

**Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2012
Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Obernier called the West Brandywine Township (WBT) Board of Supervisors meeting of May 3, 2012 to order at 7:30 pm. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Manager Rambo noted Supervisor's Josef G. Obernier, Sr. and William E. Webb in attendance. Thomas J. McCaffrey, Jr. arrived at 7:34 p.m. Also present was Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.

Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

The Minutes of April 19, 2012 were addressed upon Vice-Chairman McCaffrey's arrival at the meeting. Chairman Obernier stated he turned in his changes. Supervisor Webb noted he was okay with the minutes. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned to accept the minutes of April 19, 2012, seconded by Supervisor Webb. Board members McCaffrey, Webb, and Obernier voted aye.

Treasurer's Report (n/a)

Special Public Presentations/Notice - None

Public Comments (*residents or representatives of taxpayers of the Township requesting to be on agenda*). There were no Public Comments.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to act upon*

The Board of Supervisors is in receipt of information from the Parks and Recreation Board and are seeking support of their 5K/1K Run and Walk slated for Saturday, September 9, 2012. Manager Rambo stated the Parks and Recreation Board is looking for \$3,800 to initiate their run/walk event with the hope they will recoup that money and raise additional funds for a local charity. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned to support the Parks and Rec request, seconded by Supervisor Webb. Board members McCaffrey, Webb, and Obernier voted aye.

The Chester County Tax Claim Bureau has forwarded the Township an Authorization Form to remove uncollectable liens. Manager Rambo noted there is one mobile home on the list that is uninhabitable and monies (\$19.85) are uncollectable. This mobile home has been removed. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned to remove this mobile home from the tax list, seconded by Supervisor Webb. Board members McCaffrey, Webb, and Obernier voted aye.

The Township is invited to attend an Active Transportation Forum scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at The Church Farms School. The Board will let Manager Rambo know if they are going to attend.

The Township is in receipt of the Round 21 Henderson Conservation Easement Grant addendum for signing of which extends the grant until November 14, 2012. Manager Rambo recommended the Board sign the addendum to give the Township additional time to submit additional reimbursement requests. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey motioned to sign the addendum to extend the grant until November 14th, seconded by Supervisor Webb. Board members McCaffrey, Webb, and Obernier voted aye.

Correspondence/Communications *Information to note*

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from the County Commissioners lifting the Countywide No Burning Ban. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey disagreed that the County has the authority to regulate burning on individual properties in West Brandywine and further commented.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority as it pertains to the updated Processing and Marketing Contract pricing. Manager Rambo noted the new prices for single stream is \$28.86 per ton.

The Auditor General has provided the Township with its Liquid Fuels report for the period of January 2008 through December 31, 2010. Chairman Obernier stated the audit was found to be satisfactory, with no issues at all.

The Chester County Conservation District has provided the Township with its new plan review rates that will become effective on June 1, 2012. Manager Rambo stated the new review rates will be given to developers and agricultural entities.

Reports of Departments, Organizations, Boards and Commissions (n/a)

Public Hearings (Ordinances as advertised) none

Old Business

The Manager has met with representatives of PADEP and the Army Corp of Engineers as it pertains to the replacement of the Icedale Road bridges with precast concrete culvert systems by CONTEC and to discuss what would be involved in replacing said bridges. Manager Rambo will also meet with representatives from a company that does timber frame bridges.

The Board of Supervisors is in receipt of the amended Contractual Agreements for Fire Protection Services as a result of their review and suggestions for discussion and presentation to the local fire companies. Manager Rambo stated the fire companies were presented with a proposed contractual agreement, they took this to their legal council and the Township was presented back with their modifications. Draft number two has been prepared and will be reviewed by the Township's legal counsel and will then go back to the fire company's legal counsel. Chairman Obernier stated he has minor changes to draft number two. Supervisor Webb is okay with the agreement.

The Township Manager is finalizing the amendments to the Recycling Ordinance to ensure that it is up to date with regard to materials being recycled, reporting requirements of businesses and to allow for a June 7, 2012 adoption consideration. There were no comments.

The Township is awaiting information from John Tallman of Tower Economics Company, Inc. with regard to the possible placement of a tower at the old Kimberwick Sewer Treatment Facility. There were no comments.

The Township's Emergency Management Committee continues its update to the Township EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) so that it can be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Chairman Obernier noted he gave the Emergency Management Committee additional contact information.

Old Business from the Floor

Mike Canale asked about the sale of confiscated weapons. Chairman Obernier suggested he see the Police Chief to see the list of items. Further discussion ensued.

Old Business from the Board

There was none.

New Business

The Township is in receipt of the final version of the proposed new Comcast Agreement and the Ordinance necessary to adopt said agreement is being advertised for a May 17, 2012 public hearing and adoption consideration. Manager Rambo noted that Supervisor Webb will not be in attendance at the May 17th meeting and requested any comments that he may have prior to that meeting.

The Township is advertising for a May 17, 2012 bid opening for road equipment that will be utilized by the multi-municipal paving group of which the Township participates in. There were no comments.

Township representatives have attended a second meeting of those municipalities that are interested in establishing a Council of Governments. Manager Rambo explained that he and Chairman Obernier attended the meeting, sample agreements and sample ordinances were handed out for review. There were ten municipalities in attendance. Five volunteers of elected officials will formulate an ordinance and agreement for presentation to the entire group on Wednesday, June 27th at Caln Township to see if there is an interest. Also discussed were topics that people would be interested in participating. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey was concerned that they would be making decisions that would be incumbent on WBT. Manager Rambo and Chairman Obernier answered no and gave a brief explanation.

New Business from the Floor

There was no New Business from the Floor.

New Business from the Board

There was no New Business from the Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Public Comments

Developer Presentations

There were no Developer Presentations.

Open Issues Before the Township

The Township Engineer and Manager continue their work on updating the Township's Act Plan. There were no comments.

The Township is looking for two volunteers to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. There were no comments.

The Township Manager is working to complete the Airport Hazard Zoning District Overlay. There were no comments.

The Township is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Historic Commission. There were no comments.

The Manager continues his work on the Township's Agricultural Security Area update. There were no comments.

Updates to the Township's lighting section of its Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. There were no comments.

Driveway onto Baker Road near Reason Lane. There were no comments.

Investment of Pension Funds according to Section 3204 of the Second Class Township Code. There were no comments.

General Obligation Note

(Emmaus Bond Pool Adjustable Rate Bond for the Twp. and Public Works Facility/Park Construction: interest rate for the week is 1.35%). There were no comments.

Review and Payment of the Bills

Manager Rambo noted the General Fund bills total \$21,540.60 and the Fire Protection Fund bills total \$512.48, the Solid Waste Fund bills total \$34,527.38, and the State Liquid Fuel Fund bills \$1,790.10. Supervisor Webb motioned to approve the payment of the bills, seconded by Vice-Chairman McCaffrey. Board members Webb, McCaffrey, and Obernier voted aye.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Parks and Recreation Board, Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Municipal Authority, Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
- Historic Commission, Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors, Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
- Open Space Review Board, Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission, Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors, Thursday, Jun 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Webb noted he would not be attendance at the May 17th BoS meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor Webb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m. Vice-Chairman McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Webb, McCaffrey, and Obernier voted aye in favor of adjournment.

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