

Monthly Meeting
Board of Supervisors
West Caln Township
Monday September 14, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the West Caln Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday September 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Administration Building. Present were Supervisors Martz, Price and Pfitzenmeyer, Police Chief Martinez, Treasurer Johnson, Solicitor Moskovitz, Road Foreman Touchton, Ass't Manager Vaughan, and Manager Dunlap. There were 22 citizens in attendance.

Chairman Pfitzenmeyer opened the meeting and lead in the salute to the flag. The following business was then conducted.

1. Citizen's Comments.

A. Bob Johnson of Christopher's Lane asked why the Board decided to purchase a Ford Crown Victoria when the Police Dept. had asked for a Dodge Charger. Mr. Pfitzenmeyer advised him that the Board decided to continue using Ford versus Dodge as they felt that Ford was more stable the Chrysler.

B. Mrs. Elizabeth Ramono of 129 Davis Rd. inquired about the status of the abandoned home at 140 Davis Rd. Mr. Pfitzenmeyer informed her that the Township has been trying to find out information concerning the owner of record, who apparently went back to Ireland and that the Township has boarded up the residence. Mrs. Ramono asked if the property could be seized in that at is was possible that the home was used as a drug lab. The Board advised her to contact the District Attorney in regards to this matter.

C. Mrs. Patricia Simmons of Sugarman Rd. asked if anything charges has been filed with regards to the animal noise coming from her neighbor's property. She was advised that the Code's Dept. has filed charges. Mr. Angelo Phillips, the owner of the neighboring property asked why he was being singled out as he has had the animals there for over 40 years. He was advised that an Ordinance prohibiting animal noises was passed in 2008 and it is being enforced and that he could request a hearing before Judge Cabry on the matter.

D. Mr. Johnson asked if the Board had considered pay raises for the employees. Mr. Pfitzenmeyer informed him that the Board has decided to keep the pay the same for 2009.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Dunlap presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2009 as prepared by Treasurer Patricia Johnson. Mr. Martz moved to approve the report as presented. Second, Mr. Price. Questions, none. Vote 3-0 in favor of approval.

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3. Supervisor's Minutes, August 10 and 24, 2009.

Mr. Pfitzenmeyer moved to approve the minutes as prepared by Secretary Dunlap. Second, Mr. Martz. Questions, none. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

4. Planning Commission Minutes, September 8, 2009.

Mr. Dunlap presented the un-official meeting minutes as prepared by Planning Secretary Patricia Johnson.

5. Police Report for August 2009.

Chief Martinez reported that the Police Dept. worked 957.5 hours, traveled 8598 miles, answered 776 complaints, investigated 3 accidents and made 30 arrests.

In other Police Business, the Board unanimously approved the hiring of Jason Meyers as a Part-time Patrolman.

6. Manager's Report.

Mr. Dunlap reported that a letter was received from DEP approving the Walton/Zynn Planning Modules and that he would be meeting with Mr. Moskovitz and Mr. Linahan to discuss the 537 Plan and other sewer related business. He informed the Board that Ralph DeFazio of the Chester County Health Dept. was organizing a meeting with County Municipalities and DEP to discuss the nitrate/stream degradation problem. Mr. Dunlap also reported that he had spoken with William Whitman, Surveyor, concerning the "As Built Plans" for Jacobs Run. Mr. Whitman advised him that the plans should be done today. Mr. Dunlap will get a meeting together with the builder and residents once they are received. In other business, Mr. Dunlap advised the Board that he will be meeting with Joseph Ippolito from the Pondsview Development on Tuesday Sept. 22nd. to discuss "Punch List Items" and Engineering Bills.

7. Fire and Ambulance.

Wagontown Fire Chief Todd Ziegler reported that the Wagontown Fire Co. responded to 30 alarms in August. 11 of the calls were in West Caln, 18 in West Brandywine and 1 in Honey Brook Township. He further reported that the Fire Company had a successful Golf Tournament on September 8th, and that the Fire Company has agreed to purchase a 2002 American La France Rescue Pumper from the Malvern Fire Co.

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Fire and Ambulance.....continued.

Martin's Corner Fire Chief Dan Metzler reported that the Martin's Corner Fire Company responded to 15 calls in August. 7 in West Caln, 7 in West Brandywine and 1 in Honey Brook Township. Ambulance Captain Whitney Aquilante reported that the Ambulance responded to 107 calls in August. 66 in West Brandywine, 26 in West Caln and 15 in other Municipalities.

8. Code Enforcement/Fire Marshal.

Mr. Vaughan reported that 6 Building Permits, 5 Zoning Permits and 6 Burn Permits were issued during the month. Also reported that 2 Violation letters were sent out.

9. Road Dept.

Mr. Touchton reported all paving work was completed in August and that Road Dept. cleaned up after several thunderstorms in addition to usual duties.

10. Parks.

Mr. Pfitzenmeyer announced that Community Day would on September 26, 2009 from Noon to 4 P.M. at Layton Park.

11. Correspondence.

A. Letter from Chester County Hospital Foundation. Re: Permission to put up Directional Signs for Chester County Day Tour. The Board unanimously approved this request.

B. Letter from James Sweeney. Re: Meadow View Subdivision. Mr. Moskowitz will contact Mr. Sweeney to work out the Dedication.

12. Old Business.

A. Pension Plan. Mr. Dunlap has spoken with PMRS and they will be sending information.

13. New Business.

A. Phones at Maintenance Building.

Mr. Pfitzenmeyer moved to disconnect the phones from the Township System and hook up a

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New Business.....continued.

Hard Line to prevent any further damage from lightening. Second, Mr.Martz. Questions, none.
Vote 3-0 in favor of the motion.

B. Shenberger Subdivision.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shenberger approached the Board concerning waivers for their Subdivision on Telegraph Rd. and clarification of the language pertaining to their "Common Open Space". Mr. Moskowitz stated that there was a problem concerning the open space and its intended use, (Horse Pasture). Mr. Moskowitz informed the Board that Ordinance states that the Open Space must be Common Open Space rather than private use. The Shenberger's advised the Board that this was the direction they received from the Planning Commission. The Board directed Mr. Moskowitz to meet with the Shenberger's to see if this can be resolved. The Board tabled the waiver requests until Mr. Linahan can review them.

14. Solicitor Comments. None at this time.

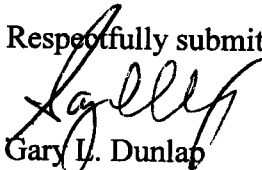
15. Subdivisions.

A. David Glick, 2 lots, Tucker Lane.

Mr. Glick and his Engineer Andrew Defonzo from D. L. Howell Associates approached the Board concerning the Plan. Mr. Defonzo informed the Board that he is awaiting comments from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the declaration concerning the Wetlands recorded with the DiGaurdi Plan and that Planning Module Approval has not been received from DEP. The Board tabled the matter until a reply is received from the Army Corps of Engineers.

With no further business at hand, adjournment was at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Gary L. Dunlap
Township Secretary

Approved: 10-12-09