

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

The Public Work Session was called to Order by Chairman Hartlaub at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge to the Flag and Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Hartlaub, Woerner, Williams, Parr and Gobrecht. Also present were Solicitor Linus Fenicle and Mike Knouse from C. S. Davidson, Inc.

VISITORS: Visitors register attached.

At this time, Chairman Hartlaub introduced Mr. Kevin Null, the new Township Manager, and welcomed him to West Manheim Township. In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried, the Board also appointed Kevin Null as the Township Open Records Officer and the Township Zoning Officer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved in a motion by Supervisor Williams and seconded by Supervisor Parr. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS: The Disbursements for the Month of February, 2010, from all Funds, were approved as listed in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Christine Gienski first thanked the Public Works Department for their excellent job of plowing and opening up the roads during the last two snowstorms. She reported that she has applied for a Home Depot grant for \$2,500.00. She would like to use the money for some native trees and shrubs to be planted at the Rec Park site. She will also order more seedlings from the York County Conservation District to replace the trees that didn't survive the last planting.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: (A) The Monthly Statistics Report for January, 2010 was approved in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

MANAGER/FINANCIAL REPORT: Kevin thanked the Public Works Department for the outstanding job handling the two snow storms. He explained that the Township will be submitting a request to the State for some reimbursement of additional costs associated with the storms. In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Williams and carried, the Board approved Kevin's recommendation to move funds from a CD at Susquehanna Banks to the Money Market account at People's Bank. People's Bank offered the best rate on the Money Market Account.

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ROUTINE WORK SESSION ITEMS: ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mike Knouse presented a written report of C. S. Davidson, Inc. dated February 16, 2010. Written copies were distributed to Supervisors and Staff (copy in Township files). Plan Review Status --- J. A. Myers, Homestead Acres – A sketch plan has been submitted for review by the Planning Commission. Northfields, Phase I – A revised Final Subdivision Plan for Lots 36 – 41 has been submitted for in-house review this month. Construction Projects -- - Street Maintenance Program – The Engineers have contacted Sheetz, Inc. about installing the emergency pre-emption fail safe on the traffic signal at Baltimore Pike and Brunswick Drive. They are reviewing the Township's request for installation of these devices. Miscellaneous --- Aerial Photography – West Manheim Township has completed the aerial photography under contract with Nor East Mapping. In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board authorized the execution of an agreement with Hanover Land Services for purchase to the rights of a portion of the photography. Rec Park – In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried, the Board authorized the submission of a revised permit to the York County Conservation District to allow the construction of a road from the entranceway across to the pavilion at the Rec Park.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Linus has distributed a draft of a trash collection ordinance. He asked the Board members to review this draft and bring any comments or concerns to the next meeting of the Board for consideration of adoption. Linus reported that the declaration of taking has been filed for the needed easement at the Yingling/Small property.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

REPORTS: The Treasurer's Report for January, 2010 was approved, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

The Code Enforcement Officer's Report for January, 2010, was accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Williams and carried.

There was no Roadmaster's Report.

The Pleasant Hill Fire Company and Ambulance Reports for December, 2009 were accepted in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Parr. Motion carried.

The SEO Report for December, 2009 was approved and accepted in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

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There was no Utilities Supervisor's Report.

The EMA Activity Report for January, 2010 was approved and accepted in a motion by Supervisor Williams and seconded by Supervisor Parr. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: (A) The certification of completion for the new Township building has not been received as of today. The final inspection has been completed. (B) Supervisor Gobrecht expressed his concerns about the liability for the Township that would be involved in the renting of the Community Room. He was also concerned about the maximum capacity for the room. The Board decided to review these concerns and table any action on the rental agreement until the next meeting of the Board. (C) One request has been received for the copier that the Township has decided to donate to charity. In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Williams and carried, the Board approved the donation of the copier to the Midway Fire Company.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) Alan Ault, Township Roadmaster, was present to discuss the need to purchase a new dump truck. In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board authorized Alan to get bids and check with the State Costars Program about this purchase. In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Williams, the Board approved a proposal to spend \$1,071.02 to repair the street sweeper. The proposal for the repair was submitted by PA Public Works. Motion carried. Alan also asked the Board to approve his request for the assistance of Doli Construction to repair a concrete culvert on Shorb's Hill Rd. Doli would use their equipment to bust the culvert and the Township Public Works Department would then replace the culvert pipe. The Board approved this action in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried. Under the same motion, the Board gave authorization to Alan to contact county control to close down the road as repairs are being done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Supervisor Gobrecht thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done with the snow plowing and removal from the back-to-back snowstorms. Supervisor Hartlaub reported that he and Kevin met this morning with Jeff Garvick, Manager of Penn Township, to discuss the sewer issues that were reported in the Evening Sun. Jeff Garvick indicated to them that Penn Township has been waiting to receive a report from WMT detailing the usage from the West Manheim Township residences. Chairman Hartlaub assured everyone that a report will be forwarded to Penn Township within a week and then negotiations will begin regarding the sewer rates. Ed Gillman asked if there was help available for residents who cannot afford to pay for the new sewer hook-ups. Supervisor Hartlaub asked that he pick up an informational brochure at the front desk that will explain any

financing available to him. Wayne Osterling, 244 Joshua Drive, reported that he attended the Penn Township meeting on Monday evening concerning the increase in sewer rates. He would like to have a joint meeting scheduled with both Townships to review and discuss these issues. Ben Mangus, 35 St. Georgia Drive, indicated that he found it very offensive that the Supervisors would tell the residents to attend Penn Township's meeting. The Board members should be attending these meetings on behalf of their residents. Larry Swearman, 5 Briberry Lane, asked if the construction company that is installing the new sewer lines could do one area at a time and then move on. It seems they are doing several jobs at one time and not finishing what they start. Al Flinchbaugh, 2103 Baltimore Pike, expressed his disgust when he witnessed a West Manheim Township part-time employee cleaning snow from his driveway with township equipment. He believes it is wrong to allow Township residents' tax money to be used for employee's personal projects. He asked that some measures be put into place to keep this from happening again. Alan Ault, Roadmaster, and Tim Hippensteel, Chief of Police, explained that some employees are considered essential employees under certain circumstances and need to be called upon in case of emergency. Carl Grubb, 590 Impounding Dam Rd, asked whether anyone had any answers to the questions that were directed to the Board last year about his concerns. He believes everyone in the Township should be treated equally and fairly and this is not being done. Sterling Mummert, 99 Lakeview Terrace, asked the Board to reconsider his request to not hook-up to the new York Water Company lines. He indicated that he lives on a private road, not a township road and he should not be required to hook up to the new water service when he has no problem with his well. Anne Andrews, 130 Smeach Drive, indicated that according to the article in the newspaper, Penn Township will be charging \$70.00 per quarter and West Manheim Township will be charging the remaining \$120.00. The Board explained that West Manheim has a bond issue that was taken out before the sewer project started and a mandatory payment each year for this bond issue. Mike Knouse explained that of the \$3,000.00 hook-up fee, \$1700.00 goes to Penn Township as a reservation fee and the remaining \$1300.00 goes toward repaying the debt service to the bond issuers. She feels these sewer rates are too expensive, especially for the residents on a fixed income.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Supervisors Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:30 p.m. Work Session Meeting - Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Smith
Secretary

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