

**Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2011**  
**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Lindborg called the West Brandywine Township (WBT) Board of Supervisors meeting of May 5, 2011 to order at 7:30 pm. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Manager Rambo noted Supervisor's Carl S. Lindborg and Josef G. Obernier, Sr. in attendance. Township Manager Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. was also in attendance. Supervisor Thomas J. McCaffrey Jr. arrived at 7:35 pm.

**Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

*April 7, 2011 and April 21, 2011.* The minutes were addressed after Supervisor McCaffrey arrived. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Chairman Lindborg. Board members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey voted aye.

**Treasurer's Report (n/a)**

The Treasurer's report is not applicable at this meeting.

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

*Ed Pristernik of 80 Fox Lane has questions with regard to the Township's budget.* Ed Pristernick asked questions about the increases to the budget over the years and further voiced displeasure that the public was not informed regarding the increases in the trash fees. Supervisor McCaffrey spoke to this issue and explained this information is announced each year at the first meeting of the year. Discussion ensued regarding the public attendance of the BoS meetings. Supervisor McCaffrey noted that people don't come because they are satisfied and commented that only people running for office seem to attend. Vice-Chairman Obernier explained the reason the Township puts trash and recycling collection out to bid and the reason they provide this service to all WBT residents, except for those that can prove they are already paying a private trash fee because they own their own business; by bidding out on a per household basis the residents pay less. Further dialog ensued.

**Correspondence/Communications** *Information to act upon*

*Steve DiMarco of The Golf Zone is reaching out to the Township with regard to the holding of a Summer Festival that would benefit the Golf Zone, Autism and the Township.* Steve DiMarco stated he spoke with Manager Rambo and also met with the Parks and Recreation Board and then delineated the plans to have a summer festival on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon until 7:30 p.m. Mr. DiMarco would like the Board's okay to call it the West Brandywine Summer Festival at the Golf Zone. Vice-Chairman Obernier asked about the proceeds. Mr. DiMarco stated he would donate between 5% and 10% to the Township. Manager Rambo noted the Parks and Rec Board are requesting that the proceeds for the Parks and Rec Board go toward the establishment of a snack shed. It was also noted that should Mr. DiMarco need assistance from the local Police Department with extra patrol that Mr. DiMarco will pay for it. It was noted that Supervisor McCaffrey arrived. Supervisor McCaffrey stated he supported Mr. DiMarco's efforts to raise funds, seconded by Vice-Chairman Obernier. Board members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

At this time the Board moved to address the minutes and address Public Comments.

*The Township is in receipt of a letter of extension from Alyson Zarro, Esquire for the Pulte Homes of Pennsylvania, L.P. Phase II to IV Del Webb Plans until June 19, 2011.* Manager Rambo noted the Township is in receipt of a letter from MacCombie denoting that the extension request is warranted as the applicant is finalizing outstanding issues. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to approve Pulte's extension request, seconded by Chairman Lindborg. Board members Obernier, Lindborg, and McCaffrey voted aye.

*The Township is in receipt of a ninety day letter of extension from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. on behalf of the Hammell-O'Donnell Business Park. Manager Rambo noted the Township is in receipt of a letter from MacCombie stating that the extension request is warranted as the applicant is in the process of obtaining sewer capacity from the Western Chester County Sewer Authority. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to approve Hammell-O'Donnell's extension request, seconded by Supervisor McCaffrey. Board members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye.*

**Correspondence/Communications** *Information to note*

*The Township is in receipt of correspondence from the Chester County Agricultural Land Preservation Board with regard to farmland preservation applications that can be submitted until December 1, 2011 through the Commonwealth Program and the Chester County Challenge Grant Program. Vice-Chairman Obernier questioned if the County is giving people money for their land. Manager Rambo explained this is similar to a conservation easement and will look further into it.*

*The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Paul J. Cody, Jr., Esquire with regard to the Conservation Easement being discussed with the Edwin C. Baldwin, III and Mary P. Trego. Manager Rambo will meet with the Baldwin's and representatives to discuss the conservation easement and also find out what the Agricultural Land Preservation Board is doing with farmland preservation, and see if funds can be combined to preserve the property.*

*The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Richard M. Johnson, P.E., S.E. O., Director of the Bureau of Environmental Health Protection with the Chester County Health Department. Manager Rambo stated Mr. Johnson is introducing himself as the new individual at the Health Department.*

**Old Business**

*The Manager is finalizing the Safety Committee Policy, Medical Information Policy and PSATS CDL Program and Guidance Policy for the Boards review and consideration. There were no comments.*

*The Manager continues the gathering of information on the cost to repair or reconstruct the Icedale Road bridges. The Manager is awaiting information for quotes and suggestions.*

**Old Business from the Floor**

Ed Pristernik wanted to make corrections for the minutes and noted that Supervisor McCaffrey had stated that Mr. Pristernik never came to any BoS meetings back in the old building. Mr. Pristernik noted that as President of the Rotary Club in 2002, he was in attendance to donate a defibrillator to the Police Department.

Discussions once again ensued with regard to the tax increases noted in the recent newsletter and that nothing was noted with regard to the increase of the trash and recycling fee over the years. Supervisor McCaffrey pointed out that the trash and recycling fee is that, a fee for a specific service.

**Old Business from the Board**

Vice Chairman Obernier requested that the YMCA put the light shields back up that they removed one year ago in order to do a light test. Manager Rambo stated he would request that the YMCA put the shades back on that create visible light distraction but to still meet the Township's minimum requirements in the parking lot. After some discussion the BoS were in favor of the Manager requesting that the YMCA resolve their lighting issue within the next 60 days.

**New Business**

*The Manager is awaiting confirmation as to a date and time in which he will be meeting with Natasha Manbeck, Director of Transportation Services for the Chester County Planning Commission and representatives of PennDot to discuss a potential roundabout for the intersection of PA82, Reeceville Road and Cedar Knoll Road. There were no comments.*

*The Board of Supervisors to provide the Manager with dates and times in which to meet with the West Caln Township Supervisors to discuss the ambulance service being provided by Martins Corner. Manager Rambo will let the BoS know the date.*

*Recommendations of the Township Planning Commission. Steve Jakatt noted the PC recommended to the BoS that they accept Pulte's letter of extension, which was done earlier in the meeting. Manager Rambo noted that the PC also recommended rejection of the Hammell O'Donnell plan based on the latest engineer's review letter if the Township didn't receive a letter of extension. The Township has received Hammell O'Donnell's letter of extension.*

*Summer newsletter articles are due on Linda Formica's desk by Monday, May 16, 2011. There were no comments.*

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

Barry Parson's asked where the recommendations are for the Historical Commission, noting the HC made a viable recommendation after their March 12, 2011 meeting on the US Preservation Act of 1966. Board members McCaffrey and Lindborg explained the PC's recommendations are presented at the first BoS meeting because of the time clock constraints and that the Reports of Boards and Commissions are addressed at the second meeting of the month. Discussion ensued regarding Act 106.

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

There was no New Business from the Board.

### **Public Comments & Developer Presentations**

There were no Public Comments or Developer Presentations.

### **Open Issues before the Township**

*The Township Engineer and Manager continue their work on updating the Township's Act 537 Plan. There were no comments.*

*The Township is looking for two volunteers to fill vacancies 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.*

### **General Obligation Note**

*Emmaus Bond Pool Adjustable Rate Bond for the Twp. and Public Works Facility/Park Construction: interest rate for the week is 2.15% There were no comments.*

### **Review and Payment of the Bills**

Manager Rambo noted he would like to have the bill for reimbursement to Vice-Chairman Obernier for the PSATS convention approved separately. The General Fund bills total \$26,760.31, Open Space Fund bills total \$88.39, Solid Waste bills total \$5,549.46, Liquid Fuel Fund bills total \$6,428.71. Members of the BoS reviewed the bills and found them in order. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to pay the bills with the exception of the Josef G. Obernier, Sr. bill, seconded by Supervisor McCaffrey. Board members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to pay the bill to Josef G. Obernier, Sr., seconded by Chairman Lindborg. Board members McCaffrey and Lindborg voted aye. Vice-Chairman Obernier abstained because the check was made out to him.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- Historic Commission meeting, Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7: 30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
- Conditional Use Hearings, Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. (Hide-Away Farms and AQUA Pennsylvania, Inc.)

- Municipal Authority meeting, Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors meeting, Thursday May 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
- Open Space Review Board meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Vice-Chairman Obernier, with all board members voting in favor of adjournment. Board members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

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