000 being made from East Brandywine Township). After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township remit a contribution of \$5,000 to the BRPC, on the condition that it be utilized to resolve the outstanding personnel matters and on the condition that East Brandywine Township likewise remit a contribution of \$10,000. Chairman McDonough seconded the motion, which carried with an affirmative vote of Supervisor Jones and Chairman McDonough.

C. Truck Decals: Township Staff Lisa Gardner reported that Dan Nunamaker has offered to repair the lettering on the Road Department vehicles for free and to apply new lettering at \$110 per truck (to cover both sides of the vehicle). After discussion, the Supervisors would review the lettering on all of the Road Department vehicles. Ms. Gardner was requested to put together a chart with all of the quotes, using a 16 inch maximum for the decals.

D. Verizon: The Supervisors requested that the Solicitor follow up with Verizon as to when the connection would be made to the Township building, per the Franchise Agreement.

E. Barbacane Thornton: Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin provided an update as to the audit. It is scheduled to commence on March 11, 2010.

F. Township Maps: Chairman McDonaugh noted that the maps in the Township building lobby appear to be out of date. The Township Secretary was requested to look into obtaining updated maps.

G. Indiantown Schoolhouse: Chairman McDonaugh provided a report. Geothermal heating options are being considered for use in the Schoolhouse. Chairman McDonaugh would coordinate the floor project with the Road Foreman and would create a list of tools that are needed for repairs.

I. Glenmoore Church: It was reported that the Glenmoore Church is considering a project to pave a walkway to the cemetery, which would include the installation of French drains on both church and Township property. Chairman McDonaugh would consult with John Miller and the Township Engineer on the matter.

J. Gil Weaver: Resident Gil Weaver has requested the ability to use part of the Township parks for hay. The Supervisors discussed putting the matter out to bid, with preference being afforded to Township residents. The Township Solicitor was requested to prepare bid specifications for the Board's consideration.

K. Meeting Room Curtains: Supervisor Jones inquired as to the status of curtains for the Township meeting room. It was noted that Supervisor D'Angelo and Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin were considering potential curtains to purchase.

L. Light Bulbs: Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin noted that Billings Electric would perform a free lighting audit at the Township next week. They would review the lighting at the Township building, the Indiantown Schoolhouse, and the Maintenance Building.

Public Comment

A. None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDonaugh, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Secretary/Treasurer