

Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2009
Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chairman McCaffrey called the Board of Supervisors meeting of November 4, 2009 to order at 7:40 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Township Manager Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. noted Supervisors Thomas J. McCaffrey Jr. and Carl S. Lindborg in attendance. Josef G. Obernier, Sr. was out of town.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

October 1, 2009 and October 15, 2009. The minutes were tabled until such time that all board members are present. Supervisor Lindborg motioned to table the minutes and Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye.

Public Comments (individuals requesting to be on agenda)

No one requested to be on the agenda.

Correspondence/Communications Information to act upon

The Township is in receipt of the summary appraisal report for the Lindborg Conservation Easements. Manager Rambo noted the Township awaits the revised appraisal; upon arrival it will be distributed for review so that it can be discussed at the November 24th Planning Commission meeting. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey commented that the Lindborg property belongs to a WBT supervisor, the decision to select it and the values that go with it are independent of anything the BoS does. The Open Space Review Board does the selecting.

The West Caln Township Supervisors would like to meet and discuss ambulance service for the Township. Manager Rambo explained that Martin's Corner Fire Company is currently utilizing EMT's from Uwchlan Ambulance, as of December 31st that will no longer be provided. Martin's Corner is seeking its own personnel to run the ambulance. West Caln Supervisors would like to meet with WBT BoS to discuss this and how to pursue money for this. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey stated that EBT has a quick response team but no ambulance service. A resident asked who would provide ambulance service to WBT if Martin's Corner weren't here. Manager Rambo answered Washington Hose Company (Washies), Downingtown, Twin Valley, and Honey Brook.

The Chester County Solid Waste Authority has forwarded its 2010-2012 Commitment Form for its Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for consideration. Manager Rambo recommended that the Township continue to support this program. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Lindborg motioned aye to participate in the Hazardous Waste Collection Program, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCaffrey. Board Members Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye.

The Township has been asked to participate in the Chester County Council, Boy Scouts of America, Citizenship in the Community Shadowing Program. The BoS favored participation.

Correspondence/Communications Information to Note

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Mark S. Rhodes, Esquire with regard to the Hide-Away Farms historic structures. Manager Rambo noted that Mark Rhodes, Esquire would be attending the next Historical Commission meeting.

The Township is in receipt of a copy of the PAWC Act 537 approval from DEP. This will be discussed at the PAWC/DEP monthly regional municipal meeting.

The Township is in receipt of the DEP approval letter for its Act 537 Plan of Study. Manager Rambo stated the letter has been signed; everything the Township wanted to do in the study has been approved. The Township Engineer will begin the Act 537 revisions.

Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, Inc. has forwarded the Township information with regard to Act 51 signed into law on October 9, 2009. Act 51 deals with benefits for police officers and firemen. Manager Rambo briefly explained the new law regarding officers killed in service.

The Coatesville Library has provided the Township additional information with regard to contributions by other municipalities it services. Manager Rambo stated the BoS is in receipt of a list of funds that all of the municipalities donated so far this year. Supervisor Lindborg noted the consensus at the BoS meeting was to give something. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey's preference is to figure the number of WBT users and assign a dollar amount per user. Elizabeth Zanowiak felt that 50 cents a person would be fair.

The Board of Supervisors has received correspondence from Sadsbury Township appointing members of the Township's Board of Appeals to the Sadsbury Board of Appeals. Manager Rambo explained that Sadsbury would be utilizing a few of WBT's Building Appeals members to fill their requirements.

The Reeceville Elementary School PTA has forwarded the Township a letter of appreciation for allowing a collection point at the Township building for its Used Book donations. There were no comments.

The Chester County Planning Commission is holding a meeting on November 13, 2009 at Caln Township to discuss the establishment of a Route 30 Incident Management Task Force. Manager Rambo explained they are establishing this task force in case there is an accident on the bypass to ensure there are other means of transportation and traffic patterns to get around.

PECO is accepting grant applications for its Green Region Program. Manager Rambo will be looking into whether the Township will be submitting a grant application. Elizabeth Zanowiak asked for clarification of the PECO grant and Manager Rambo gave a brief explanation.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from PennDot of next years Turnback and Liquid Fuels allocations. Manager Rambo explained the turnback money is \$6,040. Liquid Fuel Funds from the State are going down to \$167,363.17, a 3% – 4% reduction this year due to the economic conditions.

Old Business

The Township Manager has provided the proposed 2010 budget to the Board of Supervisors for their review prior to public presentation on November 19, 2009. There were no comments.

Discuss borrowing of funds for a six-month period to assist with the payment of Solid Waste & Recycling bills for the remainder of 2009 until outstanding revenues are received. Manager Rambo noted that DNB First is preparing documents for presentation at the November 19th BoS meeting. Elizabeth Zanolwiak asked why the Township needs to borrow money and Manager Rambo gave a briefly explained that the funds are running low in the solid waste account because of those residents that have not paid their trash fee. The money will be strictly earmarked for Solid Waste.

The Manager is preparing an RFP for computer services that will go out to local computer businesses. Manager Rambo explained the BoS is in receipt of the RFP that is to be sent out and then read the RFP out loud. Elizabeth Zanolwiak asked why the Township is seeking a new computer vendor. Manager Rambo stated the current vendor's contract has expired through Costars.

Old Business from the Floor.

There was no Old Business from the Floor or from the Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

There were no Ordinances or Resolutions.

New Business

Establishment of the Phase I public escrows for the Bentley Projects. Manager Rambo gave a brief update to the BoS regarding Bentley, noting Bentley is currently negotiating with their lending institute.

Recommendations of the Township Planning Commission. Manager Rambo noted the Planning Commission recommendations. There were no comments.

The Board of Supervisors will be holding a Conditional Use Hearing for Steve Janiec on November 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. The Conditional Use Hearing will be held regarding historic resources for Janiec's property.

Newsletter articles for the Winter Edition are due on Linda Formica's desk by November 15, 2009. There were no comments.

Release request #1 for the planting of street trees at the Valley View Subdivision in the amount of \$42,000.00. Manager Rambo explained this is for the first planting of the required trees and recommended the BoS sign the release. The Township Engineer reviewed the release request and found it satisfactory. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned to sign the request based on the review and inspection by the Manager. Supervisor Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey and Lindborg voted aye.

The Township is gathering information with regard to DocStar and funding available through the current Stimulus Subsidy Program. Manager Rambo explained that this is a multifaceted program that integrates with the Township's current software. The cost proposed would be \$955.14 per month, with stimulus money available the cost would be \$325.15 less for a cost of \$630 a month for the program and hardware. Caln Township is interested in sharing the \$193 per month cost of a large format scanner. The total cost would be \$760 a month. At the end of five years the Township would own the equipment.

Lori Petri Formica asked why the Township would consider this when it can't pay its bills. Elizabeth Zanolwiak commented this is very sophisticated for a small township. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey explained that people in the meetings asked for items to be presented in a clearer fashion, this would allow people in the audience to look at it along with the Board, plans would also be electronic files. Manager Rambo explained this is something that would be in next years budget. Dialog continued.

New Business from the Floor.

Elizabeth Zanolwiak asked about having contractors do work that the Township could do itself. Manager Rambo explained the Township does its own mowing, the only activity it doesn't do is spray herbicides and pesticides as a license and special insurance is required. Discussion ensued. Elizabeth Zanolwiak also noted a tree on Pratts Dam Road below Landover that is ready to fall. Manager Rambo will look into it.

New Business from the Board and Public Comments (individuals not requesting to be on the agenda) There was no New Business from the Board and no Public Comments.

Open Issues Before the Township

The Township continues to seek volunteers to serve on the Historic Commission. There were no comments.

Proposed Rental Inspection Ordinance. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey will review the information and provide his comments to Manager Rambo. Elizabeth Zanolwiak asked for an explanation. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey voiced displeasure with the proposed ordinance. Dialog continued.

General Obligation Note (Adjustable Rate Bond for the Facility/Park Construction)

Interest rate for the week 3.56%. There were no comments.

Review and Payment of the bills.

Manager Rambo noted the general fund bills total \$70,239.04, state fund bills total \$3,791.64, and the solid waste bills total \$6,308.39. Supervisor Lindborg reviewed the bills and motioned payment. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey also reviewed the bills and seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors meeting, Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
- Open Space Review Board, Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 6:45 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Paul Gainor asked a question regarding the number of people that haven't paid their trash bill. Manager Rambo answered roughly 150 to 175 people.

Elizabeth Zanolwiak asked questions about payment for uniforms, benefits, and other various bills. Dialog continued and the Manager gave a brief explanation for all of the questions raised. Ms. Zanolwiak also expressed that the Township has a responsibility to the taxpayers of this Township when you negotiate a contract to find out if they hire illegal aliens, consequently the Township is paying their salary. This has been discussed with the Township Solicitor and it is his opinion that it is up to the contractor to look into this.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Lindborg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye.

Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.
Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer