

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING
STOKES ASSEMBLY HALL, 1039 WILMINGTON PIKE
October 19, 2009 7:30Pm

In attendance were Supervisors Chair Carol De Wolf, Vice Chair Charles P. Barber and Police Commissioner Thomas A. Foster; Township Manager Robert Layman; and Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond. There were eight guests in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

As there was a quorum present Chair Carol De Wolf called the meeting to order at 7:41Pm and led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Approval of Minutes (October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting).

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

III. Summary of Board of Supervisors Workshop 10/19/09.

Ms. De Wolf stated the Board interviewed John Lindros, of Toscani & Lindros, concerning collection of delinquent utility fees. The Board also discussed the fees for use of Oakbourne Park and will add this item to the agenda. The following items were also discussed; Police contract negotiations; A possible PECO grant for an energy audit of the Township facilities; and consideration of other uses for Oakbourne Mansion.

IV. Departmental Reports.

A. Westtown-East Goshen Police Chief John M. Dumond.

Chief Dumond reviewed the September Police Report. The Department responded to 572 calls in Westtown last month. Chief Dumond reported on two stabbings at Rosehill Apartments in East Goshen and a hit and run on Oakbourne Road. Mr. Foster asked about the recent robbery on Chateau Drive. Chief Dumond stated that there have been several robberies in Westtown and Willistown along the route 926 corridor. The police have a vehicle description which they are checking. Mr. Barber said that it appears more traffic citations have been issued. Chief Dumond responded that the Traffic Unit is becoming more aggressive and this will be addressed in the Township Newsletter.

B. Planning Commission – Jim Lees.

Mr. Layman stated that Mr. Lees is not in attendance as the Planning Commission did not meet on October 7th as they had no items for the agenda. This week's meeting is also canceled as Sharon Bank is not ready to present their revised plan.

V. Public Comment-Non Agenda Items.

Len Chylack, President of East Side Little League ("ESLL"), stated their agreement for use of the fields in Oakbourne ends this year and that they have been trying to renew the agreement since March. Mr. Chylack stated that last year they had 900 players but they did not have enough fields. He also stated that they would like to have the agreement settled as soon as possible as they need to send out their registrations for 2010 by Thanksgiving. Mr. Chylack said that they are negotiating with West Goshen for additional fields but that they just don't have enough fields. He stated he doesn't know how to be more emphatic about this. It is also possible in the near future that the league will lose a field where 40% of their players play. He stated they pay \$5,000 to West Goshen for field usage but West Goshen does all the maintenance, grass cutting and capital improvements which is a bargain. In Westtown the league does all the maintenance plus

pays a contract fee. He stated they would be glad to negotiate the same agreement they have with West Goshen if Westtown would take over the maintenance. Mr. Foster asked Mr. Chylack if he was aware that a bid package is being prepared for both the baseball fields and the soccer field. Mr. Foster stated that there are other groups who have interest in the fields and the Township needs revenue. Ms. De Wolf asked who would be bidding for the fields. Mr. Chylack said he has no idea but of course the Township can bid the fields. He then stated that the Township would need to find someone to do a Little League program for Westtown as ESLL would not be able to sign up any children from Westtown unless they had use of the fields. As they are non-profit they cannot afford to pay additional fees. Mr. Chylack said when the fields were built ESLL contributed \$90,000 for the construction. Mr. Foster said the Township is also non-profit and contributed funds for field construction. Ms. De Wolf said she did not know who would bid and has not been approached by anyone. She asked what is the time line for the 2010 registration. Mr. Chylack stated sign ups are in January so the applications should be out by December 1st. Mr. Foster asked the location of the field used by 40% of the players that might be lost in the future. Mr. Chylack stated it is the March field on S. Concord Road which may be sold for development. The asking price is \$1.1 million which ESLL does not have the means to raise. Mr. Barber asked about use of WCASD fields. Mr. Chylack responded that they have the use of one field for five days during the season and another for two days. He stated there are nine teams vying for the same fields and Legion League has priority. Ms. De Wolf asked when the bid could be ready for advertising. Mr. Layman responded this week and asked the Board to authorize advertising of the bid. He stated this is being done for economic reasons and provide other organizations a chance to use the fields.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Foster, to prepare and advertise the bid for field usage. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. Mr. Chylack asked where the bid would be advertised. Mr. Layman stated in the West Chester Daily Local News. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion.

VI. Old Business:

There was no old business at this time.

VII. New Business:

A. Police Pension State Aid Contribution.

Ms. De Wolf stated that the Township has received the annual State Aid Contribution for the Police Pension fund and asked for authorization to forward the contribution to WEGO.

Mr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Foster, to forward the State Aid Contribution for the Police Pension Fund to WEGO. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion.

B. Public Sewer Connection Request – Robert Weiss, 959 South Matlack Street.

Mr. Weiss, 959 South Matlack Street, stated his property is in the MU district and is approximately two acres. He would like to subdivide the property into two lots. He had contacted the Township last year about connecting to public sewer at his expense. Mr. Weiss said at that time he met with Mr. Layman and Mrs. Adler who indicated that it would be costly to put in the sewer line. He had the engineering plan done by Denny Howe. The plan was submitted to a contractor and the cost of the work was estimate at \$90,000. As this would be a hardship he asked if he could use a grinder pump system instead of the gravity system. Mr. Weiss stated that when public sewer was put in their area they were the only property not connected. He also stated that Mrs. Alder said capacity is available. Mr. Foster said the Township has not done a study of this area and does not know how this connection would affect that part of the Township. Ms. De Wolf advised Mr. Weiss that the Township will review his request but cannot give him a time frame for a decision.

C. Approval of Park Fees.

Ms. De Wolf stated that the Board had approved fees for the use of the Oakbourne Park grounds several months ago and has decided to extend the fee structure through November 1, 2010.

Mr. Foster made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barber, to extend the fee schedule for use of the Oakbourne Park grounds through November 1, 2010. Ms. De Wolf asked for public comment. There was no public comment. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion.

VIII. Public Comment.

Mr. Layman announced the Township will commence the 2009 road project, weather permitting, on Wednesday of this week. He also stated that Shiloh Road has been paved and the work was completed to Mr. Gross's and Mr. Pingar's satisfaction.

IX. Payment of Bills.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Barber, the Board of Supervisors approved the bills as presented.

X. Adjournment.

On the motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30Pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Layman, Township Manager