

WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15th, 2014

PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan McPhillips, Chairman
Mark McKee, Vice-Chairman
Tom Panzer, Treasurer
Jason Croley, Secretary
Wayne McCulloch, Assistant Treasurer

STAFF PRESENT: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager
Mary Eberle, Esq., Grim, Biehn, & Thatcher, Township Solicitor
Craig Kennard, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc., Vice-President

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Meeting of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors, duly advertised, was held at the Township Building, 401 Gibson Avenue, Warminster, PA. Mr. McPhillips, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Croley led the pledge, which was followed by a moment of silence for our men and women serving our country both home and abroad.

Swearing in of Wayne McCulloch as Township Supervisor

Judge Diane Gibbons swore Mr. McCulloch into office.

Consider Appointment of Secretary to the Board of Supervisors

Mr. McPhillips asked for nominations to appoint a secretary to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Panzer made a motion to nominate Mr. Croley as Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Mr. McKee.

Seeing no other nominations, Mr. Panzer made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mr. McKee. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Croley made a motion to nominate Mr. McCulloch as Assistant Treasurer, seconded by Mr. McKee. Motion carried 5-0.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McPhillips announced that in honor of National Police Week, flags would be flown at half-staff. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared March 15th

"Police Officers Memorial Day" honoring those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. To honor those in Bucks County, there will be a Police Memorial Ceremony on Monday, May 19th at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Newtown starting at 7:00p.m.

Mr. McCulloch announced that the annual Memorial Day parade will be on Monday, May 26th starting at 10:00 am at the Township Building.

Mr. Croley began by welcoming Mr. McCulloch to the Board of Supervisors. He also wished all of the mothers and grandmothers a belated Happy Mother's Day.

Mr. Panzer announced that he and Mr. McPhillips attended the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Meeting on Monday, May 5th. The Warminster Heights Homeowners Association is seeking \$150,000 in community development block grant money to continue their ongoing efforts to maintain and improve their facilities. The recommendation of the Community Block Grant Board is to send this request for the Commissioners for approval. Mr. Panzer congratulated Mr. Manfredi on his son's graduation from Temple University. He also commended the students of the Fine Arts Fair at William Tennant High School. The Greater Bucks Mont Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual scholarship funding golf outing on Friday, June 6th at Five Ponds Golf Club. They are currently looking for golfers and sponsors to contribute for a good cause.

Mr. McKee congratulated Mr. Panzer on his daughter's Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award. The Summer Recreation Directory is now available. Residents can continue to register their children for summer programs. Discount Regal Movie tickets are still available. The township is awaiting delivery of discount amusement park tickets. The Rubber Ducky Regatta will be this Sunday, May 18th at Kemper Park. Saturday, June 14th is the 2nd Annual Wounded Hero 5K at Warminster Community Park. Mr. Chris Ruff gave a brief overview of the Honor and Courage 5K, stating that the money raised goes to wounded veterans suffering from combat related injuries.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamations

Mr. Panzer presented a proclamation to Ian Forlini, a William Tennent High School Senior who claimed the PIAA State Diving Title, which is added to being a three time Interscholastic All-American, and a four time District I Diving Champion. Mr. Forlini ended the season with 596.15 points, which broke the state record.

Mr. Panzer also presented Ian's parents, Lisa & Jamie Forlini, with a proclamation recognizing their commitment and dedication to the community, their children, and to the athletes they have coached.

- b. **Chris McDonald, Hartsville Fire Chief & Mr. Shapiro, Warminster Fire Company**

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Shapiro gave a presentation on BucksFire.org. Five Years ago, the Bucks Country Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters Association received a \$700,000+ for recruitment retention throughout Bucks County.

- c. **Ms. Dottie Carey: Norristown Road Truck Traffic**

Ms. Carey presented a petition on behalf of the citizens who live on Norristown Road, asking the Board to take the necessary actions to cease the truck traffic that does not fall under the category of local delivery. This traffic has contributed to the deterioration of the road. After some deliberation, the Board concluded that the Police Department will conduct a safety study in order to enforce no truck traffic on Norristown Road.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Anne Hallowell commented on the truck traffic on Norristown Road, stating that it has affected her quality of life. She also inquired about the parcel of land on York Road. Ms. Elton clarified that Warminster Commerce has a land development application for this location that will be presented to the board.

Ms. Donna Spats thanked Ms. Carey for speaking on behalf of residents on Norristown Road.

Mr. Joe Meditz inquired about the sidewalk left over from the demolition of Longstreth Elementary School. Ms. Eberle clarified that this sidewalk is not owned by the township or the school district.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McPhillips introduced the following items on the Consent Agenda for approval:

- a. Consider Wawa Food Market at County Line & Davisville Road- Release #3 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$45,755.00
- b. Consider Approval of Minutes from March 20th, April 3rd, and April 17th
- c. Consider awarding the Consortium Fuel Contract for 2014-2015 to Petroleum Traders Corp.
- d. Consider Resolution 2014-14 approval of Stepchin Minor Subdivision
- e. Consider Penn State Escrow Release- 995 Newtown Road; PSA 12- Penn State in the amount of \$232.46
- f. Consider Christ's Home- Shepard's Crossing Phase II- Release #4 from the Escrow Account in the amount of \$379,086.00

Mr. McKee made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. McCulloch. Motion carried 5-0.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Panzer presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending May 15th, 2014.

Mr. Panzer made a motion to approve the bill list as read, seconded by Mr. Croley. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Panzer made a motion to approve the supplemental checklist as read, seconded by Mr. Croley. Motion carried 5-0.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Consider Adopting Ordinance 719 Comcast Franchise Agreement

Mr. McPhillips stated that the Township's franchise agreement with Comcast will be expiring. Mr. Manfredi has negotiated a new agreement with Mr. Brian Jeter from Comcast. Ms. Eberle explained the details of the Comcast Franchise Agreement.

Mr. McKee expressed his disappointment that the Township's volunteer firefighters lost their courtesy premium services. Mr. Jeter thanked the Board and the Township for this positive agreement. He also clarified that the contractual agreement with facilities such as this has over the years. Therefore, there would have to be some type of agreement or arrangement that has a cost involved.

Mr. Croley expressed his appreciation that Comcast has been mindful of the Township's "No Soliciting" ordinance.

Mr. Croley made a motion to adopt Ordinance 719, authorizing execution of the agreement to renew with Comcast Cable Franchise for an additional 10 years. Seconded by Mr. McCulloch, motion carried 5-0.

b. Consider Appointment of one Member to Fill the Vacancy on the Planning Commission

Mr. McPhillips asked for a motion to appoint a member to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Mr. McKee made a motion to appoint Mr. Karl Lewis as a member on the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Croley. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Panzer and Mr. McCulloch expressed their support for Mr. Lewis.

c. Consider Appointing an Alternative Zoning Hearing Board Member

The township requested an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board and received one letter of interest.

Mr. Croley made a motion to appoint Mr. Petroni as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Mr. McCulloch. Motion carried 5-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consider Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Ben Wilson Center Roof Repair

Mr. McPhillips introduced this item, stating that the Ben Wilson Activity Center is in need for a new roof. Mr. Manfredi elaborated on this issue.

Mr. Panzer made a motion to authorize advertisement for bids for the Ben Wilson Center roof repair, seconded by Mr. Croley. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Larry Menkes stated that fixing the roof within Act 77 would save the township money and could be beneficial to the environment.

10. PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Mr. Manfredi gave a brief report on the Central Bucks Y Partnership, stating that the township is working through details to finalize this agreement. The township has received a few more individuals interested in serving on the Pension Investment Advisory Committee. Mr. Manfredi, Ms. Eberle, and Mr. Courtney are working diligently on a pension investment policy for the Board's consideration. The township has received interest in electronic billboards. These individuals will be presenting this idea to the board in the near future.

Mr. Manfredi recognized Ms. Elton for her hard work in making the healthcare change to DVHIT a smooth transition. Mr. Manfredi gave a detailed report on Five Ponds Golf Course, stating that there will be some changes being made in order to benefit the residents. The ordinance codification should be on the June or July agenda. The township is continuing to monitor storm water issues, specifically 8th & Greene. Mr. Hucklebridge gave a detailed report on the efforts of the Public Works department to tackle recent storm water issues.

Mr. Manfredi reported on the traffic system update that will be done with the assistance of the ARLE Grant. After some discussion about the Whittier Basin storm water issues, Mr. Kennard reported that these repairs would be made next week. Mr. Manfredi reported that Mr. Velten has increased efforts to keep the

township's fire inspections up-to-date. Mr. Velten elaborated on the process of reducing fire hazards. He also addressed the policy of open burning, clarifying the difference between the types of outdoor burning. This information is on the Township's website.

Solicitor's Report

Ms. Eberle let the public know that an agreement has been made with Blue Eye Hookah Bar. A copy of the agreement will be made available to the public. The township has been negotiating a new lease agreement with the Penn State Anechoic Chamber. The Chamber has agreed to terms of the lease. This will be in front of the Board for adoption at an upcoming meeting.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Kennard reported that the William Tennent minor subdivision plan is in the getting ready for recording. Plans were just received for the Dunkin Donuts on York Road and Citadel Federal Credit Union. The Newtown Court Townhouse Development should be in front of the Board in June. Mr. Kennard reported on a very productive meeting with County View Properties had their last settlement on the last townhouse. He will another update at the next meeting. A site inspection was conducted at Ann's Choice Neighborhood #4. A staff meeting will be held in order to close out this project, as certain improvements need to be made.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

12. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. McPhillips congratulated Mr. McCulloch on his new position. In honor of National Police Week, Mr. McPhillips thanked Chief Donnelly and his officers for their commitment and service to the community. He also thanked Ms. Elton for her work with a group of residents earlier in the week. He noted that the Board would begin changing over to casual attire due to the warm weather.

Mr. McKee welcomed Mr. McCulloch to the board. He also thanked the residents for their well wishes during his recovery.

Mr. Panzer encouraged residents to take part in the township's parks and activities during the warm months. He also recommended that the township work to clean up these parks.

Mr. Croley congratulated and welcomed Mr. McCulloch. He reminded residents that Tuesday, May 20th is Primary Day and cautioned everyone to be cautious a respectful of school buses. Mr. Croley wished his mother a Happy Birthday.

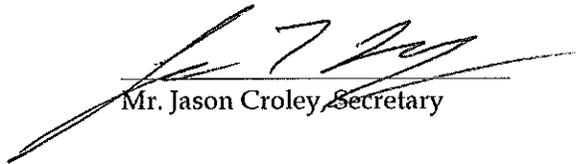
Mr. McCulloch stated he was honored to be sitting on the Board. He thanked the Board for their kind wishes and making him feel welcomed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. McKee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mr. Jason Croley, Secretary