

## **Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2004 Board of Supervisors**

Vice-Chairman Lindborg called the Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 7, 2004 to order at 7:32 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by the Township Manager noted Vice-Chairman Lindborg and Supervisor Obernier in attendance. Chairman McCaffrey arrived at 7:35 p.m. The following individuals were present to represent the various departments: Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.; Township Manager, Dale Barnett; Codes/Zoning Officer, and Thomas Eells; Director of Public Works.

### **Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

The August 19, 2004, September 2, 2004 and September 16, 2004 were tabled.

### **Question/Answer Period with CASD Board Members**

Vice-Chairman Lindborg noted CASB Representatives Cynthia Quinn and Donna Urban in attendance to give the residents an opportunity to ask questions and get updates since their last meeting. Chairman McCaffrey noted that both the BoS and the CASB Region II Representatives agreed that it would be beneficial to attend this meeting to go over issues in a peaceful way.

Cindy Quinn, Chairman of the CASD Finance Committee would like to keep the lines of communication open. Since the budget has been passed they have received a \$50,000 grant with the assistance of Curt Schroder. Also, Ms. Quinn is requesting that tax collection and the amount outstanding be included on monthly reports through the Finance Committee so that they can see on a monthly basis what revenue is being collected. A copy of August's treasurer's report as well as September's bill's payable will be left for the public's review. The construction program has been put on hold, their intent was to have two community schools within a school and it appears that the architects have made it K-4 on the first floor and 4-6 on the second floor, this was not what the Board members had expected. They have already begun the budget process. The policy regarding public records is still in the Finance Committee and they are waiting for a rendering of opinion as to what constitutes public record. After they get the opinion, a policy will be developed with regards to the time and delivery of the Line Item Budget.

Donna Urban noted the upcoming used book sale to be held at Reeceville Elementary School, more information can be obtained via the school districts website. The School Board has been updating policies; one policy that was recently updated is their board's organizational policy. They also hired a public relations firm (Pierce Communications) with a \$25,000 donation received from Coatesville Area Partners For Progress.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked for an explanation of how the TIFF program works. Ms. Quinn noted that the TIFF program has not been solidified in the City of Coatesville yet because of questions with regards to the terms of the program. The map dedicating certain properties has been approved. This information should be available to the community as well. The City of Coatesville has not asked the School Board for the TIFF plans approval yet. WBT and some members of Caln Township feel that by rejuvenating the City to that measure, that these Townships will be stuck with higher taxes because of the increased population. One of the advantages of the TIFF program is that they currently have these tax-based properties that are not producing revenue. Allowing for rejuvenation of these properties would allow a set period of time for a lower tax assessment; once that period is over they will be enrolled at a higher level. It stands to reason that it will be better to have them generating tax revenue's at a lower rate than not at all.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg stated he is adamantly against the program. He explained that would be fine for commercial property, but if it is residential, the cost per student is \$14,000 or higher by the time the renovation is done, and for years WBT and the surrounding Townships will be paying for them. Vice-Chairman Lindborg would appreciate if the School Board representatives would consider how adamantly that he is against the TIFF program.

Chairman McCaffrey noted that the BoS has not been invited to any of the City of Coatesville's meetings for their input, only the meetings that tell them what they are going to do. The school district has been a victim of this just as the rest of us have been, Coatesville has proceeded, and they are looking for the best advantage for their particular interests and are not considering the impact on the surrounding people. It isn't the responsibility of everyone else around the City of Coatesville to be victimized to give them a leg up. Chairman McCaffrey stated if property owners get a tax relief that lowers property taxes, he would like to see the TIFF area be excluded from that. Thirty years ago the CASD had its vested interest centered in the City of Coatesville, over those years the district has expanded and now the City of Coatesville is a minor component of that district. There are numerous examples of a centralized look at the district, where pictures advertising the district or sporting events come from the City of Coatesville. A group that has only twenty percent of the population and the TIFF program seems like it will be a sinking ship. He would like to see everyone band together and doesn't feel that the TIFF program would be the healthy way to go.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked for clarification regarding the building program. Ms. Quinn explained that it is currently on hold until they get the communities input and know what direction they want to move. The two committees working on it, the Operations Committee and Education Committee were also not in agreement. She noted that one of the things the whole Master Facilities Study was supposed to promote was community input and they had none. She would like to see as they move forward, an agreement between the two committees as to which way they should go and if there are opposing views, to have the architects provide two drawings along with the pros and cons of having a mega school with separate schools and administration within the building and let the School Board and the community ask questions. Avongrove is one of the school districts that have done this.

Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked if they had looked into Avongrove, he heard they have a lot of problems there. Ms. Urban answered no, she is waiting for a call back. Test scores need improvement and all the educational studies go against having a mega school. Chairman McCaffrey noted that when you build a school further away from the population then you could

ensure that you will have an increase in transportation costs. The most attractive thing in WBT is that it has neighborhood schools. The neighborhood school concept gives people the feeling that they have an impact there. If there is one school that has a particular problem you can target that one school in that one area. Ms. Quinn agreed with Chairman McCaffrey that smaller schools produce better results. Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked what the estimated tax increase would be to move forward with the amount needed to build the school. Ms. Quinn noted they would refinance a prior bond, you would save ½ a mill, by refunding that and use it toward construction. Ms. Quinn wouldn't like to see an increase, but would like to see some accountability.

Supervisor Obernier expressed that with the TIFF program, they are creating a sense of alienation. They need to feel like they are all working together. In reality the end result, if there is a TIFF program, the taxpayers and surrounding municipalities will have to pay extra to help cover it. Supervisor Obernier asked Ms. Quinn how much uncollected tax debt there is and what steps the School District has taken to go after that money. Ms. Quinn stated that new software was purchased and some of the bills were not being processed. Since that time, those bills have been sent out. You can't determine the Earned Income Tax because you can't assess that unless someone reports it. They are making an assertive effort to collect that money. Ms. Quinn noted there are still some problems with the tax bills and asked if someone has a problem to please contact them.

Chairman McCaffrey was terribly insulted at the way the School Board members were treated by the CASB Chairperson and could not find anything in their policy manual about the authority by which he has been behaving and feels that there is a need to define or limit their Chairperson's authority. Ms. Quinn stated she would like to respond to questions and was concerned that people are not getting answers, when they ask a question and would like that everyone be given an answer at the time rather than after the fact. Vice-Chairman Lindborg explained at the BoS meetings, they found that having a dialog back and forth helps when people have issues that they are upset about. It gives the people a chance to be heard. When he walks out at the end of a School Board meeting he is very frustrated and angry, and feels that if you don't respond to the people then you shouldn't be up there.

Chairman McCaffrey suggested that they do away with having a solicitor at each meeting because it is so expensive; this would be a cost cutting item in legal fees. Ms. Urban stated there was a time when the solicitor wasn't at every School Board meeting. She also noted that after having read their policy, she couldn't find where a response is prohibited from the Board, during public comment at the School Board meetings. Ms. Urban explained that the solicitor's take on responding as individuals, when one of the School Board members responds, because they are sitting as a Board member; they are answering for the Board and not as an individual. Chairman McCaffrey stated the solicitor is trying to stifle the Board members and suggested they say, "In my opinion..." Ms. Urban suggested that if the School Board members can't answer a question verbally, then direct the question at a particular School Board member through email. She would prefer to answer questions in a public forum, because if there is one person asking a particular question, there may be eight or ten others with the same question.

Supervisor Obernier noted that Eric Brown apologized that he could not attend this BoS meeting due to a school class that he has. Supervisor Obernier then thanked Ms. Quinn on behalf of the Municipal Authority, Board of Supervisors, and Township Manager for helping get the School Boards vote to resolve a tax issue. The Municipal Authority was faced with having to pay the back

taxes on a nine-acre piece of property that was not recorded properly and hadn't been removed from the tax roll.

Chairman McCaffrey feels that at some point the School Board should demonstrate to people that they are running the School Board who is running the administration. Ms. Quinn stated they passed a motion that they will not pay anything without approval except for approved payroll, the FTD deposits, and the PO's, There have been so many questions regarding expenses, that until they feel more comfortable as a board, it is in their purview to do that. They are holding off any travel, conferences, and food. One thing that is irritating is that you give personnel approvals after they have already been hired for the job.

Steve Jakatt from the Planning Commission thanked the School Board members for being at the meeting and asked why the school is going back to having forty-five minute periods instead of the block scheduling. Ms. Urban explained this was because of the test scores, studies have indicated that block scheduling is not conducive to some of the subjects that are taught.

Mr. Jakatt also asked why the individuals have not been investigated for the \$18,000,000 that the school district has lost. Ms. Urban answered it is still in the District Attorney's office. Mr. Jakatt stated they were agreed to be held harmless before the money was found to be gone. Ms. Quinn explained there was vacation and benefits that were not booked, there was over budgeting, under budgeting and a number of things going on, they were faced with budget constraints, and when you look at it, the taxes were not increased enough to cover those deficits. Ms. Urban explained that after talking with Al Andres, who did a lot of investigating, stated what was done was illegal, but there are no consequences. Mr. Andres has been diligent in contacting the State Representatives to make sure that this is reviewed with consequences put in place.

Gene Fuchs asked where the current debt stands. Ms. Quinn answered that as of September 15, 2004, they have a deficit of \$4,600,000, which is the negative fund balance. There was no line item to reduce this deficit, this year there is a line item to reduce this deficit. If their revenues exceed what is projected, and their expenses are lower than projected, they will end up with a surplus, which will further reduce the deficit.

Mr. Fuchs asked the cost to educate each student. Ms. Quinn explained that \$14,000 was the average; it costs more for special education and charter schools. Transportation costs run more than \$800 per student that is not included in the \$14,000.

Mr. Fuchs asked about Ms. Quinn appointing a taxpayer advisory to the budget process next year. She explained a lot of people had good input regarding the budget process; the taxpayer's advisory was shot down, but that is not to say that the Board members can't have advisors on the side.

Mr. Fuchs thanked the School Board members in attendance and the BoS for their efforts to communicate and stated that people are waiting to see what the School Board is going to do next year. Ms. Quinn explained the importance of the parents input through school. A taxpayer's group needs to be there and shouldn't go away, they should become stronger and hold the School Board and administration accountable, they should take it to the state and national level. She feels the "No child left behind" is hideous, you have to wonder about a federal program that is negative, what about "Every child forward." There is no funding and it is excruciatingly painful. Another

crises they are facing are the teacher's negotiations; they are working together and have met during the summer.

Hugh Redditt was concerned about paying for past debt and adding new debt and also asked if the School Board was going to start requiring the reconciliation of the proposed budget against the actual budget. Ms. Quinn explained they look at it each month and annually, they also proposed that they look at the bills to make sure they were put in the correct categories. The School District just paid off debt with a newly refunded bond this summer.

Dick Whitehead suggested for next year's budget that the School Board ask Dr. Scarnati to reduce the budget by ten percent and that the School Board won't accept anything else and make them live within their means.

Chairman McCaffrey commented that the School Board representative's attendance at the BoS meetings is creating a feeling of progress for the West Brandywine Township residents. Vice-Chairman Lindborg suggested that the other School Board representative's may want to do the same for the people they represent.

Bob Karpovich noted the CASD textbooks are very old. Ms. Urban explained that the education committee started the process and has a timetable where every area will be reviewed and will implement the curriculum throughout every school. This would make the textbooks in the different schools the same.

Ms. Quinn noted that one of the things the School Board is responsible for is to make sure that the curriculum is reviewed and that there is a three-year cycle. There has been a revision in the organization that is set up into three different areas, e.g., English, Math, Science and Social Studies. Alternative Education has allowed high-risk children to complete their education and they are trying to foster the program in Junior High. One of the biggest problems they are facing in the future is English, because we have a population where English is a second language. CASD has a fine staff of teachers that deserve good benefits and good pay. Chairman McCaffrey suggested reserving a portion of the Newsletter and Website for the School Board to post pertinent information.

Jesse Edwards commented that his niece teaches twenty-one first graders at Reeceville and puts in a long day from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Ms. Urban stated that she sees a lot of dedicated teachers volunteering their time, that is what makes successful schools.

Chairman McCaffrey then discussed the Line Item Budget being a public document. Ms. Urban agreed that the Line Item Budget should be a public document and stated she would appreciate the Township not going into litigation over the budget until the School Board has had time to review this. The Township Supervisors agreed they don't want to litigate, they only want the budget to be available. Donna stated they would like to come back to a BoS meeting again in January or February. The School District's website has the CASB representative's email addresses for any questions or comments.

**Public Comments** *Individuals requesting to be on the agenda*

Marie Pantalone, P.E., of McMahan Associates, Inc. is in attendance to go over the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis and Transportation Capital Improvements Plan with regard to the Township's

ACT 209 Study that is underway. John Cassels, Chairman of the Planning Commission and also a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee stated that the Transportation Advisory Committee and McMahon Associates have been coordinating and preparing a number of documents. The Transportation Advisory Committee would like the Board to consider adopting the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis as required under Act 209. Manager Rambo would like to have Marie attend the next BoS meeting after the Board has had sufficient time to review the document. Manager Rambo will give his comments to the BoS before the next meeting.

Supervisor Obernier noted that the current senior ranking officer of the Civilian Air Patrol would like to present something to the Board at the next meeting and would like him added to the agenda at the next meeting.

**Correspondence/Communications** *Information to Act Upon*

The Township is in receipt of a letter of extension from Greg and Amy Tremoglie for the rendering of a decision on the Glenmoore Veterinary Hospital Land Development Plan. Manager Rambo recommended that the Board accept the extension. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to accept the extension. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

The Board of Supervisors has been invited to the Eagle Ceremony of Brian Boyd scheduled to take place at the Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 17, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Manager Rambo will make up a plaque for Brian.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Mark Kohan of 204 Creeks Bend Drive with regard to speeding vehicles. Manager Rambo noted there was an accident involving a school bus on Creeks Bend Drive and he is requesting that a four way stop be placed at the intersection. Manager Rambo will look at the intersection and talk with Chief Werner to see if it warrants another stop sign.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from James E. Ellison, Esquire with regard to the Right to Know Requests that have gone unanswered when submitted to the CASD. Manager Rambo noted this was written to the chairman as a result of Chairman McCaffrey asking for information at the last School Board meeting. Our School Board representatives have a copy of the letter and are going to ask the question regarding the Line Item Budget being a public document. Manager Rambo noted he spoke with Mr. Ellison and his response was that they would probably have to ask for it again next year, that there are no current court cases that require it to be given.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Dennis C. Wolf of the PA Department of Agriculture with regard to Governor Rendells Administration's ACRE. Chairman McCaffrey noted his opinion was sent to PSAT's and also to his representative. The ACRE program had some good points but was very poorly thought out and diminished to local governments authority to carry out its mission. There was not one local government type person appointed to the governor's committee. PSAT's was leaning toward supporting it and he felt it was appropriate to send his opinion that he signed as a Supervisor of West Brandywine Township.

**Correspondence/Communications** *Information to Note*

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from John E. Good, Esquire with regard to proposed Ordinance NO. 04-04, discharge of firearms near occupied dwellings. Manager Rambo noted that

the Township's solicitor finds Ordinance NO. 04-04 to be in order. Vice-Chairman Lindborg would like the Township Manager to look into a noise ordinance. Supervisor Obernier would like to advertise Ordinance NO. 04-04 for a public meeting for the public's input without setting a date for enactment. Chairman McCaffrey feels incapable of designing wording in a regulation that would meet all of the extremes and encourages people to deal with it as individuals and feels that noise is a very difficult concept to work with. Vice-Chairman Lindborg feels that people turn to the BoS as a resource to help solve their problems. Chairman McCaffrey feels that you would put constraints on everyone. If left between individuals to argue it out, which is sometimes best, when 3,000 other households have not had a problem. Vice-Chairman Lindborg stated they are taking care of it with the discharge ordinance. Chairman McCaffrey feels that there is a lot more than noise to be concerned with a discharge of firearms because they are lethal. If someone turns on their generator and it annoys you, you survive it to complain. The trouble with firearms, if it is totally inappropriate, it could result in a fatality or serious injury and the person would never recover from his loss.

Michelle Benkovich stated they have a safety issue. They have found shotguns shells on their property. Chairman McCaffrey stated this a difficult decision to make, regardless of the decision they make, someone will be upset by it. Supervisor Obernier suggested publishing the Firearm Ordinance and request public comment and see what their comments are on the subject. Manager Rambo stated the whole ordinance would be placed in the paper and he would put in the advertisement, that after the public hearing the Board may consider the ordinance for enactment, then if you table it you don't have to re-advertise it again. Chairman McCaffrey wants the Discharge of Firearm Ordinance clearly advertised. Supervisor Obernier suggested they see what the public's input is going to be with regard to the shooting ordinance. Vice-Chairman Lindborg would like to see the wording of it prior to advertising it. The BoS agreed to advertise it after Vice-Chairman Lindborg approved the verbiage, and also look into a noise ordinance.

John E. Good, Esquire has forwarded correspondence with regard to the proposed Sewage Facilities Agreement for the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School and St. Peter's Church. Manager Rambo noted that John Good had concerns with regard to the original proposed agreement, which has been since revised and forwarded back to John Good. Comments have not been received from John Good, however, the Manager has looked at it and all of John Good's prior comments have been addressed. Manager Rambo recommended that the Chairman sign it and then it be held until receiving an official letter from the solicitor. Chairman McCaffrey stated he didn't feel comfortable signing anything without the Board's review. DEP wants this signed so they can review the planning module. Chairman McCaffrey stated he didn't like the drainage facilities that are there and felt manipulated in that they threatened to cut down trees to make it bigger under our ordinance.

The Township is in receipt of an invitation to participate in the upcoming Coatesville Christmas Parade. Manager Rambo will pass the invitation along to Chief Werner.

Kimberly Venzie, Esquire has forwarded the Township the additional documentation requested with regard to the Conti Conditional Use Hearing. Manager Rambo will review this for requirements so that he and John Good can prepare the Opinion and Order.

Stan Stubbe has forwarded the Township correspondence with regard to the Golf Zone Lighting. Supervisor Obernier stated that they are exceeding the lighting ordinance with light leaving the

boundaries of the property and suggested having glow in the dark golf balls with black lights. Chairman McCaffrey feels that the whole problem is the intensity of the light and want to resolve this being they have more and more projects coming in with bright lights. Supervisor Obernier stated they need to resolve this and is okay to suggest alternatives.

The DVRPC has forwarded the Township information on the Transfer of Development Rights. Manager Rambo stated this is a general brochure with guidelines on how to establish the Transfer of Development Rights.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence with regard to the Chester County Challenge Grant Program for Farmland Preservation. Manager Rambo noted that this grant could be monies utilized to establish a task force who would then delineate what they want to try to preserve.

East Brandywine Township has forwarded the Township a copy of their Official Map focusing on the establishment of a cross-township pedestrian walking trail linking Spatola Park and Community Parks for review and comments. Manager Rambo will forward the map onto the Planning Commission for their next meeting. John Cassels stated through the Comprehensive Plan from the Brandywine Conservancy, they have their own concept trail map and would like to see how it meshes together with East Brandywine's. He would like to forward the Comp Plan map on to East Brandywine.

### **Old Business**

The Board of Supervisors is searching for volunteers to serve on the Building Appeals Board and Historic Commission. There were no comments made.

The Township's Building Inspector/Codes Officer continues his review of the recently adopted building code bill for presentation of his recommendations to the Manager and Board of Supervisors. There were no comments made.

Discuss the proposed zoning amendments prepared by the Code Officer and Manager with regard to fences and signage. Manager Rambo noted this information was provided at the last BoS meeting. The Board has not yet reviewed the proposed zoning amendments.

The Township's 2005 budget preparation is underway. There were no comments made.

### **Old Business from the Floor**

Karen Vollemecke was concerned about the Agricultural Security Task Force falling by the wayside. Supervisor Obernier motioned to appoint Tom McCaffrey as the Chairperson of the Agricultural Security Task Force Committee. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg and McCaffrey voted aye. Chairman McCaffrey suggested that Karen pick a date to discuss what needs to be accomplished and at that time set up a series of meetings. Manager Rambo stated the last time this committee met, Karen Vollemecke and Rhonda Mowday had presented petitions for their farms. The process had never gone through for presentation to the Planning Commission, Public Meetings, and Hearings. This was about eighteen months ago, taking that into consideration, the Task Force could meet and present to the Township an automatic request to write a letter to the individuals in charge in West Chester to automatically add them in, do to the lack of proper timing to get them in right away. If the Township doesn't act, then it is deemed done.

## **Old Business from the Board**

There was no Old Business from the Board.

## **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution #09-04; adoption of the ACT 209 information presented by Marie Pantalone, P.E. of McMahon Associates, Inc. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to table Resolution #09-04. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

## **New Business**

Opening of sealed bids for the collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables for a period of three to five years. Manager Rambo explained the various options for the collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables. The Manager read out loud the three bids (Blosenski, A.J. Blosenski, and Waste Management) received with the various amounts and options, all of which included the bid bond. Manager Rambo will compile all the numbers in a spreadsheet. Manager Rambo recommended the Board table consideration all of the bids until they are evaluated and presented back to the Board. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to table awarding the Solid Waste bid. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

Recommendations of the Township Planning Commission.

1. *Preliminary subdivision and land development approval for the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School.* Manager Rambo noted they are seeking preliminary approval so they can move on to final submission, they have been working on addressing all the comments on the final submission so they can get a clear letter from Jim MacCombie. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to accept preliminary subdivision and land development approval for the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.
2. *Final subdivision plan approval for Hidden Meadows (Costa Homes) with conditions.* Manager Rambo noted this is a conditioned approval so that they have the ability to get funding. Chairman McCaffrey noted they still have the opportunity to approve the Homeowners documents. Vice-Chairman Lindborg was concerned about the names of the streets in the development. Manager Rambo stated that the Township approves the names as well as contacts the Post Office to make sure there are no duplicates. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to give conditioned approval based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion as long as the street names are acceptable. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier and McCaffrey voted aye.

Acceptance and signing of the Sewage Maintenance Agreement for the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School and St. Peter's Church. Vice-Chairman Lindborg made a motion conditioned upon receiving the letter from John Good and the approval of Chairman McCaffrey, for the acceptance of the Sewage Maintenance Agreement for the Coatesville Area Regional Catholic School and St. Peter's Church. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey voted aye.

Approval of release requests #1 & #2 for the Valley View Subdivision. Manager Rambo stated there were three release requests that have been rolled into one for a total of \$235,234.24 that have

been reviewed by Jim MacCombie, himself and found to be in order. Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to approve the release requests for Valley View. Supervisor Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, Obernier, and McCaffrey voted aye.

Selection of additional Conditional Use hearing dates for the Ridings of Hibernia and Brandywine Meadows (Mayes Tract) Projects, Wednesday, November 3, 2004 starting at 7:30 p.m. Manager Rambo will advertise the hearings as required by law.

The Township will be advertising Ordinance NO. 04-04 for an October 21, 2004 public hearing and maybe considered for adoption. Supervisor Obernier motioned that the Manager advertise this contingent upon Vice-Chairman Lindborg's approval of the verbiage. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey all voted aye.

The Township Manager and Solicitor are in the process of preparing Opinions & Orders for the Conti Conditional Use Hearing and the Golf Zone Conditional Use Hearing that have taken place. There were no comments made.

The Township is to consider the establishment of a Task Force to oversee the Open Space Preservation being considered within the Township to create of a list of tax parcels to pursue. Manager Rambo stated they need to come up with some means to utilize the funds they are collecting with the tax and recommended that they use the Comp Plan Task Force. The Board agreed to use the Comp Plan Task Force as well as others that submit their name.

Manager Rambo noted that East Brandywine Fire Company would like to meet and discuss funding with regards to contributions that West Brandywine Township makes to East Brandywine Fire Company. Currently the Township contributes \$7,000, they are asking for a six hundred percent increase. Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked how they are justifying this increase. Manager Rambo stated they have provided a book that gives you this information. The Manager noted he explained to David Kirkner from East Brandywine that WBT already has funds to establish a substation from one of the three companies that service the Township. The Manager will take financial status, volunteers, and training into consideration into selecting a company. They will purchase commercial trucks that will stay in this Township that are functional to fight fires and go up and down driveways. Chairman McCaffrey feels that East Brandywine is okay with a substation. Manager Rambo stated if they create a substation then there wouldn't be contributions given to East Brandywine because WBT would own the trucks and pay insurance.

Joan Thomson explained that not-for-profits opens up a whole new area of funding. The Township could apply for various grants as a not-for-profit, e.g., volunteer fire company, Friends of Rudy for the K-9 costs; you would use Township funds as matching funds. Vice-Chairman Lindborg asked if the money received for the fire department could be kept in the Township. Manager Rambo answered yes, the Township received \$47,000 this year for Fireman's Relief and if the Township establishes a substation, they could also establish WBT Firemen's Relief, strictly for those funds to be utilized at that substation. A substation would be beneficial, Uwchlan Township has their road personnel trained to drive fire apparatus and operate the pumps. Chairman McCaffrey stated he wouldn't like the Township employees as drivers responding to fires in every community they might service. Manager Rambo answered you would have to set up guidelines. Supervisor Obernier stated another benefit noted an example of a house burning down on Baker Road because they didn't have the right fire chief. Manager Rambo will write a letter

acknowledging that the Board has received the contribution request and will provide comments and schedule a meeting with East Brandywine Township Supervisors.

### **New Business from the Floor**

Jesse Edwards suggested they use the Coatesville Ledger for advertising. Manager Rambo explained the Ledger does not meet the advertisement requirements.

Bob Karpovich asked for an update with regards to the Golf Training Facility. Manager Rambo stated they are currently working on the plans and that he is waiting for an acceptance letter with regard to the amended Zoning Permit.

### **New Business from the Board**

There was no New Business from the Board.

### **Public Comments** (individuals not requesting to be on the agenda)

There were no comments made.

### **Open Issues Before the Township**

Cable Franchise. Supervisor Obernier noted they received a letter of explanation of the new categories. Manager Rambo will set up a meeting with them.

### **Facility/Park Update**

Interest rates on the variable rate Park and Building Bond are 2.04%.

### **Review and Payment of the bills**

Manager Rambo noted bills for the State Fund (\$57,134.00) and General Fund (\$125,314.35). Vice-Chairman Lindborg motioned to pay the bills and Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey, and Obernier voted aye in favor of their payment.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, October 11, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors meeting, Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
- Trick or Treat, Sunday, October 31, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- General Elections, Tuesday, November 2, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Conditional Use Hearings, Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., Ridings of Hibernia and at 8:45 p.m., Brandywine Meadows (Mayes Tract).

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss, Supervisor Obernier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 p.m. Vice-Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey voted aye in favor of adjournment.

Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.

Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

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