

WORK SESSION

March 7, 2017

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 7, 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 August 2, 2017 Supervisors' meeting. Chair Melissa M. Weber was present with Supervisors, Kenneth F. Wollman, Frederick R. Conner, Anthony F. Greco, and Adam D. Zucker. Also present were Township Solicitor Frank R. Bartle, Esq., Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, P.E., Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew. Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda were absent.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the two Mission Moments, approval of the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the February 21st Board meeting, the February Voucher List, the January Treasurer's Report, authorization to advertise Ordinance #356, authorization to sign a temporary construction easement agreement, approval of an agreement to inspect and repair traffic signals throughout the Township, authorization of the disposition of public records, Resolution Nos. 1159, 1166, 1167 and 1168, the public hearing on Ordinance #4-244 and the March Zoning Hearing Board cases.

Mr. Pronczak discussed upcoming events and noted that Whitpain Recreation Association's Parade and Opening Day Ceremony has been scheduled for April 8th. He also noted that the business breakfast meeting has been scheduled May 10th.

Mr. Wollman discussed the response from the Montgomery County Commissioners regarding Whitpain Township's request that Mr. Wollman be appointed to the Montgomery County Community College Board of Trustees. Although the Supervisors are disappointed that the request was denied, they look forward to the formation of a committee to facilitate communication and strategic planning between the College and Township.

Mr. Pronczak reported that he has been requested to testify at a hearing regarding State Police fees for municipalities without local police. The focus of the testimony will be the impacts on a neighboring municipality by a township that is served by State Police.

Mr. Pronczak provided an update on discussions with representatives from Whitpain Recreation Association regarding the proposed building in Centre Square Park.

At 8:00 p.m. the Supervisors left for the public meeting.

At approximately 8:55 p.m. the work session reconvened and the Supervisors continued the discussion regarding Centre Square Park. It was decided that a meeting with the Finance Committee should be scheduled.

Mr. Pronczak reported that comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the BoRit Site were submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the public comment period. He added that although the Township is a member of the BoRit Community Advisory Group (CAG), the Township did not agree with all of the comments submitted by the CAG, and as a result, the Township submitted a second letter to EPA stating that the CAG's comments do not reflect the views of Whitpain Township.

At approximately 9:10 p.m., the work session ended and the Board met in executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. M. Pronczak', is written over a horizontal line.

Roman M. Pronczak
Whitpain Township Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, March 7, 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., Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Township Engineer James E. Blanch, P.E., Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Assistant Township Manager David J. Mrochko and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda were absent. There were 25 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. She welcomed everyone and turned the meeting over to Chief Lawson for the first Mission Moment.

Chief Lawson said that several months ago Officers Homan and Houser presented an idea for increased policing and community relations in the form of a Bike Patrol. At that time a formal presentation was made to the Board, and the concept was enthusiastically approved. This evening, Chief Lawson gave a presentation that highlighted public safety, including the benefits of utilizing a bike patrol unit. He said that once the Board approved the formation of the Bike Patrol Unit, the question became, "How do we fund it?" Chief Lawson said fate intervened at Christmas when long-time resident Frank Engro dropped off cookies for the Police Department, and asked if they needed anything. Several years ago, Mr. Engro had a fire at his home, and he's never forgotten the service and support he received. He asked if there was anything he could do for the community, and Chief Lawson mentioned that support was needed for the Bike Patrol Unit. Mr. Engro committed to purchasing one bicycle, and asked how many more were needed. He then provided the complete fleet. Chair Weber read a Proclamation thanking Mr. Engro for his support, and it was presented to him. Mr. Conner used this opportunity to promote Bike Montco. Mr. Conner serves on the Steering Committee, which is developing a County-wide biking mobility program which will support safer biking in many areas across the County. If anyone has suggestions on how to make it easier to get around on bikes, he would appreciate the input.

Chair Weber noted how valuable the contributions of long-time residents have become. It is through these involvements that we are guided in our Mission and Values. The second Mission Moment was presented by Mr. Conner. With over one-half century of valuable service to the community, we honor Robert Henry Whittock as the Township's Honorary Historian. Mr. Conner read the Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Whittock. Mr. Greco thanked Mr. Whittock on behalf of the Board for his service to the Township and to all Veterans. Mr. Whittock thanked everyone for the honor and gratefully accepted the Proclamation and the gift naming him the Honorary Historian of Whitpain Township.

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

- a. the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting
- b. the February Voucher List in the amount of \$827,967.62, check sequence #60417 through #60651
- c. the January Treasurer's Report
- d. authorization to advertise Ordinance #356, an ordinance amending the Township's Code, Chapter 142 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article IV (Stopping, Standing and Parking) Section 142-37 (Special Purpose Parking Zones) to establish two new special purpose parking zones located at 223 Oak Street and 440 Railroad Avenue
- e. authorization for the Chair and Secretary to sign a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Magazzi, LLC and Whitpain Township for the installation, maintenance and repair of road widening and related improvements at the intersection of Butler and Skippack Pikes
- f. approve an Agreement with Armour and Sons for the inspection of traffic signals throughout the Township in accordance with PennDOT requirements, and Traffic Signal Maintenance for one year, per their proposals of February 3, 2017, subject to the review and approval of the Township Solicitor. The Montgomery County Consortium will no longer provide traffic signal maintenance.
- g. authorization for the disposition of public records as follows, in accordance with Resolution No. 1004, adopted March 19, 2013: 100 sets of various scanned residential and commercial building plans in scanned current property files A-C
- h. Resolution No. 1159 to approve Preliminary and Final Subdivision and Land Development plans titled "Preliminary and Final Subdivision and Land Development Plans for 325 West Maple Avenue, Sheets 1 of 7 through 7 of 7, prepared by Holmes Cunningham Engineering, plans dated November 4, 2016 and last revised February 21, 2017 in accordance with Section 509(b) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code conditioned upon execution of a Developer's Agreement, posting of financial security, planning module approval and resolution of items in the review letters from the Township Engineer dated December 21, 2016 and January 24, 2017.
- i. Resolution No. 1166 to accept a Deed of Dedication from Yoram and Concetta Maman and the Red Fox Farm Community Association for an area of right-of-way located between the legal and ultimate right-of-way of Skippack Pike adjacent to the Red Fox Farm subdivision.
- j. Resolution No. 1167 authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign an Authorization to Sign and Submit for the 2017 Round of the MontCo 2040 Implementation Grant Program. The grant is for the installation of pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Walton Road, Norristown Road and Township Line Road and it is administered by Montgomery County.

- k. Resolution No. 1168 authorizing the creation of a voluntary retirement incentive program for certain employees.

Chair Weber called for any discussion. Mr. Conner commented on Item 3(h), and how the Board and staff made sure that the property at 325 West Maple Avenue will be developed in a way that is consistent with the shared vision of the West Ambler area. Mr. Gibby of 336 Railroad Avenue asked if replacement trees will be planted in place of those to be removed. Mr. Pronczak explained that the amended plan shows additional landscaping and buffers along the alley and in front of the foundations which will be incorporated. Mrs. Gibby thanked Mr. Conner and everyone who helped implement the changes she suggested, and she asked about the paving of Beech Alley. Mr. Pronczak said that as part of the revitalization, the proposed extension of Beech Alley is shown. We are seeking funding opportunities through grants to extend the paving. Our Public Works Department has done some cleaning up of the area, but a grant or other funding would be needed for the extension. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 4-244, an Ordinance amending the Township's Zoning Ordinance by amending (1) Article XXVI, Section 160-189 (O)(9)[Signs/General Regulations/Changeable text Electronic Signs/Monument Style Ground Sign] to include sign area in the minimum/maximum total permitted supporting structure/enclosure calculation; and (2) Article XXVII, Section 160-220 (C)(3)[General Provisions/Exterior Lighting] to provide that all exterior lighting source fixtures shall include, but will not be limited to LED (Light Emitting Diode); Metal Halide; High-Pressure Sodium; Fluorescent; or incandescent. These lighting sources shall have a color temperature range of between 2,200 to 2,400° Kelvin.

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. Wollman to enact Ordinance No. 4-244. Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

The Board took no action on the following Zoning Hearing Board cases scheduled to be heard March 16, 2017:

#2104-17	David R. Pittman and Celia L. Cameron
#2105-17	Blue Bell West PC, LP
#2106-17	Starbucks Corporation
#2107-17	Curtis J. Keefer

Chair Weber turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman who called for public comments. There were none. Vice-Chair Wollman asked if any Board member had comments. Mr. Zucker recognized several younger audience members, and asked if they were there for school or scouting projects. The scouts were working toward their citizenship badges. There were no additional Board comments.

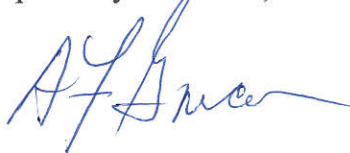
Vice-Chair Wollman highlighted several upcoming events in 2017:

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| March 13 | The Dog Park will re-open; there are currently 100 members |
| March 16 | Breast Cancer screening, by appointment, at Rep. Mary Jo Daley's Office |
| 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 |
| September 23 | Community Festival from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with fireworks at 8 p.m. |

Chair Weber noted that the Board will resume the work session following the meeting, and then hold an executive session after the work session. She also reminded everyone to “spring ahead” this weekend. Chair Weber called for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco and seconded by Mr. Zucker to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary