

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 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
Mr. William E. Webb, Township Zoning Officer
Mr. Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Patricia McIlvaine at 7:02 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mrs. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Mandy Trisky and Mr. Maury Karen presented the Board of Supervisors with a plaque from the Caswallen Civic Association honoring the late Dr. Robert S. White. The Board thanked the Association for the lovely plaque. Mr. Halvorsen stated that the plaque will be installed in one of the new amenities of the open space parkland in the Woodlands at Greystone project, such as a gazebo or pavilion to honor Dr. White's countless hours in the planning of the new development.

Mrs. McIlvaine introduced David Brooman, Township Special Counsel. Mr. Brooman has been working on the Sunoco pump station issue for several months. Mr. Buzz Van Riper, 1015 Woodview Lane, asked about the status of the case. Mr. Brooman stated that the Township's case at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is proceeding with discovery and pre-trial motions.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of October 2014.

Ms. Andrea Testa gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of October 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 October 2014.

Mrs. McIlvaine announced that Executive Sessions were held on October 22, 2014 to discuss personnel and on November 12, 2014 to discuss litigation.

Mr. Murphy announced that the various parties are discussing drafting an agreement to implement and fund several of the initiatives recommended in the Rosedale Avenue Corridor Study.

Mr. LaLonde introduced William E. Webb, the recently hired Township Zoning Officer.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of October 8, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated October 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.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board approved the 2015-2017 Police Union Collective Bargaining Agreement 4-1 with Mr. Corvo opposed. Mr. LaLonde stated that the contract called for three percent base salary increases for each year of the contract; an increase in longevity pay; a change in the Township health insurance plan to a \$1,500 single / \$3,000 family deductible; and a seven-year tiered hiring scale for new Police Officers. Mr. Corvo stated that as the

single largest expenditure in the General Fund budget, the Township should be using part-time Police Officers to reduce the Police budget.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for an 8,896 square foot building for Frank Pica located at 1231 and 1233 West Chester Pike.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 20 – 2014, providing for a stop sign at Pietro Place northbound at the intersection of Giunta Lane; a 25 MPH speed limit sign on Manley Avenue from Green Avenue to Downing Avenue; a 25 MPH speed limit sign on Downing Avenue from Paoli Pike to the dead end; and a 25 MPH speed limit sign on Green Avenue from Paoli Pike to Brinton Avenue.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the 2014 Senior Citizen Trash Rebate Program. Mr. LaLonde stated that there were approximately one hundred thirty recipients this year.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved moving Park & Rec Board Alternate member Sara Franco to Full member and moving Park & Rec Board Full member Mary Lou Enoches to Alternate member.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014 - 5, regarding Police Pension Plan compliance regulations. Ms. Camp stated that the three Pension Plan Ordinances up for adoption tonight were duly advertised in The Daily Local News with copies on file at the Township Solicitor's office and The Chester County Law Library.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014 – 6, regarding the Road & Admin Pension Plan compliance regulations.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2014 – 7, regarding the Sewer Pension Plan compliance regulations.

Mr. LaLonde presented the Preliminary 2015 General Fund, Sewer Fund, Waste & Recycling Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and State Highway (Liquid Fuels) Fund. Mr. LaLonde thanked the newly formed Budget Committee consisting of Mr. Halvorsen, Dr. White, prior to his untimely death, Mrs. McIlvaine, Finance Director Jeanne Denham, Asst. Finance Director Jen Latzer, Assistant Township Manager Derek Davis and Staff Accountant Christine Riffey and the Township's Department Heads, Chief Joseph Gleason, Sewer Authority Manager John Scott, Township Engineer Rick Craig, Park & Rec Director Ken Lehr, Streets Superintendent Dave Woodward and Parks Superintendent Dorine McClune.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the General Fund had budgeted revenues of \$15,050,940, expenditures of \$14,832,909 with an ending Fund Balance of \$9,588,859. Mr. Halvorsen announced that there was no tax increase or sewer / waste and recycling fee increase for 2015.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Sewer Fund had budgeted revenues of \$4,428,511, expenditures of \$4,592,354 with an ending Fund Balance of \$3,717,277.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Waste & Recycling Fund had budgeted revenues of \$2,251,600, expenditures of \$1,952,546 with an ending Fund Balance of \$299,054.

Mr. LaLonde stated that the Capital Reserve Fund had budgeted revenues of \$1,117,181, with expenditures of \$2,772,279 with an ending Fund Balance of (\$324,400).

Mr. LaLonde stated that the State Highway Fund had budgeted revenues of \$550,400, with expenditures of \$600,000 with an ending Fund Balance of (\$49,600).

Mr. LaLonde stated that for discussions for the 2016 budget, the Board may consider taking some of the General Fund surplus funds and moving \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund to fund upcoming projects and capital purchases.

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Mr. LaLonde asked the Board, given the \$218,031 surplus if they had any desire to meet separately with Department Heads regarding their individual Department budgets. The Board agreed to not meet with Department Heads.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Preliminary 2015 budget, advertise the budget and set December 10, 2014 for adoption of the Final budgets.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Final Land Development Plan for O'Rourke Steel, located at 992 South Bolmar Street.

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board voted unanimously to schedule the Arbour Square (Westrum) Conditional Use Hearing for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

Mr. Jeff Laudenslager, 1107 Cotswold Lane, asked if the prospect of hiring part-time Police Officers have ever been discussed. Mr. Halvorsen stated that two replacement, full-time Police Officers were included in the 2015 budget, bringing the total complement to twenty seven Officers. Mr. Halvorsen stated that with the recent contract negotiations the Township is able to keep the Police Department at full-time status.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary