

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2015**

Township Supervisors:

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

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. William E. Webb, 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 Patricia B. McIlvaine, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mrs. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chester County District Attorney Thomas Hogan presented a Unit Award honoring West Goshen Township Police Department's Chief Joseph Gleason, Captain Greg Stone and Detective Darren Sedlak for their work in closing a major theft case at Fry Electric in West Goshen Township. Several Fry Electric employees schemed to defraud the company of more than \$100,000. Through a diligent and thorough investigation by Detective Sedlak, the employees in question were arrested and charged with multiple counts of theft and other charges. District Attorney Hogan thanked the Police Department for their fine work and stated that the West Goshen Township Police Department one of the finest Police Departments in the Commonwealth.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of July 2015.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of July 2015. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. John Beswick gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for July 2015.

Mr. Halvorsen reported that the 2015 paving project was complete.

Mr. Murphy stated that he and other Township staff were meeting at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow to discuss the Rosedale traffic situation and stated that West Chester University could not use funds for municipal projects.

Mr. LaLonde announced that this Saturday was the monthly yard waste curbside pickup. He also stated that again in 2015, the West Chester Area Council of Governments was planning another Neighborhood University program for September through November. Last year's program was very successful and offers residents of the seven members of the West Chester Area School District an educational program on issues facing local government. Please see the West Goshen Township website for more information.

Mr. Webb announced that he had taken action against a property owner at 743 Kirkland Avenue for high weeds, abandoned vehicles and general property maintenance issues. On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously voted to enforce all property maintenance issues for 743 Kirkland Avenue. Mr. Webb also announced that he was working with the owners of a property at 834 Orchard Avenue for property maintenance issues.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of July 8, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2015, 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 Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 10 - 2015, updating the signature approval list for Kyle's Auto Tags.

Mr. LaLonde introduced Resolutions 11 – 2015, 12 – 2015 and 13 – 2015, adopting market value as the actuarial value of assets for the West Goshen Township Police Pension Plan, Administrative and Roads Pension Plan and the Sewer Pension Plan. Mr. LaLonde stated that at the recommendation of the Township's actuary, Dave Killick with Conrad Seigel, the three following Resolutions change the method of asset valuation from actuarial valuation to market valuation. The change results from Mr. Killick's study of the three pension plans' holdings and better reflects their real value.

Mr. LaLonde continued that for many years, the Board, Township staff and our resident Pension Committee have been very proud of the high three plans' high level of funding percentage. The funding percentage is a scale from 0 to 100 percent funded indicating that with current assets, all liabilities may be met. With the shift to market valuation, the three pension plans increase their percentage funded. For the Sewer Pension Plan, a funding percentage of 98.9%; for the Administrative and Roads Pension Plan, a funding percentage of 90.2%; and for the Police Pension Plan, a funding percentage of 101.7%. All three pension plans are in excellent condition.

Mr. LaLonde thanked the Board of Supervisors, Township staff and the resident and staff members of the Pension Committee for their work to maintain these high funding levels for our three pension plans.

In addition, the change to market valuation will save significant funding needs for the 2016 General Fund budget.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved Resolutions 11 – 2015, 12 – 2015 and 13 – 2015.

Ms. Camp introduced Ordinance No. 2015 – 5, repealing Ordinance No. 2012 – 5 and reinstating the West Chester Council of Governments Board of Appeals. Ms. Camp stated that the Ordinance was submitted to the Chester County Law Library, advertised in The Daily Local News and that all conditions for approval were met. Ms. Camp stated the Ordinance reinstates the cooperative West Chester Council of Governments (COG) Board of Appeals to hear Building Code appeals with a unified Board consisting of members across the COG member municipalities so as to create efficiency in holding hearings.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved Ordinance No. 2015 – 5.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board granted an additional time extension for review of the Gavin Subdivision and Land Development at 415 Goshen Road to December 9, 2015 at which time the Board will once again review the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. for Conditional Use Hearing # 2 – 2015, for 101 Norfolk Avenue for West Chester University.

The public meeting was reopened by the Board for public comment at 8:00 p.m. (The Conditional Use Hearing had not commenced by this time).

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Mr. Brian Nagle approached the Board regarding the Rosedale Avenue improvements that were discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Nagle stated that Mr. Murphy was correct that West Chester University was not allowed to contribute funds to the Rosedale Avenue improvement project's engineering costs due to the fact that the University was not the cause of the need for the improvements. Mr. Halvorsen stated that going back as far as 1988, West Chester University has not done any traffic improvements to the area even with increased student enrollments and building expansions. Mr. Murphy stated that when school is out there is less traffic overall and when school is in session, more traffic congestion exists.

Ms. Camp then stated that Mr. Nagle requested a time extension, as the Conditional Use Hearing for 30 West Rosedale Avenue for West Chester University was requested to be held on October 14, 2015. Ms. Camp requested a time extension request in writing from Mr. Nagle. Mr. Nagle agreed to provide a written time extension.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Conditional Use Hearing # 2 – 2015 began at 8:20 p.m.

See Official Transcript.

The Conditional Use Hearing # 2 – 2015 was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. to be continued at the Board's September 9, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary