

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**

Township Supervisors:

Mrs. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Chairman  
Philip J. Corvo, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Raymond H. Halvorsen, Member  
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Member  
Mr. Theodore J. Murphy, Esq.

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager  
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer  
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Patricia McIlvaine at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mrs. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Captain Greg Stone gave the Police Report for the month of August 2014.

Ms. Andrea Testa gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of August 2014. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. Beswick gave the Building Official's Report for the month of August 2014.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the next yard waste curbside collection was scheduled for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of August 27, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2014, for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, and the bills to be paid from these funds.

Mr. Matt Holliday presented the annual report for the West Chester Public Library. Mr. Holliday stated that 8,011 library card holders are West Goshen Township residents and that during this year's summer reading camp, 21% of the campers were West Goshen Township children. Mr. Holliday thanked the Board for the financial support and looked forward to continuing the great library services provided to West Goshen Township residents.

Mr. Kenneth Myers, Special Township Counsel, provided an update of the Sunoco Pipeline, LP, case before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regarding the Mariner East project. Mr. Myers stated that the Township had just filed responses to Exceptions filed by Sunoco Pipeline, LP, following the recent Public Utility Commission Administrative Law Judges' decision. Mr. Myers stated that the case will go before the full Public Utility Commission soon.

Mr. Myers suggested that the Board of Supervisors may want to enter into settlement negotiations with Sunoco and come to some type of compromise.

Ms. Kristin Camp asked Mr. Myers if an expert witness had been secured by the Township. Mr. Myers stated that Mr. Richard Kuprewicz from the firm AccuFacts, Inc., from Washington State had been hired and helped draft the responses to the Exceptions recently filed.

Ms. Camp and Mr. Halvorsen asked what would occur if the full Public Utility Commission overruled the Administrative Law Judges. Mr. Myers stated that Sunoco Pipeline, LP would have an opportunity to have a hearing in front of the Administrative Law Judges first, then the full Commission. Mr. Myers stated that the only issue at hand is the pump station, not the pipeline. Mr. Myers stated that the Township needs to focus on safety issues.

Mr. Walker Tompkins, 1245 Victoria Lane, stated that Sunoco Pipeline, LP needs to ensure that the pipeline is safe. Mr. Tompkins stated that the Board of Supervisors needs to do everything in its power to stop the next pipeline project from coming down Boot Road.

Mr. Charles Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, stated that one of the biggest issues, in his opinion, was the pipeline pressure. Mr. Colvin asked who is responsible for testing the pipeline. Mr. Myers stated that Sunoco Pipeline, LP is responsible for testing the pipeline.

Ms. Alexandra Alexander, 1306 Mary Jane Lane, stated that she is wary of any compromise settlement with Sunoco due to the future expansion plans for the additional pipelines.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, asked Mr. Myers if Sunoco would consider replacing the entire pipeline. Mr. Myers said that yes, Sunoco could consider replacing the entire pipeline but it would be very expensive.

Mr. John Jaros, representing Westrum Development Corporation, introduced a plan to build an independent living, assisted living and Alzheimer's care facility on the currently vacant Blair tract on Ward Avenue adjacent to the Brandywine Airport. Mr. Jaros expressed his condolences on the recent death of Dr. Robert White.

Mr. Jaros introduced Mr. John Westrum, owner of Westrum Development Corporation. Mr. Westrum stated that although an approved Land Development Plan exists for the parcel for office and warehouse space, the West Chester market is in need of independent living, assisted living and Alzheimer's care housing. Mr. Westrum stated that the Arbours, age-restricted townhome project across Ward Avenue was wildly successful and was the most successful age-restricted development in the region. He stated that at several Arbours Home Owners Association meetings, the residents were in full support of this proposed development, if it were to be built adjacent to the Arbours. Mr. Westrum introduced several Arbours residents who expressed their support for this new project.

Mr. Jaros introduced Mr. Matt Robinson, an aviation expert hired by Westrum Development Corporation to answer questions as to the safety of a residential facility close to a small regional airport such as Brandywine Airport. Mr. Robinson provided a presentation that showed most aviation accidents occur on take-off and landing, not aircraft rolling off the runway during taxiing.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the project.

There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

#### **Board of Supervisors' Hearing # 1 – 2014**

Conditional Use hearing for collocation of a wireless communication facility to an existing PECO transmission tower for New Cingular Wireless PCS at 1167 McPherson Drive.

The Hearing began at 9:01 PM and concluded at 9:19 PM.

See official transcript.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde  
Township Secretary