

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2012

Township Supervisors:

Raymond H. Halvorsen, Chairman
Mrs. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Robert S. White, Member
Theodore J. Murphy, Esq., Member
Philip J. Corvo, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer
Ms. Diane Clayton, Zoning Officer

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Raymond Halvorsen at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Halvorsen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

Mr. Ed Hunger, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report Annual Report for 2011 and for December 2011.

Mr. Halvorsen opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that an Executive Session was held on January 11, 2012 to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. LaLonde announced that residents may drop off Christmas trees in Community Park through Monday, January 16th.

Mr. LaLonde announced that in accordance with Pennsylvania law, all five Township Supervisors have submitted letters requesting insurance benefits from the Township.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board approved the Board of Supervisors minutes dated December 14, 2011 and January 3, 2012.

On motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated December 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.

Mr. Murphy opened a discussion of the Roslyn neighborhood traffic situation. He stated there is an obvious traffic volume problem in the neighborhood because of cut through traffic from West Chester University and other commuters. He made the suggestion that the Township form a Traffic Advisory Committee to review the traffic issues in the neighborhood. The Committee should include Township staff members, one Township Supervisor, members of the Township Police Department's Traffic Division and selected members of the neighborhood. The discussions should include meetings with West Chester Borough, East Bradford Township and West Chester University. Mr. Murphy stated that a thorough solution needs to be found.

Mr. Halvorsen responded, stating that West Chester University's growth has been exponential and must be addressed by the Township. He strongly suggested a meeting with University staff, to include the University President, is required, as they contribute much of the traffic in the Roslyn neighborhood.

Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked who will be appointed to the Committee and what is the Committee's authority. Mr. Murphy responded that members of Township staff, one Township Supervisor, members of the Township Police Department Traffic Division and selected members of the neighborhood. Mr. Murphy stated that the Committee will be advisory only.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board approved establishing a Traffic Advisory Committee per the Pennsylvania Traffic Calming Handbook with Mr. Murphy as Chairman.

Mr. Murphy asked that after the Committee is constituted, Mr. LaLonde contact our neighboring municipalities to set up meetings and advise them on the Committee's goals.

Dr. White made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve Ordinance No. 1-2012 amending Section 36-3 of the Township Code regarding "Dogs." After a discussion regarding the applicability of the Ordinance and its effect on private property owners, Dr. White rescinded his motion pending additional review by the Township Solicitor.

Chief Gleason provided an update of the Louis E. Close Pistol Range improvements. He stated the entire 2012 schedule is posted on the Township's website. He stated that heavy duty locks have been installed and that the wood gates shall be closed and locked at all times while Officers are training. In addition, all jurisdictions are required to use suppressors for patrol rifles. Finally, he stated that the final section of sound material will be installed in early Spring.

Hank Whalen, 688 Normandy Court, asked what patrol rifle our Department uses. Chief Gleason responded that the Department uses the AR-15 rifle.

Mrs. McIlvaine asked about the progress of the Chester County Emergency Services Training Center. Chief Gleason responded that the classroom portion is almost complete, but the shooting range portion will be put out to bid in 2013 with construction to immediately follow.

Mr. Halvorsen opened the floor for public comment.

Bob Stratton, 860 Spruce Avenue, asked for the Noise Ordinance's status. Mr. LaLonde responded that the Noise Ordinance will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at the February 8, 2012 meeting. After the Board is satisfied with the Ordinance, it will be forwarded to the Township Planning Commission and the Chester County Planning Commission for final review and scheduled for adoption in April, at the earliest.

Ron Coupe, 955 North Penn Drive, asked Mr. Craig to measure the heights of the homes at the Greystone South project. Mr. Coupe stated that they appeared to be taller than allowed by Code. Mr. Craig will measure and report back to the Board.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary