

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 14, 2009

Chair, Virginia McMichael called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. William Holmes, Vice Chair, John Mott, Member, William Lincke, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director, and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. There were approximately ten (10) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Mott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2009. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Town Hall Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2009. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael announced the following:

- The Board is holding meetings on October 21, 2009 and November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Draft 2010 budget. Copies of the budget are available at the Municipal Building.
- Fall 2009 BULK TRASH PICK-UP
  - a. October 21, 22, 23 – Curbside collection at your home
  - b. October 24 – Drop off at Public Works Garage between 7 am and 2 pm.

All residents who would like to dispose of items containing Freon, (i.e. - refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, and dehumidifier) must call the Township before Tuesday, October 20th at 610-648-0600 extension 210 to schedule a home pick-up.

All other acceptable items must be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on October 21st to be picked up by the Township Public Works Department. Please do not put out items that could be picked up by your regular trash hauler. This is for large items only.

Residents may take acceptable items to the Public Works Garage at 158 Planebrook Road on Saturday, October 24th. A Township employee will be available to provide assistance.

Information is available in the Township newsletter and on the web at [www.eastwhiteland.org](http://www.eastwhiteland.org).

- PECO has announced that they are in the process of a \$2.7 million upgrade of electric service at four locations including East Whiteland Township.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Francini, President of the Malvern Hunt Homeowners Association informed the Board that residents of Malvern Hunt are having difficulty making a left hand turn exiting the development onto Swedesford Road in the morning hours between 7:15 am and 9 am. He asked if the Township could assist in alleviating this problem. Discussion ensued. Ms. Woodman outlined the cost and steps necessary for installation of a traffic signal. She will ask McMahon & Association to determine, if Malvern Hunt meets the necessary criteria.

Walter Lynn thanked the Board for initiating the Town Hall meetings. In response to a question from Mr. Lynn, Ms. Woodman indicated that the Minutes of these meetings appear on the Township website after they are approved. Mr. Lynn informed Chief Dooley that people continue to run through the stop sign at Warren Avenue and Old Lancaster. Solutions to this problem were discussed.

Marcia Seifer brought up the issue of open pit fire burning. Mr. Holmes asked Mr. Lincke to ascertain if current restrictions are enforceable. Discussion ensued. This subject will be discussed at the November meeting of the Board.

#### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Chief Hurley was unable to be in attendance. Ms. Woodman gave the East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Company report.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Woodman summarized the Treasurers Report. Discussion ensued regarding the future of the DARE fund and how the remaining funds in this account will be used. In response to an inquiry from Ms. McMichael, Mr. Steele indicated that sod repair on the soccer field will cost approximately \$8,400. Mr. Mott made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated September 30, 2009. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

#### APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Ms. McMichael indicated that the largest expenditures for the Township include the Valley Forge Sewer Authority (approximately \$176,000), health insurance and pension contributions. She pointed out that the Township has no discretion about these costs. She stated that as of the end of the third quarter, each category is at approximately 70% of budget and revenues are up slightly. She thanked Ms. Woodman and Mr. Lokken for their work in keeping

the budget on track. Mr. Holmes made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No. 2009-10G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2009-10S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2009-19 & 20. Mr. Mott seconded. The vote was unanimous.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status Update on Completion of Fieldbrooke Improvements – Ms. Woodman stated that the developer has finished fixing the outflow of the basin but has not yet done the grading around the basin. Discussion ensued. This matter will be followed up at the November meeting of the Board.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- a. Advertise Public Hearing – Ms. Woodman summarized the necessity of amending the Firemen Employees Pension Plan. Ms. McMichael made a motion to advertise a hearing to be held on November 10, 2009 to consider an amendment to the Firemen Employees Pension Plan, Mr. Mott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Extension of Time – Liberty Property Trust – Gary Lorgus was present representing Liberty Property Trust. He described the plan for an office building. Mr. Mott made a motion to extend an extension of time through June 30, 2011 to Liberty Property Trust for the posting of escrow and recording of plans for a new building to be built on the property known as parcel “A” in the Quarry Ridge Office Park bound by West Liberty Blvd and Old Morehall Road. (Plan originally approved on September 16, 2003). Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- c. Extension of Time – Glasgow, Inc. – Susan Boswell was present representing Glasgow. She outlined their request for an extension of time. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant an extension of time through October 29, 2010 to Glasgow, Inc. for the posting of escrow and recording of plans for a 23 lot subdivision proposed for the southwest corner of Flat and Wilburdale Roads (Plan originally approved on May14, 2008). Mr. Mott seconded and the vote passed unanimously.
- d. Environmental Advisory Council Applicant – Ms. Woodman presented the application of Virginia Pohlman as a candidate to finish the term of Derald Hay who recently resigned the Council. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to appoint Virginia Pohlman to fill the current vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- e. Repaving of Roads – Mr. Holmes inquired about the road repaving schedule for Birch and Chester Valley Knoll. Mr. Steel responded that this work should take place in 2010.

Ms. McMichael called a break in the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Court reporter, Elaine Parrish, recorded all testimony. The hearings opened at 7:45 p.m.

- a. Conditional Use Hearing to consider the application filed by Swedesford Road Partners pursuant to Section 200-71 (Reserve parking) of the Zoning Ordinance

At the conclusion of testimony, the public meeting was reconvened and a motion was made by John Mott and seconded by Virginia McMichael to approve the application with the condition that the Township Traffic Engineer review the Parking Study submitted by Swedesford Partners and concur with the findings of that Study. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Consideration of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to define regulations for alternative energy systems.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the public meeting was reconvened and a motion was made by Bill Holmes and seconded by John Mott to approve the Zoning Ordinance amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Consideration of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend regulations regarding signs; add a new section addressing the processing and storage of materials, and modifying the Tables of Permitted Uses in the Mixed Use, Industrial, and Residential Zoning Districts

The public hearing was opened and continued to a date uncertain with no action taken on the proposed amendment.

The hearings closed at 8:55 p.m.

There being no further business, Ms. McMichael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m...

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight  
Assistant Township Secretary