

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2012

Chair, Virginia McMichael called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. John Mott, Vice Chair, Vicki Kushto, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. Member, William Holmes was unable to attend the meeting. There were twenty-three (23) 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 Meeting of March 14, 2012. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael and Mr. Mott made the following announcements:

- 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 - 9 pm 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.
- On Saturday, April 28th, Rep. Duane Milne is hosting an annual Recycling/Shredder Event in the parking lot at Penn State Great Valley on Swedesford Road in East Whiteland Township. The event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **This year the collection has been expanded to take “anything with a plug” and also provides participation in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day by collecting expired prescription and non-prescription drugs.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 Traffic Engineer's Report
Presentation on New Traffic Signal Technology

Matt Kozsuch, McMahon Engineers indicated that the Township received \$183,000 from Commonwealth ARLE Grants. Thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000) was received for engineering Lancaster Avenue traffic signal optimization and will be completed in the fall 2012. A \$12,000 grant was received for design and construction of a right turn signal from north bound Route 352 onto Lancaster Avenue. All traffic signals in the Township will be upgraded to LED bulbs to reduce electrical consumption and in turn, to reduce the cost of operation. Mr. Kozsuch outlined how video feeds from detection cameras on signals which go back to the Township Building are used. He explained how a grant in the approximate amount of \$80,000 will be directed to the latest interconnected Internet Protocol (IP) software network which provides communication between traffic signals. PennDOT will install fiber optic cable to fill in the gaps existing in the Township's network. This will allow PennDOT's signal cameras to provide live feed to a terminal in the Township building. Mr. Kozsuch summarized proposed new signals – Rt. 29 and Turnpike Ramp; Rt. 401 and the Route 202 southbound and Rt. 202 northbound ramps and Rt. 401 and Township driveway. Fiber optic cable will allow all systems to communicate with each other. Installation of an adaptive signal system will allow progression through the intersection. New technology includes IP communications, accessible pedestrian systems, infrared detection system, wireless detection, microwave presence, and dilemma zone protection. Mr. Kozsuch explained the use of these systems. Discussion ensued. Ms. McMichael thanked Mr. Kozsuch for this update.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Woodman summarized the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Mott made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2012. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Treasurer's Report balance totals as of March 31, 2012 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,591,531.34
Street Light Fund	20,253.92
Sewer Fund	4,162,705.92

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Sewer Construction Fund	77.08
Park Development Fund	337,541.24
Capital Improvement Fund	2,231,812.43
Dare Fund	3,905.25
State Fund	229.25

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Ms. McMichael made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No. 2012-4G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2012-4S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2012-7, 2012-8 dated April 11, 2012. Mr. Mott seconded. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status of discussions with Charlestown Township concerning Fire Company cost sharing
– There is no update on these discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Advertise Public Hearing – Lou Colagreco was present representing Atwater LP. He indicated that Atwater is asking for consideration of their application to amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide for parking standards O/BP Zoning District and to allow the designation of “reserve parking” through the Land Development Process. Discussion ensued. Ms. McMichael made a motion to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on May 9, 2012 for consideration of Atwater’s application. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Resolution No. 10-2012 – The Resolution would petition the Pennsylvania General Assembly to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961). Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott indicated that he was in favor of the change as it would create jobs and streamline administrative costs. Ms. McMichael agreed that it would create jobs, particularly for small businesses. Mr. Mott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-2012 petitioning the Commonwealth to eliminate or amend the State Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961). Ms. McMichael seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- c. Appeal from the determination of the Township’s Historical Commission to deny a demolition permit applied for by Jerline Anderson for a property at 1304 W. King Road. (Historic Site #96) – Jerline Anderson was present asking for the demolition permit and Tim Caban was present representing the Commission. The Commission is requesting an impact study be done prior to demolition. The study would document if the property has any historic significance. At issue is the cost of a study which is approximately \$4,000 and would be charged to the owner of the property, Ms. Anderson, who does not have the means to fund the study. Mr. Mott was of the opinion that in this case where the house was received via inheritance, asking Ms. Anderson to fund a study prior to demolition

was putting undue pressure on her. Ms. McMichael agreed with Mr. Mott on this issue. Discussion ensued and in response to a question from Ms. McMichael, Ms. Anderson indicated that the Commission had her permission to remove anything from the home which they deemed had architectural or historical significance. Peter Spengeman asked if, in the future, the Historical Commission makes a recommendation for an impact study and the owner is unable to pay the cost of the study, would the Board consider authorizing payment of the study. It was determined that this property does not warrant an impact study but another might. Ms. McMichael made a motion to grant the appeal from the determination of the Township's Historical Commission to deny a demolition permit applied for by Jerline Anderson for a property at 1304 W. King Road (Historic Site #96) and instructed Township staff to award said permit to Ms. Anderson. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

- d. Resolution No. 13-2012 – Ms. McMichael made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 13-2012 authorizing the Township to use First Niagara Bank, N.A. as a depository for Township funds. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- e. Award contract for the construction of a new sanitary sewage pumping station to replace the Mill Lane Pump Station – Mr. Steele indicated that three bids were received. He summarized work to date on the project and outlined the capacity of the proposed pumping station. He estimates an eight month construction schedule and expects the project to begin in June. Project funding will be charged to the sewer reserve fund. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to award a contract for the construction of a new sanitary sewage pumping station to replace the Mill Lane Pump Station to the lowest bidder, Michael F. Ronca Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$2,942,000.00, Advanced Geoservices Corp. bid recommendation letter of April 9, 2012, with attachment, to be made part of the Minutes of this meeting. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- f. Advertise Public Hearing – Ms. Woodman outlined the particulars of the Conditional Use application. Discussion ensued. Ms. McMichael made a motion to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on May 9, 2012 to consider a Conditional Use application filed by Poplar investments to hold a certain amount of previously approved parking spaces in reserve on property located on the west side of Old Lincoln Highway between Route 30 and Old Lancaster Pike. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- g. Resolution No. 12-2012 - Ms. Woodman indicated that the State defines how long certain records must be kept. Exhibit "A" of the Resolution contains a list of records scheduled for destruction. Mr. Mott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-2012 authorizing the destruction of specific Township Records. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- h. Advertise Bids – Mr. Mott made a motion to advertise for receipt of bids for Superpave Asphalt Mix. Ms. McMichael seconded, and the votes were unanimous.

- i. Applicant for Planning Commission – Ms. McMichael indicated that an application from Maureen Martinez has been received for consideration as a member of the Planning Commission. She gave background on Ms. Martinez. Mr. Mott made a motion to appoint Maureen Martinez to the Planning Commission to complete the term of Sr. Maria Consuelo which expires on January 7, 2013. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Woodman will send a letter to Sr. Consuelo thanking her for her service.

Ms. McMichael suspended the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Court reporter, Elaine Parrish, recorded all testimony.

- Consideration of an Ordinance facilitating the refunding of Bond Series A of 1999 and the Bond Series of 2005.

The public hearing started at 8:30 p.m. and closed at 8:57 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened and a Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the Ordinance facilitating the refunding of Bond Series A of 1999 and the Bond Series of 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight
Assistant Township Secretary