

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Barnhart at 6:00 P.M. followed by the pledge to the Flag and Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Barnhart, Raubenstine, Williams, Parr and Gobrecht. Also present were Manager Richardson, Solicitor Fenicle and Mike Knouse from C. S. Davidson.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND COMMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Williams made a motion to approve the Agenda and Supervisor Gobrecht seconded the motion. Frank then commented on the fact that this meeting was to be held only to discuss the Budget and he doesn't feel like the other agenda items should be included in this meeting. Supervisor Raubenstine then asked if the Board members had comments or concerns from the public, when should they bring these items up for discussion? These could be included under Public Comment or a special line item for Supervisors' Comments. Supervisor Parr indicated that his feeling is that Supervisors' comments should be welcome at any time during the meeting. The Agenda will be cut off a week before the scheduled meeting and Nancy will e-mail the Agenda to the Board Members. Any other concerns from the Board members will be added at the time of the meeting. The motion to approve the Agenda for tonight was then carried.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) The Board was presented with a copy of the current list of Department Liaisons. After some discussion and several requested changes, the Board approved the list of Department Liaisons in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Parr. Motion carried. The Secretary will update this list of members and distribute the updated list to the Board members. (B) Rick Jackson, representative of the ELA Group, requested an extension of the Preliminary Plan Approval of the Lutheran Social Services Development. He has conferred with Linus and Terry and they believe there have been substantial changes to the Zoning Ordinance which would affect the final development of this section of the project. Terry and Linus indicated from their meeting that the Board of Supervisors may grant this extension according to Section 508 (iv) of the Municipalities Planning Code. They are asking for a six month extension, until August 19, 2008, to gain final approval of the Land Development Plan. Rick indicated that the only outside approval needed would be from the York County Conservation District. The Board approved this extension in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried. (C) A letter was received from Andrew and Dana Bealing, requesting a rezoning of a portion of the lands

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now or formerly of Chester and Margie Utz. They are asking that this land be rezoned from Agricultural to Residential. In a motion by Supervisor Raubenstine, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried, the Board accepted this request and it will be forwarded to the Township Planning Commission and the York County Planning Commission for their reviews. The Board will then schedule a public hearing on this matter. (D) Andy distributed copies of the current Budget for 2008. He also reminded the members of the Board that the revised MMO for the Uniformed Pension Plan shows an increase that he would like to include in the Budget for this year. Chairman Barnhart then asked the members for their input on the current Budget. Supervisor Parr has not had sufficient time to compare the Budget to budgets of previous years. He does not believe this Budget provides enough information to make decisions. He will spend the next several months reviewing the Budget and the Budget process. Supervisor Williams does not believe that the Board should increase taxes. The water and sewer rates have significantly increased and he does not want to burden the residents with higher taxes. He wants to get the developers to pay their overdue escrow amounts. He believes any tax increase should be designated for a certain purpose. Supervisor Raubenstine would like a small increase now instead of having to raise taxes by a greater amount in the future. He would suggest just one tenth of a mill which would equal approximately \$47,000.00. Supervisor Gobrecht would like to see an increase in contributions to the WMT Recreation Association and the Pleasant Hill Fire Company. These are volunteer organizations and he feels the Township should increase donations to them. Supervisor Barnhart believes everyone has legitimate reasons to adjust the Budget for 2008. He is concerned with the bad conditions of the Township roads. Even though the road repairs will be an ongoing project, an increase would help better maintain some of the roads. Supervisor Raubenstine made a motion to increase the millage rate by .1 mills and designate \$20,000.00 to the Fire Company, \$20,000.00 to the Road Projects and \$7,000.00 to the Township Recreation Association. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried with a vote of 3 - 2. Supervisors Barnhart, Raubenstine and Gobrecht voted *for* the motion and Supervisors Williams and Parr voted *against* the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment was at 7:09 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy C. Smith

Secretary