

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 14, 2010

Chair, William Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Virginia McMichael, Vice Chair, John Mott, Member, Bareth Graeff, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Chris Yeager, Police Lieutenant, William Steele, Public Works Director, and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. There were approximately four (4) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. McMichael made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2010. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Holmes announced the following:

- Volunteers needed – On April 17th Valley Forge Trout Unlimited will be performing the Annual Stream Cleanup on Valley Creek. It will be coordinated by Rod Horton. Please contact Rod at [horton\\_rl@verizon.net](mailto:horton_rl@verizon.net) or 610-666-6167 to sign up for your stream section to clean. This year the Valley Creek Cleanup coincides with Green Valleys Association's Schuylkill Scrub, Trout Unlimited's Nationwide Stream Cleanup Day, and the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. The annual cleanups have made a big difference in the watershed. The amount of trash to be picked up has greatly reduced over the past several years but we still need your help to keep our Valley Creek Clean.
- The East Whiteland Township Spring 2010 Bulk Trash Pick-up will begin collecting curbside at residents' homes on Wednesday May 5th. Residents may drop off items at the Public Works Garage, 158 Planebrook Road between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday May 8th. More information on the pick-up is contained on the Township web site ([www.eastwhiteland.org](http://www.eastwhiteland.org)). Residents are reminded to keep items not scheduled for pick-up well away from the curb.
- The next Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on Saturday, May 15th between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Owen J. Roberts Middle School, 981 Ridge Road, Pottstown, PA. No Computers will be accepted at this collection event.

- The Exton/Frazer Rotary Club will be conducting a Valley Creek Duck Race on Saturday, May 1, 2010 starting at Noon in Valley Creek Park on Rt. 29. Proceeds to benefit the East Whiteland Fire Company and the Great Valley High School Interact Club.
- Representative Duane Milne will hold a collection event on April 17th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Penn State Campus parking lot, Rt. 30 and Swedesford Road. Cell phones and chargers, laptops, computers, printers, etc. will be accepted. For questions, the contact phone number is 610-251-1070.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Mr. Holmes summarized the proclamation issued by the Senate of Pennsylvania. It establishes the week of April 11 through 17, 2010 as “Local Government Week” and commends and thanks the Commonwealth’s local officials for their labor as the unsung heroes of government. Mr. Mott thanked Township employees for their work.

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

Mr. Holmes indicated that the East Whiteland Fire Company Fair will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> at the location on Rt. 30 where it took place last year.

Ms. Woodman announced that the Township Newsletter should be received by residents at the end of the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

Ms. Woodman summarized the Treasurer’s Report. Ms. McMichael made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated March 30, 2010. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Treasurer’s Report balance totals as of March 30, 2010 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,437,065.96
Street Light Fund	3,087.48
Sewer Fund	3,815,094.30
Sewer Fund Reserve	6,232,251.45
Sewer Construction Fund	76.88
Park Development Fund	353,065.36
Capital Improvement Fund	2,390,230.81
Dare Fund	8,953.60
State Fund	140,350.18

## APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Mott made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No. 2010-4G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2010-4S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2010-6, 2010-7. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous. It was noted by Mr. Steele that Mr. Forcine had made a donation of road salt to the Township, and a letter of appreciation will be sent to him.

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Open Fire Pit Burning Legislation Review – The Solicitor’s office has drafted an amendment pertaining to open fire pit burning. Ms. Woodman stated that if the Board approved the draft, a public hearing would be scheduled on the subject. Mr. Holmes asked for a definition of the term “barbeque pit” as used in “Section 307.4 Bonfires”. He suggested that the term should be defined or stricken from the Section. Considerable discussion ensued regarding definitions of other terms used. Ms. Woodman will check to see if the International Fire Code contains this information. Rene Mott asked if pollution from fires could be addressed. Ms. Woodman will check to see if DEP, under the Clean Air Act, has restrictions on open burning. The ordinance will be redrafted and presented at the May meeting of the Board.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Extension of Time - Aegon – Susan Boswell was present representing the applicant. Ms. Boswell summarized the request. She outlined the offset contribution agreement for improvements along Sidley Road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to grant an extension of time to May 31, 2011 for the posting of financial security and recording of the “Aegon/Frazer Campus” land development plan approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2002 (Last extension granted 4/08/2009) and conditioned on submission and execution of an Extension Agreement which includes wording stating that funds earmarked to the Township for Sidley Road improvements would continue to attach to the Extension. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Bid Advertisement – Mr. Holmes summarized the request for bid. Mr. Mott stated that the bid should include specifics of color and design consistent with that of existing volunteer equipment. Mr. Woodman will coordinate this with Mr. Battin. Mr. Mott made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Township’s intent to receive bids for new Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment consistent with that worn by the volunteers. Ms. McMichael seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- c. Resolution No. 13 – 2010 – Ms. Woodman summarized the Resolution. Discussion ensued. Ms. McMichael made a motion to adopt Resolution 13-2010 authorizing East Whiteland Township to work jointly with Malvern Borough, Tredyffrin Township and Chester County to oversee further planning, design and construction of the proposed Patriots Path Trail. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

- d. Advertise Public Hearing - Mr. Holmes directed Ms. Woodman to advertise a public hearing to be held on May 12, 2010 to consider an amendment to Appendix C of the Township's Stormwater Ordinance.
- e. AFSCME Negotiations – Ms. Woodman indicated that the AFSCME contract will expire on December 31, 2010. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holmes made a motion to appoint Terry Woodman as Township representative in negotiations with AFSCME. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- f. Abandoned Structure – Mr. Mott made a motion to authorize Ms. Woodman to take necessary steps to investigate an abandoned structure in General Warren Village. Ms. McMichael seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holmes called a break in the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Court reporter, Elaine Parrish, recorded all testimony.

- a. Consideration of an amendment to the Traffic Regulations

The hearing opened at 7:43 p.m. and, at the conclusion of testimony, the hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m. A motion was made by Bill Holmes, seconded by John Mott and carried unanimously approving the amendment.

- b. Consideration of an amendment to Appendix "C" (Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations and Maintenance Agreement to Chapter 170 of the Code of East Whiteland Township)

The hearing opened at 7:51 p.m. and closed at 7:55 p.m. John Mott made a motion to approve the amendment. Virginia McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Mr. Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. McMichael seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight  
Assistant Township Secretary