

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2012

John Mott, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. William Holmes, Member, 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. Chair, Virginia McMichael was unable to attend the meeting. There were seven (7) 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 June 13, 2012. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mott made the following announcements:

- Friends of the Summer Stage are presenting their second concert on Wednesday, July 18th at Valley Creek Park. Performing will be “In the Pocket” a rotating lineup of Philly’s most celebrated musicians. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. Parking arrangements for the concert remain the same as during the last concert.
- Aqua PA is replacing the water main on Lancaster Avenue between Morehall Road (Rt. 29) and a location just east of Deerfield Lane. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of July, 2012 and the street restoration is to be completed in August, 2012. Ms. Woodman asked Mr. Steele if the pipe is in place for the above mentioned water main. Mr. Steele stated that he believed so, but is not sure if all tie-ins are complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND
TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Mr. Holmes referenced a letter received thanking Ms. Woodman for her help in obtaining sewer approvals for a property owner on Summit Road.

East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Association

Gary Sheridan gave the East Whiteland Volunteer Association report. Mr. Holmes asked when the fire association's audit report would be available. Mr. Sheridan indicated that it was just received and sent on to the Fire Company Board for their approval. It will then be available to Mr. Holmes for use in his negotiations with Charlestown Township. Mr. Holmes asked about the justification of adding full time paid staff. He referenced an e-mail he sent to the Boards of East Whiteland and the Fire Association. Mr. Sheridan indicated that both the Fire Chief and the Ambulance Captain are out of town, and they would prefer to have discussions pertaining to personnel matters behind closed doors. Mr. Mott suggested holding off discussions until next month. Mr. Holmes indicated he would welcome discussions so that he could better understand the workings of the Fire Company.

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 June 30, 2012. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous. The Treasurer's Report balance totals as of June 30, 2012 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 4,673,503.76
Street Light Fund	18,395.48
Sewer Fund	4,422,011.44
Sewer Fund Reserve	4,156,829.33
Sewer Construction Fund	77.08
Park Development Fund	331,601.24
Capital Improvement Fund	2,222,765.26
Dare Fund	3,099.27
State Fund	182,230.97

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Mott thanked staff and expressed his appreciation for their hard work in keeping the budget on target for the first half of the year. Mr. Mott made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No. 2012-7G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2012-7S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2012-13 and 14 dated July 11, 2012 which included two check runs. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status of discussions with Charlestown Township concerning Fire Company cost sharing – Mr. Holmes stated that the results of an audit are anticipated and, when available, a meeting with Charlestown Township will be scheduled. He indicated that East Whiteland feels that Charlestown is not paying its fair share for fire protection and, if an agreement cannot be reached, he would like to explore options.

Ms. Woodman indicated that, ideally, negotiations should be finalized for the October budget process.

- b. Deer Run Trail Access – Mr. Mott indicated that the Township is waiting for its solicitor to respond to the letter received from the residents’ attorney.

PLANS

- a. Home Properties, Inc. Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – Messrs. Houtmann and Cocchia were present representing the applicant. Mr. Houtmann, P.E. outlined the parameters of the property. Mr. Cocchia spoke to the need for additional parking at the property, the William Henry Apartments. He pointed out where the new parking spaces will be located. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to approve Home Properties, Inc. Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the construction of 38 new parking spaces in addition to the 88 existing spaces at the William Henry Apartment complex on the north side of King Road east of Frazer Road in a RMH Zoning District subject to any outstanding comments in ARRO’s letter dated July 3, 2012 and also grant a waiver of Section 175-10.A - Submission of a Preliminary Plan, of the East Whiteland Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Glenn and Susan Moran – Subdivision, Preliminary/Final Plan – Mr. Moran summarized the plan for the subdivision of his property at 209 Summit Road. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve Glenn and Susan Moran Subdivision Preliminary/Final Plan, a three lot subdivision at 209 Summit Road in an R-2 Residence Zoning District. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Advertise Public Hearing – Discussion ensued regarding plan changes proposed by O’Neill Properties Group. Mr. Mott made a motion to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on September 12, 2012 to consider the application of O’Neill Properties Group to amend the Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum building height of office only buildings and retail/office buildings in the ROC/R Zoning District. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Authorize Township Participation in the 2013-2016 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program – Ms. Woodman summarized the program and indicated that the Township is charged on a per capita basis. Mr. Mott made a motion to authorize Township participation in the 2013-2016 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

- c. Award Contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract – The bid was advertised in the *Daily Local News* on two separate dates as required. Mr. Steele indicated that four bids were received, and he reviewed how this service was billed. Mr. Steele and McMahon and Associates reviewed the bids and both recommended that the bid be awarded to Charles A. Higgins and Sons Inc. Mr. Mott made a motion to award the contract for traffic signal maintenance to Charles A. Higgins and Sons of Media, PA beginning on August 1, 2012 at a cost of \$6,600.00 annually and \$65.00 per hour for service which includes a serviceman and vehicle per Mr. Steele’s memo with attachments dated July 11, 2012, said memo to be attached to the Minutes of this meeting. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight
Assistant Township Secretary