

WORK SESSION

September 19, 2017

A work session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 19, 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 September 19, 2017 Supervisors' meeting. Board Chair Melissa M. Weber was present with Supervisors Kenneth F. Wollman, Anthony F. Greco, and Adam D. Zucker. Supervisor Frederick R. Conner was absent. 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, Police Chief Kenneth Lawson, Director of Finance Christine M. Bauman, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Director of Code Enforcement Michael McAndrew.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the Mission Moment, approval of the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting, authorization to advertise Ordinances #4-247 and #363, authorization for a supplemental appropriation to WRA, a lease agreement for 1098 Skippack Pike (Olson/Boxwood House), Resolution No. 1198, appointments to the Park and Open Space Board and the September Zoning Hearing Board cases.

After reviewing the agenda for the public meeting, Mr. Pronczak mentioned that the Community Festival will be held on Saturday, September 23 at the Montgomery County Community College. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and concludes with a fireworks show at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The meeting continued with a confirmation that a strategic planning session will occur on Friday, September 29 at noon in Meeting Room A of the Township Building. Lunch will be provided.

The next topic discussed was another meeting confirmation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a tour of the BoRit Superfund Site on October 12 at 10:00 a.m. The event will end with an update from EPA at the new interim Boys & Girls Club. Supervisors are invited to attend.

Mr. Pronczak continued the meeting with an update on the all-way stop sign at Yost and North Wales Roads. The all-way stop was approved by the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors, but since half of the intersection falls in Worcester Township, Worcester's Board needs to pass a similar motion. It is expected that Worcester will approve the all-way stop condition and the signs will be installed within the next two weeks. Advanced warning signs will be installed to warn motorists of the new stop conditions.

The Township recently received news that the Crossways Trail has received an award from the Montgomery County Planning Commission. The award will be presented during a ceremony on the afternoon of November 15 at the Elmwood Park Zoo.

The meeting concluded with an update on flu shots for Township staff and elected officials. It is anticipated that shots will be provided at the Township Building in mid-October. These shots are free of charge as long as the participant is covered by medical insurance.

After concluding the work session meeting, Supervisors met in executive session from 7:50 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. At 8:00 p.m. Supervisors left for the public meeting. When the public meeting ended, Supervisors met once again in executive session beginning at 8:42 p.m.


David J. Mrochko
Whitpain Township Assistant Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 19, 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, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Finance Director Christine M. Bauman, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, and Recording Secretary Virginia Papale were also present. Supervisor Frederick R. Conner, Jr. was absent. There were 40 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 announced that the Board met in executive session before the public meeting, and will return to executive session following the meeting.

As is customary, each meeting of the Board of Supervisors begins with a Mission Moment. Our Mission, Vision, Values Statement focuses on how best to serve our community. It is the compass by which we as a Board govern our Township. Tonight we are reminded of how every day it is an honor to live in a Township where the Police Department has such a fabulous reputation, not only as friendly faces, but in developing relationships with businesses in the Township. She turned the meeting over the Chief Lawson.

Chief Lawson said public safety is a number one priority for the people who work and live in the Township. In July, Officers Brian Richard and Shaun Beitler received a radio call for a person in cardiac arrest at the Aetna building. They arrived on location and were met by a representative from Allied Security, Aetna's security sub-contractor. The officers were brought to the victim. Two Aetna employees had already performed CPR. The Aetna team prepared the automated external defibrillator (AED) unit, and the officers began to work on the victim. The AED evaluated and shocked the victim, who was transported to the hospital by EMS personnel. It was through the teamwork of Allied Security employees Ekaterina Mentzer and Feras Al Haffar, Aetna employee Monya Jennings and Police Officers Richard and Beitler that the man in cardiac arrest survived due to their life-saving medical assistance. Chief Lawson introduced Bill Shore, one of the Directors of Corporate Security for Aetna based in Cranberry Township, PA. Mr. Shore introduced Fred Schultz, Vice President of Service Operations in Blue Bell, Dwight Murphy of Allied Universal, and Mr. Ed Cump along with his mother, Fran. Mr. Shore has been in law enforcement and security for over 35 years. He shared that there are many reasons we bring together teams of people, to train, to pool talent and techniques needed to protect personnel. You never know what you will encounter on a daily basis; you have to be prepared for countless situations. We need to protect personnel, foster community relations and know those who will be responding before an incident occurs. Aetna has over 50,000 employees globally. Every life

matters. The company mission is to build a healthier world. Aetna's core values include caring, integrity, excellence and inspiration. Those who responded to the call to assist Mr. Cump on July 11th demonstrated these core values. This is a story with a happy ending due to the response of the individuals who came together as a team. They were recognized by Aetna for their exemplary efforts in life-saving efforts as a token of appreciation. Chair Weber then read and presented to each responder, a Commendation describing the exceptional efforts.

Chief Lawson followed with a Commendation read and presented to Sgt. Jon Bleuit and Officers Francis Rippert, Brian Richard and Bianca DeLuca on a job well done for their assistance in apprehending armed robbers who held up the Seven Eleven store on Bethlehem Pike in the Ambler section of Upper Dublin Township on February 21, 2017. The officers heard the call and responded immediately to assist. Officer Rippert stopped the vehicle on Rt. 309 and as he approached the vehicle noticed they matched the description of the suspects. He requested assistance and his fellow officers went to his aid. The suspects were taken into custody without any injuries. Investigators connected the men to this robbery and eight other armed robberies in Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties. The teamwork and excellent procedures resulted in getting these men off the streets.

Chair Weber said there is always so much business we address as a Board, and we enjoy starting each meeting with a Mission Moment to spread and showcase how others in this Township are proof of their belief in our Mission, Vision, and Values statement. She thanked everyone in room for their good work.

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

- a. minutes of the September 5, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting.
- b. to authorize the Township Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 4-247, an Ordinance amending Chapter 160 (Zoning) Article XXVII (General Provisions) of the Township's Code to add Section 160-221 (Flagpoles), allowing up to three flagpoles in the front, yard, side yard and rear yard of properties in every district, and creating setback and height requirements for all flagpoles.
- c. to authorize the Township Manger to advertise Ordinance No. 363, an Ordinance amending the Township's Snow Emergencies Ordinance by amending and restating Article II, Chapter 124 in its entirety. Chapter 124 has been amended to (1) include a definition of "Owner"; (2) require removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting single-occupancy buildings within 24-hours of the end of a storm; (3) require removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, parking lots and accesses of multiple-occupancy buildings within 24-hours of the end of a storm; and (4) permit the Township, at its option, to clear the snow and ice if not abated with 4 hours of notice of violation and to charge the expense to the owner or occupant of the property.

- d. to authorize supplemental appropriation to WRA in the amount of \$20,000 to cover additional maintenance and operational expenses.
- e. to approve a lease agreement for 1098 Skippack Pike (Olson/Boxwood House).
- f. to pass Resolution No. 1198 to approve Subdivision Plans titled "Record Plan -450 Morris Road", Sheet 1 of 2 through 2 of 2, prepared by Chambers Associates, plans dated May 4, 2017 and last revised September 11, 2017 in accordance with Section 509(b) of the PA Municipalities Planning Code conditioned upon planning module approved and the resolution of items in the review letter from the Township Engineer dated August 31, 2017.
- g. to appoint Angela Prestia Dougherty to the Park and Open Space Board to fulfill the vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2017.
- h. to appoint Nancy Thillet to the Park and Open Space Board as Alternate #1, with a term expiring December 31, 2020.

Chair Weber called for any discussion. There was none and the motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors did not take any action on the following Zoning Hearing Board case scheduled to be heard September 21, 2017:

No. 2129-17 Isaias and Karina Camarena

Case No. 2130-17, VLKA Investments, LLC, also listed in the Agenda, is continued to October.

Chair Weber turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Wollman who asked if there was any public comment. There was none. He asked for any Board comments.

Chair Weber thanked Dana Hasness of Senator Leach's office, the Montgomery County Treasurer, Kurt Baker and his team for the dog license/dog park open house event that was held on September 15th, bringing the state, county and local governments together. She commended the Township staff for the Gold Award the Township received at the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association (GVFTMA) Breakfast. The award focused on the design and development of alternative modes of travel. It was a wonderful experience, bringing together public and private entities for share programs to make us less car-reliant. Vice-Chair Wollman gave a shout-out to Henkels and McCoy, a presenting sponsor, for the work they did to bring in electric and security service to the dog park. It saved the Township a lot of money. Also, the Ambler-Whitpain Trojans and cheerleaders held the grand opening of their field house at Stony Creek Sports Park Friday evening. It was a terrific event. We are told we have the best fields in the league.

Chair Weber also reminded everyone that the annual Community Festival will be held Saturday, September 23rd at Montgomery County Community College. She asked if any Board member had further comments. Chair Weber added that we learned this evening that the Montgomery County Planning Commission will present an award to the Township for the planning and design of the Crossways Trail on November 15th.

There was no additional discussion by the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony F. Greco
Secretary

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