

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, December 29, 2008 - 4:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Barnhart at 4:00 P.M. followed by the pledge to the Flag and Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Barnhart, Raubenstine, Williams and Parr. Supervisor Gobrecht was absent. Manager Richardson and Solicitor Fenicle were also present.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND COMMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved with the following additions, (7G – Life Insurance for Supervisors, 7H – Correspondence from DEP, 7I – Appointment of Open Records Officer), in a motion by Supervisor Williams and seconded by Supervisor Parr. Motion carried.

BUDGET – 2009: Linus indicated that the 2009 Budget needs to be adopted at this public meeting. Chairman Barnhart asked if any of the Board members had anything to discuss concerning the drafted Budget. Hearing no additional comments, Supervisor Williams made a motion to adopt the Budget for 2009 (Resolution #2008-37). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried with a unanimous roll call vote of members present.

NEW BUSINESS: In separate motions by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and unanimous roll call votes, the Board adopted the following Resolutions:

- Resolution #2008-38 – Real Estate Millage Rate
- Resolution #2008-39 – Street Light Tax Levy
- Resolution #2008-40 – Wage & Per Capita Tax Levy
- Resolution #2008-41 – Unencumbered Monies

In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adopted Ordinance #10-2008. This Ordinance authorizes a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) under the Township Police Department Pension Plan. The Board received a memo from Ruth Neiderer, West Manheim Township Tax Collector, in regards to tax collector compensation for the Term 2010 – 2013. This office will be up for re-election in the coming year. Linus would like to review these figures and postpone a decision on the tax collector's pay until the Work Session Meeting on January 20, 2009. Supervisor Raubenstine asked if Ruth could come to that meeting with figures from the current year. Andy indicated she will be available for that meeting. Supervisor Raubenstine asked if the Board would consider offering the Township life insurance coverage to the members of the Board of Supervisors.


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He indicated that several Board Members are plowing snow, etc. and he believes they should be enrolled in the life insurance plan in the event anything should happen to them. In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Raubenstine and carried, the Board approved the offering of life insurance. Supervisor Barnhart received a copy of a letter from DEP to The York Water Company dated December 4, 2008 concerning the Public Water Supply Permit that was issued to them. Supervisor Raubenstine attended a seminar on the new Open Records Law for the State of Pennsylvania which takes effect in January of 2009. The law requires each governmental entity to appoint an Open Records Officer. Andy requested an appointed officer and an alternate for the Administration area and the Police Department area. In a motion by Supervisor Raubenstine, seconded by Supervisor Williams and carried, the Board appointed Andy Richardson, Officer and Nancy Smith, Alternate on the Admin side and Chief Hippensteel, Officer, and Sergeant Wildasin, Alternate, for the Police Department side.

Melody Asper, reporter for The Evening Sun, asked how many police officers the Township will have employed in 2009. Supervisor Barnhart explained that there will be eight officers, including the Chief. The Board has just hired a new officer to replace the officer that recently resigned.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment was at 4:20 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Williams and carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy C. Smith
Secretary