

## WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 1, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman Bryan McDonough.

Supervisors present: Bryan McDonough  
Robert Jones  
Barbara D'Angelo

Engineer: Craig Kologie, Castle Valley Consultants

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Executive Sessions**

None.

### **Correspondence**

Eighty-seven (87) 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 Board tabled the minutes for November 19, 2009 and June 3, 2010, because the Supervisors had not yet had an opportunity to fully review them.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin gave the Treasurer's report, which is available at the Township Building for review. Thirty-two (32) invoices were presented for review. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that thirty-two (32) invoices, totaling \$40,758.72, be authorized for payment. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Supervisor Jones inquired about the mailing reimbursement request submitted by the Historical Commission. The Township Secretary was requested to follow up.

### **Pennsylvania State Police**

Supervisor Jones provided the monthly report of the PSP. In total, the police received fifty-four (54) calls for service in the month of June. Supervisor D'Angelo inquired as to whether the PSP could provide additional explanation as to the various categories of calls

received. Supervisor Jones noted that the Township may have previously received a descriptive list of the categories of calls, but the Township staff will follow up.

### **Glenmoore Fire Company**

GMFC representative Robert Brown provided the report for the fire company. In June, the GMFC responded to a total of twenty-nine (29) calls, sixteen (16) being in Wallace Township. Mr. Brown also provided a report on the efforts by the GMFC and Township road department in response to the recent storms. He expressed thanks to Road Foreman Duane Hammond and the Honey Brook Fire Company for all of their efforts. Mr. Brown suggested that the Supervisors, GMFC and EMC have a joint meeting in the near future to assess the coordinated response to the storm. Discussion further ensued as to the various fire holding tanks located throughout the Township. In certain locations, the residents/homeowners' associations have planted landscaping in a way that blocks ready access to the connections. The GMFC is in the process of compiling a list of the locations of these tanks, and the Township will write to advise the lot owners to remove the landscaping (or the Township will remove all of the landscaping located in the right of way). Mr. Brown further inquired as to the potential to bill residents who have more than three false alarms in a calendar year. The current ordinance provides the police with the authority to cite such landowners. The Township will look into revising the ordinance to vest both the police and fire department with the ability to do so. After discussion, the Township Secretary was also requested to advise the Township Zoning Officer to inspect the Devereux facility with regard to its indoor emergency generator. According to Mr. Brown, the generator is not properly vented. Additionally, Mr. Brown discussed alternatives for advising the residents of the need to obtain and install reflective house numbers. The Township Engineer suggested that the installation be one of the components considered in the issuance of a Use and Occupancy Permit. Lastly, Mr. Brown thanked the Township, the Supervisors, Township Secretary and Road Department for all of their efforts toward Community Day and in response to the recent storm. The Supervisors likewise thanked the GMFC and Road Department, which both did an excellent job in handling the storm aftermath, followed immediately by Community Day. Notably, their efforts ensured that all major roads within the Township were passable by the morning after the storm. It was noted that Senator Rafferty is working on obtaining funding for a generator to service the fire company building. Lastly, a question was raised by Nanette Hervey as to what the Fire Company must do in order to obtain the cable television connection for Verizon. The Township Secretary was directed to follow up.

### **EMC**

No report.

### **DARC**

No report.

### **Park and Recreation Board**

Nanette Hervey provided the report for the Park and Recreation Board. Community Day was held on Saturday, June 26, and was a success. Thanks were expressed to all of the volunteers who made it possible. Discussion ensued as to ideas for tents and other events for the next Community Day. It was suggested that Community Day be held earlier, either earlier in June or in May, next year. The Park and Rec Board is now in the process of planning a movie night for July or August. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township authorize up to \$700 toward a movie night (with popcorn machine rental). Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Historical Commission**

No report.

### **Trails**

No report.

### **EAC**

Township Secretary/Treasurer Betty Randzin announced that the EAC would be holding its nature walk at the Township Park on July 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Given the storm damage, the Supervisors directed that the organizers of the event perform a walk through to assess whether the area is safe for the nature walk.

### **Municipal Authority**

Supervisor D'Angelo provided the report from the Municipal Authority. With respect to the Indiantown Road sewer improvements (i.e., the sewage planning module), a postcard application submitted by the applicant was deficient and must be revised. The Municipal Authority would review it to advise the applicant of the various corrections. It was noted that the applicant has not dug the test pits referenced in prior meetings, but that it would instead wait until it obtained the planning module approval from DEP. Next, Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Municipal Authority has recommended the appointment of Roger Irey to the Authority (to replace a vacant position previously held by Tom Newhouse). After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township appoint Roger Irey to the Township Municipal Authority. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Supervisors thanked Mr. Irey for his interest in volunteering.

### **Planning Commission**

No report. Supervisor D'Angelo noted that DEP provided a response to the LaPorta Planning Module application, which required minor corrections and to be resubmitted.

### **Trust**

No report.

## Old Business

- a. Community Day: Chairman McDonough announced special thanks on behalf of the Township to the members of the Park and Recreation Board for another successful Community Day. The Supervisors also expressed their thanks to the GMFC for hosing the annual chicken BBQ.
- b. Office Closed: Chairman McDonough announced that the Township office would be closed on Monday, July 5, 2010, in observance of Independence Day.
- c. Ordinance Hearing: Chairman McDonough announced that a public hearing and meeting would be held on Thursday, July 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in order for the Supervisors to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

## New Business

- a. Highspire Estates: Jon Penders was present on behalf of Rouse Chamberlain to present an update to the Supervisors on his company's efforts to move forward with the Heritage Highspire development. RC has been working with PNC Bank, the Solicitor and Township Engineer in order to move forward with its efforts. RC will be purchasing up to thirty-one (31) of the lots, on a rolling basis, in order to construct homes. The homes will likely be smaller in size and more affordable than the earlier models constructed in the development. RC is working to get assurances that the bank will be updating its escrow amounts to secure the remaining public improvements. Mr. Penders expects to conclude its efforts at working with Heritage and the bank to provide the Township with adequate assurances as to Heritage's remaining obligations. Upon inquiry from Supervisor D'Angelo, Mr. Penders noted that RC would be stepping into the shoes of the particular lot owners with respect to the Authority and would be making any payment arrangements directly with the Authority.
- b. Highspire Road Paving: The Township Solicitor provided an update with respect to the Highspire Road paving project. Martin Paving would proceed with the project pursuant to its prior bid.
- c. Room Key: Chairman McDonough requested that the Township Secretary be provided with a key to the Municipal Authority's room in the Township building. Among other reasons, the room sustained damage and flooding from the storm and access was needed for repairs.
- d. Meeting Cancellation: Supervisor Jones moved that the Board cancel its morning meeting on July 15, 2010. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

e. Staff Hours: Township Secretary/Treasurer Randzin noted that Lisa has requested to cut back her hours to two (2) days per week during the summer (and possibly beyond). The Supervisors discussed looking into hiring an additional office staff member. The Township Secretary/Treasurer would prepare an advertisement.

f. Municibid: Mrs. Randzin noted that the Township vehicles have been repaired, inspected and are all now ready to be sold through Municibid. The ads are being finalized and will be posted shortly.

g. Timber Harvesting: Supervisor D'Angelo requested that the Board continue and finalize its review of the draft Timber Harvesting amendments. Supervisor Jones noted that he had some changes for the Board's consideration. The Township Solicitor was directed to circulate the most recent draft for review.

h. Storm Damage/Tree Branches: The Supervisors discussed various options to assist residents and to continue in the efforts to repair any damage from the recent storm. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the use of Weavers Mulch, at an hourly rate of \$70 per hour, up to a maximum of forty (40) hours, in order to clear branches along the side of the Township roads. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Duane Hammond was requested to coordinate with Weavers Mulch in this regard. Additionally, Weavers Mulch has offered to provide free wood chipping services to the Township residents. After discussion, the Supervisors concluded that the Township building would be most appropriate collection point. A time and date would be selected after consulting with Weavers Mulch, which would then be communicated to the residents. Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve free chipping of tree branches at the Township building, on a date and time to be publicized to the Township residents. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Adjournment**

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin  
Township Secretary/Treasurer

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