

**Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2009**  
**Board of Supervisors Special Meeting**

Chairman Obernier called the Board of Supervisors special meeting of June 18, 2009 to order at 8:56 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Manager Rambo noted Chairman Josef G. Obernier Sr., Vice-Chairman Thomas J. McCaffrey, and Carl S. Lindborg in attendance. Township Manager Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. was also present.

Manager Rambo noted the reason the BoS meeting was starting late is because an executive session of the BoS took place.

**Public Comments** (individuals requesting to be on agenda)

There were no Public Comments.

**Old Business**

*Discuss furlough of police officers scheduled to take place at 11:00 p.m. or 23:00 hours this date, June 30, 2009.* Chairman Obernier motioned to rescind the BoS prior motion to effect furloughs of police officers that were scheduled to take effect on June 30, 2009 at 2300 hours. Supervisor Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey voted aye.

Chairman Obernier also motioned to rescind the BoS prior motion to have state police coverage from 2300 hours to 0700 hours seven day per week. Supervisor Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey voted aye.

Chairman Obernier explained the motion was the legal part of rescinding the vote to furlough police officers. The BoS, Police Association, and two officers met and after discussion and some give and take, they came to a consensus that all are comfortable with. It was noted that the Labor Attorney Christopher P. Gerber of Siana, Bellwoar, & McAndrew is also present.

Dave Domblesky thanked the BoS for working out an agreement; the police department will be doing 24-hour coverage and are not losing any officers through furloughs. Supervisor Lindborg added this is a mutually beneficial understanding. It comes down to economics and not a lack of support for the police department or officers. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey voiced that his first concern is that there will be no tax increase for West Brandywine Township. The Township has

to live within its means. As a responsible elected official you have to make sure that your community and facility learns to live within its mean without reaching into the residents' pockets.

Jeff Grossman of Beaver Creek Road asked the length of the agreement. Attorney Chris Gerber commented that unfortunately the agreement has to be signed off by membership before going into detail. The BoS and Police Association worked feverishly to put this agreement together.

Chairman Obernier noted the details were edited which took 1-½ hours and now it has to go to the Police Association for their vote being they were not all in attendance. Chairman Obernier stated it is just about money and the BoS is committed to no tax increase. Corporal Domblesky made it clear to the BoS, as time passes if the Township doesn't meet its money targets, they will sit down to try and work something else out. Chairman Obernier stated it is always better to sit down and talk face to face rather than talking through attorneys.

Supervisor Lindborg acknowledged one of the things that came out was that things were different than what interpretations of things were. The BoS had the opportunity to discuss things so their intensions were clearly understood to everyone, so in the end it worked out. Chairman Obernier stated it means a lot to the BoS that the residents are in attendance at tonight's meeting.

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

There was no old business from the floor.

### **New Business**

*Discuss personnel matters.* The personnel matters were previously discussed.

### **New Business from the Floor or the Board**

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

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

A resident thanked the BoS.

Chairman Obernier's final comment was that there have been many rumors, it has nothing to do with the quality of individuals or work they do, it is just strictly dollars. Finally they have been able to sit down, talk and come to an agreement and thanked Corporal Domblesky for giving the BoS the latitude to sit down and work on the no furlough issue.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Lindborg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Lindborg, McCaffrey, and Obernier voted aye in favor of adjournment.

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