

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

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, Township Finance Director  
Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer  
Mr. Raymond D. McKeeman, Zoning Officer  
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Edward Meakim at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Meakim opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of August 2011.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of August 2011. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. John Beswick, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for August 2011.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board approved the appointment of Vito Genua to the Township Planning Commission.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the next scheduled yard waste pickup was this coming Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

On motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved the Board of Supervisors minutes dated August 10, 2011.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2011 for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, as well as the bills to be paid from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Capitol Reserve Fund and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

Township Solicitor Kristin Camp provided an overview of the draft Conditional Use Order for the West Chester University Geothermal Pump Station Project. Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked if all measures to reduce or eliminate sound from the pump station had been considered. Mr. Craig responded that sound attenuation measures will be put in place as part of the Conditional Use Order. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, asked what kind of notice the Township or residents would receive if the University plans to install more wells. Mr. Craig responded that an Erosion & Sedimentation Control Permit is required for any new wells. Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked if more new wells were planned. Brian Nagle, representing the University, stated no new wells are planned for the time being. A copy of the Conditional Use Order is available at the Township building for review. On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved the Conditional Use Order for the West Chester University Geothermal Pump Station Project.

A brief discussion of establishing work hours for non-commercial and commercial construction projects occurred. Due to complaints from neighbors of the Greystone South residential construction project in the North Hill neighborhood, the Township is investigating remedies to ambiguities in the Township's noise Ordinance. Ms.

Camp explained and described various nuisances, including noise, dust, etc., that may be possibly considered illegal if the Township Board of Supervisors recommends an amendment to the current regulations.

Ron Coupe, 955 North Penn Drive, provided noise and work activity Ordinances from several municipalities including Whitemarsh Township, that differentiates between commercial residential construction and homeowner construction projects. Ms. Camp responded that differentiating between commercial residential construction and homeowner construction work is unenforceable and unconstitutional. Ms. Camp stated that the Township needs to pass an Ordinance that is enforceable and can pass muster with the courts.

Debra Coupe, 955 North Penn Drive, complained about the general conditions of the Greystone South construction project. She stated work trucks arrive at hours outside of the Township's noise Ordinance and workers are on-site before and after normal working hours.

Rob Montgomery, 953 North Penn Drive, requested that the Township review other Township's noise Ordinances so the Township may get a reasonable Ordinance in place.

Joe Morrison, representative of NV Homes, the builder of the Greystone South project, that he has met with residents in the neighborhood and wants to continue to work with them regarding complaints about the project. Mr. Morrison stated that NV Homes would challenge a 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM work hours Ordinance as unconstitutional.

Linda Calderin, 971 Frederick Drive, stated that their quality of life has suffered because of the Greystone South construction project.

Debra Coupe, 955 North Penn Drive, stated that North Penn Drive needed a new speed limit sign on the outbound lane. Mr. Craig responded that the Township will install a new speed limit sign.

Diego Calderin, 971 Frederick Drive, stated he has the same issues as the Coupes. He asked what decibel levels are allowed in residential areas and asked if he could blare his stereo at 5:00 AM. Chief Gleason responded that no, he could not do that, as that would be a violation of the nuisance Ordinance.

Nina Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked about the process in which Vito Genua was chosen for the Township Planning Commission. Dr. White stated that when a Board or Commission vacancy occurs, a notice is placed in the Township newsletter. Dr. White stated that Mr. Genua is a retired PennDOT engineer and would provide excellent insight into traffic planning for the Planning Commission.

Debra Coupe, 955 North Penn Drive, stated she was surprised no one else in the Township has ever complained about construction activities. She stated that something must change to make sure our quality of life is restored.

Mr. LaLonde stated that Ms. Camp would begin an immediate review of the current Township Ordinances and make recommendations at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on October 12, 2011.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 10-2011, establishing the 2012 Financial Requirements and the Minimum Municipal Obligations for all three pension plans.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Resolution 11-2011, approving Traffic Regulatory Signs in the form of 25 mile per hour speed limit signs for Glen Avenue from Schoolhouse Lane to Mallard Road.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Resolution 12-2011, approving the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update for East Goshen Township.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Ordinance no. 5-2011, amending the West Goshen Township Pension Plan in order to change the service increment benefit under the plan.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved Ordinance no. 6-2011, amending the West Goshen Township Police Pension Plan in order to comply with Act 600 of 1956, as amended by Act 51 of 2009, The Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board approved Ordinance no. 7-2011, amending the West Goshen Township Administrative and Road Employees' Pension Plan, in order to add a pre-retirement death benefit for certain eligible employees under the Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved Ordinance no. 8-2011, amending the West Goshen Township Sewer Employees' Pension Plan, in order to add a pre-retirement death benefit for certain eligible employees under the Plan.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved the bid award to Lenni Electric in the amount of \$121,541.35 to construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of Paoli Pike and Fern Hill Lane / Fernhill Road. Township staff and McMahon Engineering reviewed the bids and recommended award to Lenni Electric.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Lenni Electrical Corporation 1020 Andrew Drive West Chester, PA 19380	\$121,541.35
Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Inc. P.O. Box 647 Media, PA 19063	\$127,499.28
Armour Electric	\$130,720.00
Carr & Duff	\$137,525.20
High Electric	\$154,127.50
Miller Brothers	\$159,509.91

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved authorizing the Township to enter into easement agreements with Ms. Sonia Ortiz of 553 Fern Hill Lane and Ms. Ann Sheetz of 554 Fern Hill Lane. The easements are necessary to construct and maintain the new traffic signal at the intersection of Paoli Pike and Fern Hill Lane / Fernhill Road.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved award of the new shade structure at the skate park at Lambert Park on Pottstown Pike in the amount of \$8,957.00 to Veteran Construction & Utility Services.

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Veteran Construction & Utility Services, Inc. 12 Union Street Coatesville, PA 19320	\$8,957.00

Mr. Craig provided an update for the Louis E. Close shooting range. All safety improvements are complete. Sound tests have occurred and will continue over the next weeks as the sound attenuating material is added to various surfaces inside and around the range.

Mr. Meakim opened the floor for public comment.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde  
Township Secretary