

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2013

Virginia McMichael, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. John Mott, Vice Chair, William Holmes, Member, William Lincke, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director and Maureen Perri, Township Secretary, were present. There were twenty (20) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS

William Lincke, Esquire, Township Solicitor, stated that another property owner adjacent to the proposed Deer Run access path to the Chester Valley Trail has retained council. Their attorney has requested time for the following: assessment of their client's position, to discuss the action with the Township solicitor and to review the plan for the connection. Therefore, Mr. Lincke has recommended that action be deferred until such time as this can be accomplished.

Mr. Charles Hirschfeld, Deer Run Lane, expressed his displeasure with the length of time the Board is taking to render a decision on this topic.

The audience was advised that the access path plan would be available on the Township's website in a PDF format for residents to review.

In response to a question from Ms. Vicki Palasch, Doe Lane, the audience was advised that at least another two months would be needed before the Board would add this topic to the agenda.

Mr. Mike Hemley, Deer Run Lane, said he was concerned about any property title and/or finance issues which would impact the residents.

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There is a correction to the audience count on page 14, it should read 17 and not 10 people. Mr. Mott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2013 with the noted correction. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. McMichael announced the following:

- The Township's 5-week **Summer Camp for children in grades K through 6** begins on June 24th and run through July 26th. Registration forms are available at the Township Building and on the Township's website at www.eastwhiteland.org. The deadline for registering for this very popular program is June 20th."

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Ms. Woodman advised that our insurance carrier notified us that they will no longer insure volunteer firefighters for Workers' Compensation renewals after July 1, 2013. This is a state wide issue relative to cancers that may be attributed to fires fought prior to diagnosis. The Township will however be covered until June 30, 2014. This means that we will have to obtain coverage from another company or go with a state insurer.

Mr. Holmes offered his appreciation to Mr. Steele and his men for the work performed on the Warren Avenue stormwater project. In addition, he wanted to congratulate the staff for their work in obtaining a Safety Committee re-certification of our Workers' Compensation renewal from the state.

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 April 30, 2013. Mr. Mott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The Treasurer's Report balance totals as of April 30, 2013 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,748,802.84
Street Light Fund	23,621.46
Sewer Fund	4,915,947.97
Sewer Fund Reserve	3,792,980.40
Sewer Construction Fund	77.08
Park Development Fund	324,395.56
Capital Improvement Fund	2,194,516.36
Dare Fund	668.23
State Fund	147,763.35

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Mott made a motion to approve the General Fund Vouchers No. 2013-5G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2013-5S, and Payroll Fund Vouchers No. 2013-9, 2013-10 which included two check runs. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PLANS

Denise Yarnoff, Esquire presented the plan for a Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan filed by Atwater Land L.P. for lots 1 through 8C and 15 on the south side of the Atwater Quarry Lake. She advised that the plan received the recommendation of the Planning Commission at their April 24, 2013 meeting including the request for waivers. Mr. Mott asked for clarification on a waiver of the cartway width as mentioned in Arro's letter dated, April 19, 2013. Mr. Dirks stated that this request only impacts the internal road network and clarified the grading issues. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan filed by Atwater Land LP for lots 1 through 8C and 15 on the south side of the Atwater Office Park and involving 100+ acres. This approval is contingent upon satisfactorily complying with the issues in the Township Engineer's letter dated, April 19, 2013 and the comments of the Planning Commission held on April 24, 2013. Mr. Mott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award Contract for Superpave Asphalt Mix. Mr. Steele mentioned that there were three bidder for the blacktop materials. He outlined the bid submissions in his memorandum, dated April 30, 2013, a copy of which is attached. His recommendation is to grant the contract to Highway Materials which was the lowest bidder. Ms. McMichael made a motion to award the contract for Superpave Asphalt Mix to Highway Materials. Mr. Mott seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.
- b. Award Contract for a Diesel Generator and Transfer Switch. Ms. Woodman stated that due to extreme weather conditions the Township Building has experienced outages in the past sometimes lasting several days. Currently there are funds in the budget to obtain a generator. Arro Engineers provided the specifications for the bid package. There were nine (9) bidders whose prices ranged from \$71,000 to \$115,000. Arro Engineers has reviewed all of the bids received and is recommending the bid be awarded to AJM Electric, Inc. whose bid was for \$71,900.00. Ms. Woodman advised that we will be obtaining the generator through a lease purchase agreement. A

motion was made by Mr. Mott to award the bid for a diesel generator and transfer switch. The motion was seconded by Mr. Homes and the vote was unanimous.

c. 2013 Chester County Transportation Improvement Inventory

The County Planning Commission has developed an inventory of road projects for submission for state funds. Ms Woodman reviewed the list with our Traffic Engineers and added the start of construction and municipal prioritization relating to East Whiteland. The Patriots Path was listed as high priority item. This is because it uses the Chester Valley Trail which is under construction in Tredyffrin. Also, three new project requests were added. One is for an ARLE grant for traffic controller plug upgrades at 31 intersections. Also we added fiber optics connections between traffic signals in the Township and Multi-Modal improvements along Rt. 29 corridor to accommodate bicyclist and pedestrians.

d. Adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Bonds to fund Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Mr. Mike Wolf of Boenning & Scattergood stated that the Township has received a renewed Moody's rating of Aa2 which he said is very good. The primary purpose of the funds from this bond issue is to pay for the Township's share in the expansion of the Valley Forge Treatment Plant. East Whiteland's share is approximately \$8,900,000. Monies received will also be used to fund improvements to the Mill Lane, Flat Road and Wilburdale Road pumping stations as well as the Mill Lane and Sidley Road gravity sewer collection systems. He advised the Board that this was a good time to issue bonds. The bond issue is in an amount of \$12,145,000 at 3.65%. The settlement will take place in June. Ordinance 248-2013 authorizes the issuance of the 2013 General Obligation Bonds for \$12,145,000.

A motion was made by William Holmes to approve the Ordinance #248-2013 to fund Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$12,145,000. The motion was seconded by John Mott and the vote was unanimous.

e. Motion to authorize the advertisement of the intent to receive bids for Phase 1 of the Gravity Sewer Replacement Project on Sidley Road/Mill Lane.

Ms. Woodman mentioned that the funds in the above bond issue will be used for this project. Mr. Mott made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the intent to receive bids for Phase 1 of the gravity sewer replacement project on Sidley Road/Mill Lane. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes and the vote was unanimous.

- f. Motion to waive any Township fees for East Whiteland Fire Company land development
Ms. McMichael made a motion to waive any fees applicable for the Land Development of the East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Association new firehouse to be constructed at the corner of Mill Lane and Conestoga Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes. The vote was two approved: Ms. McMichael and Mr. Holmes. Mr. Mott – abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen G. Perri
Township Secretary