

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held before the start of the work session meeting to inform and obtain public comment on the proposed amendments to the West Manheim Township Zoning Ordinance dated September 3, 2009. A court reporter was present to take the minutes of the Public Hearing. The Board of Supervisors will then consider the adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance during their regularly scheduled meeting this evening.

The Public Work Session was called to Order by Chairman Hartlaub after the closing of the Public Hearing, 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 Terry Myers and Mike Knouse from C. S. Davidson, Inc.

VISITORS: Visitors register attached.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2010 were approved, as submitted, in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried. Supervisor Parr asked that the secretary include the formal title of the individuals who are offering reports during the meetings.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Chris Gienski, Chairman, reported that the Park Board will be planting trees and doing some general clean-up work at the site on Saturday around noon. She said any help would be appreciated. Chris will be submitting an application for a DCNR Grant to be used to install some playground equipment at the Rec Park. She also announced that Stanley Wysocki's wife, Margaret, recently passed away and he has requested that any donations in her memory be made to the WMT Rec Park. Mr. Wysocki was a supervisor for the Township and he and his wife were very instrumental in the purchase and development of the park. Six donations have been received as of today and Christine read a note in Mrs. Wysocki's memory that was sent along with a donation from Supervisor Nils Parr. The bid bond check from Todd Gosnell Construction has been received and deposited.

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ROUTINE WORK SESSION ITEMS: ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mike Knouse presented a written report of C. S. Davidson, Inc. dated April 20, 2010. Written copies were distributed to Supervisors and Staff (copy in Township files). Construction Projects --- Street Maintenance Program – 2010 Street Maintenance – Mike Knouse has forwarded to the Board an updated schedule of work for the 2010 improvements. In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board approved the advertisement for bids for the 2010 street improvements. Bridge Inspection – Bids were publicly received and opened on April 15, 2010 for the bridge repair and replacement. Contract 1 includes the general bridge maintenance of five Township bridges. In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Williams and carried, the Board awarded Contract 1 in the amount of \$49,031.00 to Lobar Site Development. Contract 2 is the replacement of the Tracey Road bridge. After some discussion on this project, Supervisor Gobrecht made a motion to accept Contract 2 in the amount of \$89,935.00 to Doug Lamb Construction, Inc. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Parr. A roll call vote was taken and Supervisors Parr and Woerner voted to not award this contract at this time. The motion carried with a 3 – 2 vote. Contract 3 was for the guiderails for all the bridges being repaired. The motion to accept this bid was made by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Williams. The contract was awarded to Wm. Orr and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$61,682.50. Supervisor Parr abstained from this vote citing he believes the Township needs to set priorities before spending this amount of money. Supervisor Woerner voted for Contract 3 only because Contract 2 was approved. Area 2 & 3 Sanitary Sewers – A walkthrough of the remaining portions of sanitary sewer has been completed and in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board authorized the engineers to send connection notices to the remaining customers. Investigations and Reports --- Zoning Ordinance Updates – A Public Hearing was held this evening to hear comments on the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. At this time, Supervisor Williams made a motion to adopt Ordinance #02-2010 which contains the Zoning Ordinance amendments. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried with a unanimous roll call vote. Miscellaneous --- PA H2O Grant – The Township has received an update form for the application for this grant. The update has been completed and the application will be resubmitted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Fenicle reported that the sewer easement for the Bosse property has been signed. In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board approved the signature of the Chairman on this easement and it will then be recorded. Linus has reviewed the modifications to the loans that were proposed by Township Manager Kevin Null. His suggestion was to contact Robert Moore of Mette, Evans & Woodside, the Township Finance Counsel, for his recommendations. In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor

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Woerner and carried, the Board authorized Manager Null to contact this firm and include them in the discussions of the modification of these General Obligation Notes.

CORRESPONDENCE: (A) Letter received from the South Western Recreation Commission asking for a donation for the summer playground program. The Township donates \$1000.00 to them annually in October. The Board agreed to continue this donation in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

REPORTS: The Chief of Police Report for March, 2010 was approved in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried.

The Treasurer's Report for March, 2010 was approved, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried.

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

The Public Works Report for March, 2010 was accepted in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried.

The Pleasant Hill Fire Company and Ambulance Reports for March, 2010 were accepted in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Woerner. Motion carried.

There was no SEO Report for March, 2010.

There was no Utilities Supervisor Report available for this meeting.

The EMA Activity Report for March, 2010 was approved and accepted in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Woerner. Motion carried. Mike Hampton presented a resolution that is still needed to get any state reimbursement for the two major snowstorms. This Resolution #2010-15 was then adopted in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Parr and a unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS: The items listed under Old Business will continue to be on the Agenda until any action is taken on these subjects: 1) Snow Emergency Routes, 2) Penn Waste Draft Ordinance and 3) Act 537 Plan Update.

MANAGER'S REPORT: (A) In a motion by Supervisors Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adopted

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Resolution #2010-16 which will be included in the application for the Rec Park Grant from DCNR. (B) Manager Kevin Null will be meeting with Penn Township on April 23, 2010 to discuss sewer rates. (C) Manager Null indicated that the Township Planning Commission has reviewed three subdivision extensions and will provide recommendations to the Board for their May 6 meeting. (D) The Act 537 Plan has been advertised for a thirty day comment period. The Board will then review all comments and recommendations received. (E) The first quarter budget expenses are on track. The Township Building is over budget due to the payment of the invoice for the bullet resistant glass and the Public Works-Highway Aid budget is over due to snow and ice removal. We are waiting to hear from the state about any reimbursement for the snowstorm expenses. (F) Manager Null reported that he has hired Mr. Tom Wohkittel for the on-call Public Works position.

NEW BUSINESS: (A) In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Parr and a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adopted Resolution #2010-17 which is an Update to the Township Emergency Operations Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: David Klunk of Diana Court asked the Board to reconsider their idea to install public sewer in his area of the Township. He and most of his neighbors have lived there for seven or eight years and there has been no problems with any septic systems. He would like to have the project stopped or delayed because of the extra cost in this bad economic time. Chairman Hartlaub asked the residents to please submit their comments and concerns in writing to the Board for their review. Engineer Terry Myers indicated that these comments will be included in any correspondence sent to DEP. Randy Bair of Hemler Drive reported that his neighbors cannot afford this new sewer project and he would hate to see the newly repaired road be damaged for sewer installment. Tom Sneeringer of Pleasant Hill Rd asked why the Township needed an Act 537 Plan. Supervisor Williams explained the need to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and the failing septic systems that were found in West Manheim Township. Mike Knouse indicated several factors are considered along with the failing systems and they include inspections of on-lot systems by the Township SEO and some ground water sampling. Chairman Parr has submitted some written comments. He would vote against proceeding with Areas 4, 5 & 6. He believes the Township should wait and see if the sewer projects that have been completed are working to make a difference. Supervisor Woerner read his comments. They will be submitted in written form and he agrees that Areas 4, 5 & 6 should be delayed at this time. Sterling Mummert asked the Board again what their intentions are when it comes to him hooking up to water. He reported that his house is more than 150 feet from the line.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Supervisors Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:30 p.m. Work Session Meeting - Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy C. Smith
Secretary