

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 10, 2013

Virginia McMichael, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. John Mott, Vice Chair, William Holmes, Member, Vicki Kushto, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director and Maureen Perri, Township Secretary, were present. There were thirty (30) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Holmes noted a correction to the minutes...Bareth Graeff, Esquire was the solicitor in attendance at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, not Regina MacKenzie. He made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2013 with the noted correction. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chief Dooley congratulated Sgt. Michael Barrar on his retirement and for his 40 years of dedicated service to the Township.
- Chief Dooley then announced the promotion of Officer Anthony Falgiatore to Sergeant. He received the approval of the Board of Supervisors and a round of applause by all.
- The East Whiteland Township Historical Commission is changing the day of their monthly meetings to the first Wednesday of the month. Their start time will remain at 7:30p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Palasch of 31 Doe Lane stated that he had lost electric power at his residence and advised that this is a continual problem for his area. Ms. Woodman acknowledged that the Township also lost power as a result of the storm. Mr. Steele stated that PECO had lost a transformer for this area. Mr. Palasch was given a contact number for our PECO liaison.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND  
TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Ms. Woodman stated that we have been billing the Valley Forge Sewer Authority for their share of the cost of several sewer projects currently underway. The VFSA operates the public sewer collection system for Charlestown Township and a portion of those flows pass through East Whiteland's collection system on their way to the treatment plant. To date we have received reimbursement for a portion of the cost of the design of upgrade to the collection system in the Sidley Road area. We have not been reimbursed for any cost associated with the new Mill Lane Pumping Station. Ms. Woodman said it is her understanding that the Valley Forge Sewer Authority will be meeting with the Charlestown Township Board of Supervisors and members of their Planning Commission to talk about these sewer projects and their costs. The Authority is looking to the developers in Charlestown Township to contribute toward the cost of rebuilding the infrastructure in East Whiteland. Ms. Woodman stated that Valley Forge Sewer Authority should be participating in the cost for the following projects: Mill Lane pump station and Phases 1 & 2 of Sidley Road. Discussion ensued.

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

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund             | \$ 5,146,312.77 |
| Street Light Fund        | 21,797.15       |
| Sewer Fund               | 5,170,618.80    |
| Sewer Fund Reserve       | 6,015,023.30    |
| Sewer Construction Fund  | 296.58          |
| Park Development Fund    | 324,411.01      |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 2,176,482.90    |
| Dare Fund                | 592.25          |
| State Fund               | 121,130.38      |

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the General Fund Vouchers No. 2013-7G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2013-7S, and Payroll Fund Vouchers No. 2013-13, 2013-14 which included two check runs. Mr. Mott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Supervisors commented on an unexpected check received from Berkheimer's for taxes in the amount of \$66,772.94. Berkheimer is handling the records of the now defunct Central Tax Bureau who was the agent for collection of taxes for East Whiteland.

## PLANS

Mr. Colagreco advised that the Friends of the EW Fire and Ambulance Association presented a Preliminary Land Development Plan for a new fire house to the Township's Planning Commission on May 22, 2013. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the plan subject to the applicant receiving the relief needed from the Zoning Hearing Board and subject to all items remaining in the Township Engineer's review letter are addressed to his satisfaction. The Zoning Hearing Board granted the applicant's appeal on June 24, 2013.

After discussion, Mr. Mott made a motion to approve the Preliminary Land Development Plan of the Friends of the EW Fire and Ambulance Association for a new 17,974 sq. ft. fire house with 36 parking spaces to be located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Mill Lane and Conestoga Rd. (Rt. 401) in an INS – Institutional Zoning District contingent upon the item listed in Arro Engineer's letter, dated May 16, 2013 be addressed to the engineer's satisfaction. Mr. Mott's motion also included approval the waiver requested to nullify the requirement of producing an Environmental Impact Assessment Study and that the Township legally consolidate the existing lots into one contiguous lot. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. The DiPiano at 268 Swedesford Road was impacted by the collapse of the sewer line on Swedesford Road at Rt 401. They are seeking compensation for damages incurred. The difference between the insurance company reimbursement and their actual expenses amounts to \$1,408.70. Mr. Holmes made a motion to reimburse Mr. & Mrs. DiPiano in the amount of \$1,408.70 which included the cost of the back flow prevented. Mr. Mott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Motion to adopt Resolution 12-2013 authorizing the application for a signal permit for the intersection of Flat Road and Route 29. The applicant wants to finish the signal permit process even though there is no development proposed at this time that will generate a sufficient volume of traffic to warrant a signal at this location. Mr. Holmes made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-2013 authorizing the application for a signal permit for the intersection of Flat Road and Route 29. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mott and the vote was unanimous.
- c. The members discussed the Township's 2012 Pension Financial Statement for the three pensions. The Board expressed their concerns of the actuary's assumption of the financial returns for the plans. No action needed.

- d. Change order request for the Mill Lane Pump Station Replacement project. Mr. Steele explained that this change is for the way the force main is to be connected. The contractor is adding a “Y” valve connection to allow for a backup from the old station to the new. To date, there has been only 1.35% change to a \$3M project. Mr. Mott made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$17,712.73 for the Mill Lane Pump Station Replacement project. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- e. Motion to award a bid for construction of Phase 1 of the Mill Lane Sewer Main. Mr. Steele stated that this is the oldest section of the sewer system and which goes under Route 202. This project will increase pipe size to allow for expansion and for the needs of the next 30 years. The lowest bid submitted was \$668,829 which was close to what the Township engineer projected. Mr. Holmes made a motion to award a bid for construction of Phase 1 of the Mill Lane Sewer Main Replacement to Anrich, Inc. in the amount of \$668,829.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mott and the vote was unanimous.
- f. Sidley Road Sinkhole Invoice. The Township Engineer advised that we should eliminate the possibility of any water draining into an infiltration pit at the edge of the sinkhole which occurred at 320 Sidley Road. The cost to remove the connection is \$975.60 for the removal of gutters. A motion was made by Mr. Mott to authorize payment to Buck Ridge Carpentry in the amount of \$975.60 for replacement gutters at 320 Sidley Road as a result of the sinkhole and discovery following the repairs. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- g. Vacancy Board Position. – Ms. McMichael advised that there was an opening on the Vacancy Board. The duty of this Board is to appoint a Supervisor in the event there is a vacancy and a disagreement among the remaining Supervisors. Ms. McMichael made a motion to appoint Bob Eshleman to the position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holmes and the vote was unanimous.
- h. Addition to Equipment to be Sold. Mr. Steele stated that this is just an addition of a 1994 Steiner mower with 72’ deck to the already approved list of items to be sold. The items for sale will be listed on [www.Municibid.com](http://www.Municibid.com). Ms. McMichael made a motion to add the 1994 Steiner mower with 72’ deck to be sold on Municibid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mott and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Maureen G. Perri  
Township Secretary