

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mrs. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Camp reopened Board of Supervisors Conditional Use Hearing #2 – 2015, Conditional Use Hearing for 101 Norfolk Avenue for West Chester University, continued from August 12, 2015.

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On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously agreed to continue Conditional Use Hearing # 2 – 2015 to the October 14, 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors was in attendance to present a memorial park bench in recognition of Dr. Robert S. White. East Goshen Supervisors Marty Shane, Carmen Battavio, Janet Emanuel, Charles Proctor and Senya Isayeff were in attendance with East Goshen Township Manager Rick Smith. The West Goshen Board of Supervisors thanked the East Goshen Board for their generosity.

Mr. Bill Ronayne of Fame Fire Company presented the Fire Company's expansion plans and requested that West Goshen Township discuss making a donation to the expansion fund. Mr. Ronayne stated that the expansion was budgeted at \$2,500,000 with an 8,000 square foot building expansion. The expansion would modernize the facility, provide a bunk room and showers, provide living quarters for the Department's "live-in" program for West Chester University students who would also be active volunteer fire fighters, provide covered storage for six vehicles and provide Building Code updates, such as fire sprinklers. Mr. Halvorsen thanked Mr. Ronayne for the presentation and asked if Chester County or West Chester University had pledged any funding. Mr. Ronayne stated that they intend to ask for organizations for a contribution to the expansion.

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

Mr. John Beswick, Building Inspector, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of August 2015. Mr. Beswick also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

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

Mrs. McIlvaine announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on September 9, 2015 to discuss personnel.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that the long-awaited traffic signal at Burke Road and Pottstown Pike would be operation within a few weeks.

Mr. LaLonde announced that for the 5th time in a row, West Goshen Township has been named as a top "Best Place to Live" by Money Magazine. West Goshen is ranked at #24 this year, along with Nether Providence Township in Delaware County as the only two Pennsylvania municipalities ranked this year.

Mr. LaLonde stated that West Goshen is in good company, as we are one of only three municipalities to be ranked in the top 25 "Best Places to Live" in each of the five issues of Money Magazine starting in 2007. West Goshen has made the list for five consecutive biennial issues, in 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 and now, 2015.

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And for the fourth time in a row, starting in 2009, West Goshen has been the top ranked Pennsylvania municipality.

Mr. LaLonde thank the Board of Supervisors, staff, Police Department, Boards and Commission members, our residents and business owners for contributing to the ongoing success of West Goshen Township, as evident in the prestigious ranking in Money Magazine.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the upcoming Fall Movie Series film scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 is The Spongebob Movie: Sponge Out of Water, set to screen at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Park Amphitheatre.

Mr. Webb stated that the Zoning Hearing Board was scheduled to hear a Zoning Variance request from Glen White Builders for their Laurel Ridge development on Pottstown Pike in regard to a fence. Mr. Webb stated that work to abate the conditions at 834 Orchard Avenue was ongoing with the homeowner.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes of August 12, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated August 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. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved the Final Subdivision Plan to combine three commercial lots for RedGo Development at 200, 300 and 400 Willowbrook Lane.

On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 14-2015, approving the Allocation of State Aid for the three West Goshen Township Pension Plans.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 15-2015, proclaiming September 2015 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month."

Mr. Hugh Purnell asked if the Township Pension Plans contributions will go up next year, after the decrease this year. Mr. LaLonde responded that the Pension Plans are studied every two years as part of the Act 205 study and reporting regimen, so a long-term forecast cannot occur.

Mrs. Nina Stratton asked if the Township could dictate the color of a new building under construction. Mr. Webb stated that the Township does not have the authority to dictate colors of building materials unless the Township would establish a Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB), but that would only correspond to historically significant areas.

Mrs. Shirley Colvin asked if additional enforcement could occur regarding West Chester University students driving through the neighborhood.

On a motion by Mr. Halvorsen, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary