

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2012

Virginia McMichael, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. William Holmes, Member, William Lincke, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Gene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. Vice Chair, John Mott was unable to attend the meeting. There were nine (9) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. McMichael indicated that due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2012 will be moved to the September meeting of the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael made the following announcement:

- Township offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Lynn gave kudos to the Fire Association for the work they do. He indicated that the stormwater drain at Warren and Old Lancaster has been clogging and asked how the work is proceeding on this project. Ms. Woodman indicated that the Township Engineer is designing a replacement system. She will be in contact with the Engineer to get a time frame for the work to be done. Mr. Lynn will communicate with Ms. Woodman on this issue.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND
TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Ms. McMichael referenced a letter from Jason Dempsey who organized the “Friends of the Summer Stage” which organized the three free concerts held at Valley Creek Park this summer. Mr. Dempsey has had very positive feedback from those in attendance, and he requested that Friends of the Summer Stage funding be considered for inclusion in next year’s budget. Ms. McMichael indicated that the concerts have been very successful and she thanked Township staff and everyone concerned for their efforts. Mr. Holmes added his thanks as well.

East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Association

Gary Sheridan gave the East Whiteland Volunteer Association report. He reported that one engine is out of service for major repairs. He gave special recognition to Mike Risell and Brian Hughes who delivered a baby in a vehicle which had to stop while on its way to the hospital.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

General Fund	\$ 4,542,250.01
Street Light Fund	17,780.59
Sewer Fund	4,406,736.37
Sewer Fund Reserve	4,063,153.84
Sewer Construction Fund	77.08
Park Development Fund	324,351.24
Capital Improvement Fund	2,223,307.93
Dare Fund	3,259.81
State Fund	163,630.07

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Ms. McMichael made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No. 2012-8G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2012-8S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 2012-15, 16 and 17 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 both Townships have received copies of the 2010 and 2011 Audit of the Volunteer Fire Association accounts. The “ball is now in Charlestown’s court” regarding a meeting with East Whiteland. He pointed out that Township staff should develop a payment plan for Charlestown should they agree to pay their fair share of cost, be it monthly, quarterly or yearly. He also said in case Charlestown refuses to pay their fair share for fire coverage, and if the Fire Company is in agreement that the Township will not provide service to them, staff should create an outline of what East Whiteland’s liability maybe in such an action. A third scenario would be if the East Whiteland Township Volunteer Fire Association decides to continue to provide service Charlestown by sending in career staff, what fee should be charged on an as call basis? Mr. Holmes pointed out that this issue has not been resolved since July 2011, and he is urging that the situation be finalized before the October budget process.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Public Employee Retirement Commission's Evaluation of Township Pension Plans – Ms. Woodman referenced a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Public Employee Retirement Commission. She indicated that the Township's pension plans are not in a distressed condition. Discussion ensued.
- b. Adoption of Revised Fee Schedule – Chief Dooley requested an increase in Police Department Fees to coincide with what is charged in neighboring townships (an average increase of \$5.00). Peddling and soliciting fees have been added to the Schedule. In effect, this aids the Police Department by advising them of door to door sales people in the Township whether they be on foot or in a vehicle. Discussion ensued. Ms. McMichael made a motion to adopt the Revised Fee Schedule with recommended changes. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- c. Advertise Bid – Ms. McMichael made a motion to advertise a bid to undertake the project of the installation of a storm water collection system at the intersection of Warren and Old Lancaster Avenue. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- d. Advertise Bid - Ms. McMichael made a motion to advertise four surplus Township vehicles (two patrol Crown Vics, one Ford F-250 truck, one Ford Expedition) and one mower trailer for sale on Municibid. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

In response to a question from Mr. Holmes, Mr. Steele brought the Board up to date on the status of construction at the new pumping station.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight
Assistant Township Secretary