

WORK SESSION

March 21, 2017

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the March 21, 2017 Supervisors' meeting. Board Chair Melissa M. Weber was present with Supervisors Kenneth F. Wollman, Anthony F. Greco, Adam D. Zucker, and Frederick R. Conner. Also present were Township Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Assistant Director of Finance Kellen D. Jarret, Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, the public hearing for transfer of a liquor license, approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting, authorization to sign a covenant to hold property as one parcel, Resolution Nos. 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172 and 1173, and advertisement of Ordinance No. 357.

The next topic discussed was a listing of upcoming events, including:

- Comedy Show – Centre Square Fire Company – April 1
- WRA Opening Day Parade and Ceremony – April 8 – Gather at CSFC at 8:00 a.m. – Parade starts at 8:30 a.m.
- Earth Day – April 20 – Prophecy Creek Manor House
- Community Festival – Montgomery County Community College – Starting at 11:00 a.m. with fireworks at 8:00 p.m.
- Whitpain Parks and Recreation Department; Centre Square Fire Company; and Whitpain Police Association Golf Outing – June 26 – Blue Bell Country Club
- Big Rig Round-Up – Wentz Run Park – July 14 – 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Community Festival – September 23 – starts at 11:00 a.m. and fireworks begin at 8:00 p.m. (one hour earlier this year)

The next topic discussed was a one-day soccer tournament which will be hosted by the Whitpain Recreation Association (WRA) on May 20 at Centre Square Park. Since this is the first large tournament to be held at the park, Township staff members will meet with WRA officials to plan for the event. Parking will be allowed on one side of the loop road which still leaves enough room for emergency vehicles to enter and exit the park. WRA officials have been encouraged to meet with St. Helena Church to alert them to the soccer tournament and to address any concerns the church may have about parking and associated issues.

The meeting continued with Mr. Pronczak and Mr. Camarda discussing a training session that Montgomery County has asked to host at Whitpain Township. The session focuses on incident command and emergency management training for elected officials. It will be open to elected officials from municipalities across the county. Chair Weber suggested that she could spread the word about the session to her peers at MCATO once a specific date is confirmed. Several dates in May are currently being considered. Mr. Camarda also mentioned that the Township will hold a separate table top exercise which address handling special needs residents in times of emergency. Key staff members, police and first responders will be invited to attend.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting by mention that a retirement luncheon will be held for Keith Fuller on April 13 here at the Township Building. Supervisors and staff are invited to the luncheon.

When discussion on this topic ended at 7:50 p.m., Supervisors met in executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation. When the executive session ended at 7:58 p.m., Supervisors left for the public meeting.



David J. Mrochko

Whitpain Township Assistant Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Chair Melissa Murphy Weber, along with Supervisors Kenneth F. Wollman, Anthony F. Greco, Frederick R. Conner, Jr. and Adam D. Zucker were present. Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Assistant Finance Director Kellen Jarrett and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Finance Director Christine M. Bauman was absent. There were seven members of the public at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Chair Weber who welcomed those in attendance. She said that it is wonderful to begin the meeting with a Mission Moment, and tonight a family that has become an adopted part of the Whitpain Township family is here.

Chair Weber welcomed the Fair Family, before turning the meeting over to the Manor House Committee. Mr. Conner, on behalf of Committee members including himself and Messrs. Greco, Baker, Pronczak, Mrochko and others who join them from time-to-time, said it is a pleasure to honor the Fairs. This evening's Mission Moment recognizes the Fair Family for the industry recognitions they have received. We highlight the value of partnership this evening, and recognize our long-term relationship with Weddings by the Pond, and Robert Fair and his family. Mr. Greco added the Manor House is an asset and a revenue generator. Both the Township and the Fairs combined have invested over \$4 million in the property, with more improvements being planned. Mr. Greco thanked Mr. Fair and his family for all they have done for the Township. Mr. Conner further commented that one of the highlights every year is the Earth Day celebration held at the Manor House; this year it is April 20th. Another highlight is the recognition that the Fairs have received over the past few years. The Manor House has become a first class wedding venue, achieving a niche with a business model that is well recognized. Mr. Conner read the Proclamation, presented to Robert Fair and his family by the entire Board. Mr. Fair thanked everyone and acknowledged that the confidence and faith all had in him has turned into a wonderful relationship.

As advertised, a public hearing was held to consider the request from Giant Food Stores, LLC for approval to transfer PA Liquor Control Board Restaurant Liquor License No. R18933, acquired through a public auction of liquor licenses conducted by the PLCB in 2016, from Skippack Township to the Giant Food Market located at 1760 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, PA.

A Court Reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript of the hearing will be made a part of these minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to pass Resolution No. 1169 accepting the proposed Inter-Municipal Transfer of Liquor License from Skippack Township to 1760 DeKalb Pike. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting
- b. Resolution No. 1170 proclaiming April 20, 2017 as Earth Day in Whitpain
- c. authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign a Covenant to Hold Property as One Parcel between Thomas Scott Ryan, owner of 1257 and 1265 DeKalb Pike, and Whitpain Township
- d. Resolution No. 1171 authorizing the Chair to sign an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for modifications to the existing traffic signal located at the intersection of Skippack Pike and Walton Road
- e. Resolution No. 1172 authorizing the Chair to sign an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for modifications to the existing traffic signal located at the intersection of Morris Road and School/Plymouth Roads
- f. Resolution No. 1173 authorizing the Chair to sign an Application for Traffic Signal Approval for modifications to the existing traffic signal located at the intersection of Skippack Pike and Wentz/Parkwood Roads
- g. authorize advertisement of Ordinance No. 357 in accordance with the provisions of Act 172, an Act enabling municipalities to grant incentives in the form of tax credits to active volunteer firefighters

Chair Weber called for any discussion. Mr. Conner commented on Item 3(g), noting for the record that the Finance Committee supports that we move quickly to allow for tax credits (earned income tax and property tax) for active first responders, taking the initiative to be one of the first municipalities to enact the ordinance. By doing so, we enhance our support of recruiting and retention of volunteers, along with recognition and reciprocity, with the hope that neighboring communities will enact similar ordinances in order to allow the same benefit to the responders. We are looking forward to enacting it as soon as possible. There were no additional comments and the motion carried.

Prior to turning the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman, Chair Weber noted that the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters prior to the public meeting.

Chair Weber then turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman who asked if any Board member had comments. There were none and the meeting returned to Chair Weber.

Chair Weber asked that the 2017 events that will be held, be incorporated into the record. They are:

- April 1 CSFC Comedy Night – doors open at 7:30 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m. It's a great time and a fundraiser for the CSFC
- April 8 WRA Opening Day Ceremony – 8:30 a.m.
Skippack Pike will be closed from the CSFC to Wentz Run Park
- April 20 Earth Day – Prophecy Creek Park Manor House 9 a.m.
- June 26 Golf Outing at Blue Bell Country Club, hosted by the
Parks & Recreation Department, the CSFC and the Whitpain Police
Association - Noon
- September 23 Community Festival from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with fireworks at 8 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Wollman to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary