

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2012

John Mott, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. William Holmes, Member, Bareth Graeff, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. Chair, Virginia McMichael was unable to attend the meeting. There were fifteen (15) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2012. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mott made the following announcements:

- On Wednesday, April 4th at 7 p.m. the Board of Supervisors will hold a Town Hall meeting in the Township Building. The topic of discussions will be the recently completed East Whiteland Township Historic Resource Atlas and a path connecting the Chesterfield Knoll community with the Chester Valley Trail. The connection is proposed to go through property owned by the Township on Deer Run Lane.
- East Whiteland Township residents are reminded that their 2011 Local Earned Income Tax returns should be submitted to Keystone Collections Group this year. Returns are due by April 17. If you have not already received a 2011 tax return form in the mail, you can get them on-line at www.keystonecollects.com or you can pick them up at the Township building.
- The first Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event of 2012 will be held on Saturday, April 14th between 9am and 3pm at the CAT Pickering Campus, 1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460. **Electronics will be accepted at this collection event.**
- The East Whiteland Environmental Advisory Council is co-sponsoring an Alternative Energy Forum on Wednesday, April 18, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the East Whiteland Township Building. This Forum is to educate residents about alternative energy options available to homeowners. The panel of speakers will address: solar energy, geothermal energy, state programs, private financing opportunities, and money saving opportunities through energy audits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly DiPrinzio voiced her objection to the proposed installation of a path connecting the Chester Valley Trail along the Malin pumping station at Deer Run Lane. Some of her objections included additional traffic and public parking on streets where children are present, loss of privacy of those properties backing up to the path, and safety issues regarding access to her children by strangers. She felt that by installing the path, the character of the neighborhood will be lessened and her privacy lost even if a fence is installed. Mrs. DiPrinzio had many questions regarding the wording contained in documents relating to the proposed path. Charles Hirshfield was of the opinion that those affected should have been spoken to directly in order to get their feelings on the matter. He requested that the question be posed to neighbors asking whether anyone not directly affected by the path would want it built behind their property. Mr. Holmes indicated that the Township would take a measured approach on the subject. Mr. Mott indicated that neighbors asked the Township to consider making a connection to the trail during a Town Hall meeting held some time ago. Michael Helmle questioned why Township labor was not included in the Grant received. Mr. Steele indicated that Grant parameters excluded labor costs. Mary Baylor felt that safety should be the first concern. She was joined in this sentiment by Regina Clayman who felt that the path comes at too high a price and safety should be placed ahead of the convenience of others.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND
TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Association

Gary Sheridan gave the East Whiteland Volunteer Association report. He indicated that an open house at the Fire House is scheduled for May 5, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Township Engineer Report

The engineer's report was included in the packet given to the Board.

Mr. Mott referenced five letters of acknowledgement and thanks to the Police Department. Each letter cited a different scenario and pointed out the good work done by Officers Abel, Marcelli, Welles, Morrow and Faulkner.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Woodman summarized the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Mott noted that earned income receipts over the first two months were higher than anticipated. Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated February 29, 2012. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Treasurer's Report balance totals as of February 29, 2012 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,865,350.41
Street Light Fund	21,481.38
Sewer Fund	4,241,522.36

Sewer Fund Reserve	4,389,388.68
Sewer Construction Fund	77.08
Park Development Fund	337,541.24
Capital Improvement Fund	2,230,772.43
Dare Fund	3,905.25
State Fund	229.25

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Mott made a motion for approval, including the second check run, of General Fund Voucher No. 2012-3G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2012-3S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2012-4, 2012-5, 2012-6. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PLANS

Makemie at Whiteland – Revisions to Previously Approved Final Land Development Plan – Mary Ann Rossi, Esq. and Jack Robinson were present representing the applicant. Ms. Rossi summarized the plan, and Ms. Woodman summarized Makemie’s condominium agreement. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to approve Makemie at Whiteland Revisions to previously approved Final Land Development Plan having received a clean letter from ARRO dated March 7, 2012 and conditioned upon acceptance of a condominium agreement. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status of discussions with Charlestown Township concerning Fire Company cost sharing – Mr. Holmes gave background on the need for these discussions. He anticipates that negotiations with Charlestown Township will soon be started.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review of 2011 Annual Investment Reports for the Township’s Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans – The investment reports from TCG Investment Advisory, Inc. indicated that the portfolio remains well diversified, produced positive returns, and is trending in the right direction.
- b. Discussion of Refunding of Bond Series A of 1999 and the Bond Series of 2005 – Michael Wolf, Boenning & Scattergood, Inc., investment bankers, gave a detailed presentation of why the refunding of the bond series would benefit the Township and why it should take place at this time. In order to facilitate the refunding, a Township Ordinance outlining the parameters of the sale is necessary and would include signature authorization of one member of the Township governing body. Ms. Woodman summarized the future Township debt which will be payable to the Valley Forge Sewer Authority. Mr. Mott agreed that the Township should be moving forward on the issue of refunding the bonds. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion authorizing staff to

prepare a Resolution for the Parameters Ordinance. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

- c. Discussion of Police Services – Woody Van Sciver, President of Malvern Borough Council, proposed that East Whiteland Township Police services be contracted to Malvern Borough. He asked that conversations between parties be held in order to strike a potential contract. After some discussion, Supervisors directed Ms. Woodman to represent them in the discussions.
- d. Resolution No. 10-2012 – Petitioning the Commonwealth to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961) – Mr. Holmes indicated that he would not endorse the Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution and put forth the reasons why he did not back it. Mr. Mott then indicated that this item would be tabled until the April 11th meeting of the Board.
- e. Resolution No. 11-2012 – Ms. Woodman indicated that the County is asking each community to join in on the Chester County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, thus ensuring that the same plan is being used by all in the County. Mr. Holmes made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mott suspended the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Court reporter, Ann Calligan, recorded all testimony.

- Proposed amendment to the Township's Zoning Map rezoning a portion of Township owned property on the southwest corner of Mill Lane and Conestoga Road (Rt. 401) as an INS – Institutional Zoning District in lieu of the current OS – Open Space Zoning District

The public hearing started at 8:30 p.m. and closed at 10:05 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened and a Motion was made by Bill Holmes, seconded by John Mott and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight
Assistant Township Secretary