

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2010

Township Supervisors:

Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Chairman
Dr. Robert S. White, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Ms. Jeanne Denham, Finance Director
Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Raymond D. McKeeman, Zoning Officer

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Edward Meakim at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. All members were present. Mr. Meakim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Park and Recreation Vice-Chair Jerry Napiecek and Friends of West Goshen Parks President John Hurley presented plaques honoring the following organizations for their contributions and sponsorship of various Park and Recreation events:

Platinum level - QVC; Park Valley Associates; and TD Bank

Silver level – 1N Bank (formerly First National Bank of Chester County); Krapf's Coaches; and West Goshen Automotive and Fleet Services.

Supporting Sponsor: PECO Energy.

In addition, Ice Line provided prizes for the West Goshen Harvest Festival.

Chief Carroll gave the Police Report for the month of November 2010.

Ms. Andrea Testa gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of November 2010.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for November 2010.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, inquired about the speed detection sign that had been previously located on Spruce Avenue. He asked if the sign could be placed at that location again, stating that it appeared to slow down motorists. Mr. Craig stated that the speed detection signs are not permitted by PennDOT to be permanently placed, so the Township must rotate the signs around to different locations. Mr. Ray Halvorsen, Public Works Director, stated that there is a waiting list of locations for temporary placement of the signs, as residents like the signs deployed in their neighborhoods. The

sign will be relocated back to the Spruce Avenue location as soon as we have run through the waiting list.

Reverend Ralph Mero, 1215 Eagle Road, thanked the Board for posting the proposed budget on the Township's website. Reverend Mero inquired about proposed West Chester Library funding. Dr. White responded that the 2011 General Fund budget allocates \$2,500 to the West Chester Library.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, reiterated Mr. McCormack's comments about the speed sign placement on Spruce Avenue.

Mr. Meakim announced that on December 16, 2010, Senior Trash Rebate checks in the amount of \$200.00 each will be mailed to 111 residents who applied for and were approved to receive a rebate as part of the Township's Trash Rebate Program.

Mr. Meakim announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on December 1, 2010 and December 6, 2010 to discuss personnel issues.

Dr. White made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Scott Cullinan as a permanent member of the Township Zoning Hearing Board and Shannon Royer as an Alternate to the Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. LaLonde announced the last 2010 date for leaf and yard waste collection as Saturday, December 18th.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes of November 10, 2010.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Township reports and the bills to be paid from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

On a motion of by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the following low bids for Clear Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, Unleaded Gasoline, #2 Heating Oil and Low Sulfur Diesel:

Vendor	Clear Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	Unleaded Gasoline	#2 Heating Oil	Low Sulfur Diesel
Reilly & Sons P.O. Box 183 601 E. Lincoln Highway Exton, PA 19341	\$2.543 / gallon	\$2.462 / gal	\$2.6175 / gal	\$2.758 / gal
Sheller Oil Company P.O. Box 3311 West Chester, PA 19381	NO BID	NO BID	\$2.525 / gal	\$2.579 / gal
Mauger & Co. Inc. 300 C Lawrence Drive West Chester, PA 19380	\$2.583 / gal	\$2.526 / gal	\$2.488 / gal	\$2.555 / gal

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the following low bid for 2011 Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride:

Vendor	30,000 gallons, more or less, Liquid Polyaluminum Chloride
NEO Solutions, Inc. 3730 Dutch Ridge Road Beaver, PA 15009	\$386.00 / ton
UNIVAR USA, Inc. Main office – Building 24 532 E. Emaus Street Middletown, PA 17057	\$345.00 / ton
Delta Chemical Corp. 2601 Cannery Avenue Baltimore, MD 21226-1595	NO BID

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the following low bid for 2011 Sludge and Waste Hauling Disposal:

Vendor	1 Four-Yard Dumpster	2 Twenty-Five Yard Dumpsters
Synagro Central LLC 1800 Bering Drive, Suite 1000 Houston, TX 77057	NO BID	NO BID
Charles Blosenski Disposal Company 265 Lippitt Road Honey Brook, PA 19344	\$72 / load	\$195 / load
Mobile Dredging & Pumping, Co. 3100 Bethel Road Chester, PA 19013	LATE BID	LATE BID

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the 2011 Waste and Recycling Fund Budget with revenues of \$2,639,624 and expenditures of \$2,265,680.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the 2011 Sewer Fund Budget with revenues of \$3,988,336 and expenditures of \$3,700,345.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 30-10, adopting the 2011 General Fund Budget with revenues of \$12,447,113 and expenditures of \$13,878,023.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved providing a one-time payment of \$2,500 to be included in the 2011 General Fund Budget for the West Chester Library.

Mrs. Phyllis Dunn, 1035 North New Street, stated that she would like to see more funding for the West Chester Library.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, stated that the 2011 General Fund's revenues and expenditures were not balanced. She further stated she disapproves of the General Fund budget, specifically that the legal expenses line item was too high.

Mr. Philip Corvo, 863 Empress Road asked how much surplus will the Township have at the end of 2010? Dr. White responded that the Township will have approximately \$6,811,000 in surplus at the end of 2010. Mr. Corvo asked how the Township budgets for capital expenses. Dr. White responded that the Township staff produces a five-year Capital Improvements Plan that details all current and upcoming capital expenses.

Reverend Ralph Mero, 1215 Eagle Road, asked for \$11,000 in West Chester Library funding.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, stated that the Township does not need a new Public Works garage because current services are adequate.

Mr. Hank Whalen, 688 Normandy Court, stated that the Township has an insatiable appetite for capital equipment. He stated that the Township should be outsourcing most of our services. He stated that the right path should be to outsource all projects and services.

Mrs. McIlvaine explained that neighboring municipalities share equipment through the West Chester Council of Governments to create efficiencies between local governments.

Mrs. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, stated that she doesn't like all of the equipment purchased by the Township. Mrs. Colvin asked about non-uniform raises for the 2011 budget. Mr. Meakim stated that the non-uniform employees were to receive a three percent increase for 2011.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, stated that he is on a fixed income and that he cannot afford a three percent salary increase for the employees. He stated that the Police contract raise of three percent is not right either. He stated that as residents are not making more money, neither should the Police or employees make any more money.

Mr. Philip Corvo, 863 Empress Road, asked how the three percent increase was derived. Mr. Meakim stated that other municipalities were surveyed as to their proposed raises and the three percent was derived from those results, as well as the settled Police contract. Mr. Meakim said the Board agreed it was a fair amount for the employees.

Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, asked how many applicants applied for the recent Streets Department position opening. Dr. White responded that eighty-two people applied for the job. Mrs. Baker stated that she did not receive a Social Security increase this year, so the Township employees did not deserve a raise.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 31-10, established the 2011 Real Estate Tax at 2.0 mills.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 32-10, proclaiming December 17, 2010 through December 25, 2010 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week."

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

Mrs. McIlvaine introduced the West Goshen Township Public Works Department staff members who attended today's meeting and thanked them for all their hard work year in and year out.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Manager / Secretary