

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 8, 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, George Lokken, Assistant Township Treasurer, William Steele, Public Works Director, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. There were approximately five (5) 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 June 10, 2009. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 1, 2009 Town Hall Meeting. Ms. McMichael seconded the motion and the vote was in the majority. Mr. Mott abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced the following:

- **Summer Concert Series** – Valley Creek Park Amphitheatre
 - Thursday, July 9th-Hanks Cadillac – (Country Jukebox favorites)
 - Saturday, July 18th-Matt Santry-(Singer/Songwriter-Today’s modern rock)
 - Saturday, August 8th- Makin’ Music – (Children’s Interactive music)
 - Thursday, August 13th- John Clark Big Band- (40’s Big Band style)
 This program is put together by the East Whiteland Township Park and Recreation Board. The concerts are free and start at 7:00 p.m.

- With reference to the PennDOT road improvements, Mr. Mott reported that the Rt. 29 Bridge has a completion date of May 2010. Traffic on the Swedesford Road Bridge will be switching to the new portion in early August and is scheduled for completion in May 2010. Section 320 which goes from Swedesford Road in Tredyffrin Township through to approximately the Mill Road Bridge is scheduled to begin in 2011 with completion in late 2013. Section 330 which will go from the Mill Road Bridge to Route 30 will begin in 2012 and finished in late 2014.

- Mr. Holmes reported on several of the issues brought up at the July 1st Town Hall Meeting as follows:
 - 1) With regard to television broadcasting of the Board meeting, Ms. Woodman will post this information on the Township website.

- 2) Awarding of a contract for the assessment and analysis of a new township building will be decided later during this evening's meeting.
- 3) The Park and Recreation Board will prepare a recommendation on installing new playground equipment at Bryn Erin.
- 4) Information on Chester County Parks is available on the County website. East Whiteland is committed to expediting the Chester County Trail.
- 5) Work continues on the Bishop Tube site clean-up.
- 6) Regarding the situation at the curve on Fahnestock Road where people park on both sides making it difficult to get through, Chief Dooley will ask Officers to assess the situation.

In all, there were 19 issues brought up at the meeting. The Township is looking to hold Town Hall meetings on a quarterly basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

There was no report from the East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Company.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Lokken summarized the Treasurers Report. Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2009. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous. Ms. McMichael indicated that it was worth noting that the General Fund was showing a figure of 49.2% of the annual budget at the halfway point of the year. The Chair commended department heads for keeping expenses on track. Mr. Mott added his kudos to those of Ms. McMichael. Mr. Lokken indicated that the revenue as of June 2009 was almost exactly the same as that of June 2008. He stated that the Township had a good reserve in the General Fund.

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Mott made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No. 2009-6G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2009-6S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2009-13 and 14. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Conditional Use Hearing – Denise Yarnoff was present representing the applicant. Mr. Mott made a motion to hold a Conditional Use Hearing on August 19th to consider Brandywine Operating Partnership’s request to permit reserve parking in a proposed parking structure, pursuant to Section 200-71(Reserved Parking) of the Zoning Ordinance, to be built at 50-52 Swedesford Road. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote as unanimous.

- b. Resolution Approval – Mr. Steel indicated that the operation of Micron Technologies, a contractor for the pharmaceutical industry, will be generating additional waste water. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Micron Technologies to allow an increase in flows from their facility at 333 Phoenixville Pike. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

- c. Award Contract – Ms. McMichael summarized the search for and interviews of the three lowest bidders for a Space Needs Assessment and Site Analysis of a municipal complex which includes expansion of the Township Building and a new Public Works facility. The Chair outlined the process used by the individual Supervisors in rating each firm. The Supervisors were in agreement on the firm to be hired. Messrs. Mott and Holmes spoke to the firm’s qualifications and their fit with the Township. Mr. Holmes made a motion to award the contract for a Space Needs Assessment and Site Analysis of the municipal complex to Kimmel Bogrette Architecture at a cost not to exceed \$9,900.00. Mr. Mott seconded. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Lokken will contact the firm to advise them of the Board’s decision.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status update on completion of Fieldbrooke improvements – Bo Erixson, Benson Companies, was present. Ms. McMichael read the list of items completed and/or in progress. Mr. Erixson indicated that the work as a whole is following the schedule as set forth. He expects that by the end of July or the beginning of August, the work will be completed and dedication of roads can take place on August 19th.

- b. Status of Zoning Ordinance Revisions Regarding Sign Regulation and Alternative Energy Generators – Ms. McMichael indicated that this subject will be discussed at the September meeting of the Board. The delay will allow the Chester County Planning Commission to complete their review. Mr. Holmes gave kudos to those on the Township Planning Commission who researched and wrote the Ordinance. Discussion ensued.

The meeting was recessed at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Consideration of the transfer of a liquor license into the Township to be used at Bencie Restaurant in Uptown Worthington

Ms. McMichael announced that this matter will be postponed to the August meeting of the Board.

- b. Consideration of the transfer of a liquor license into the Township to be used at a Red Robin Restaurant

The public hearing opened at 7:38 p.m. and the hearing closed at 7:47 p.m. The public meeting was reconvened and a motion was made by Bill Holmes, seconded by John Mott and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of a liquor license to be used at a Red Robin Restaurant.

Ms. McMichael announced that the date of the August meeting of the Board has been changed to August 19, 2009. 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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight
Assistant Township Secretary