

**Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2008**  
**Board of Supervisors**

Chairman Lindborg called the Board of Supervisors meeting of June 5, 2008 to order at 7:45 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 Carl S. Lindborg, Vice-Chairman Josef G. Obernier, Sr. and Supervisor Thomas J. McCaffrey in attendance. The following individuals were present to represent the various departments: Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. [Twp. Mgr./Sec./Treas.], Walter Werner [Chief of Police], Dale Barnett [Codes/Zoning Officer], and Thomas Eells [Director of Public Works].

**Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

April 3, 2008, April 17, 2008, May 1, 2008 and May 15, 2008. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 3, April 17, and May 15. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye. The May 1, 2008 minutes were tabled.

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

*Colton Weber of the PA DCED is in attendance to talk to the Board with regard to what is involved in establishing and participating on a Fire Services Committee/Task Force.* The following people were in attendance representing the following fire companies; Robert Zynn [Chief of East Brandywine], Jeff Seece [Chief of Glenmoore], Dan Metzler [Chief of Martin's Corner], and Jeff Benach [Chief of Wagontown]. Manager Rambo noted the original meeting between Glenmoore and East Brandywine occurred on March 4, 2008. Colton Weber was in attendance at that meeting to explain the process and what was involved with the Fire Services Committee and Task Force. WBT BoS requested that Mr. Weber attend tonight to further explain the Task Force to them and to also get involved with the other fire companies that service WBT, which are Martin's Corner and Wagontown. Chief Seece noted he is 100% behind forming a Task Force for two reasons. 1) For the community. 2) To have the community be involved to help make decisions.

Weber explained that the reason they met on March 4<sup>th</sup> was for the possibility of looking at what would be needed to consolidate or develop some type of partnership with the fire companies. Pennsylvania is made up of 2,563 municipalities of which they have 2,334 volunteer fire companies. Only 10% of the 2,334 fire companies are financially solid. In 1975 there was a study done and PA had 210,000 volunteer fire fighters, in 2005 the number decreased to 70,000. The best way to develop partnerships is to create a Task Force. The Task Force would look at fire protection and what would be the best means to provide fire service to the area. By having citizens involved it gives it more credibility.

Supervisor McCaffrey surmised if you have a volunteer organization that is having a hard time retaining its own volunteers, it would further disenfranchise them by having citizens from outside of that

association tell them how to manage their business. Weber explained that the task force helps to identify problems and help come up with solutions. The task force will have 18 months to come up with scenarios and then come back to the municipality or fire department to let them know what they found.

The Fire Chiefs in attendance collectively agreed they were in favor of the study. Vice-Chairman Obernier questioned what the BoS duties, responsibilities, and obligations would be should they move forward with setting up a task force. Weber explained that the BoS would be committing to have a representative on that task force and that they would take the time to carefully select what citizen they would like to have on the task force. The BoS would also have to pass a resolution recognizing the Task Force as the entity that is going to be doing this work for them.

Vice-Chairman Obernier asked the reason to do a resolution. Weber answered that it gives credence to the Task Force. Supervisor McCaffrey favored the idea of collecting information, but objects to having a conclusion put on it by this group, that somehow makes the fire companies feel like they are expected to follow through on it. McCaffrey has seen numerous studies regarding regionalization that bigger works better, but then there is less community involvement and less feeling of being an important part of something. Regionalization is not always a benefit.

Weber answered that would come out in the study and briefly explained what the study would consist of. There is no mandate that states that whatever the Task Force says has to be implemented. Chairman Lindborg felt that the members of the fire companies that would be most directly affected are the participants. Supervisor McCaffrey noted if you start out to find facts to see what would work for our community, that is one thing but objects to someone coming in with a prescription to regionalize.

Ken Brady from Glenmoore Fire Company noted that the most important part is that the Township's, citizens and fire companies are involved. The fire companies don't have the resources, need help, and don't have enough time in a day. Weber explained that the Task Force is just a tool to use; it is not saying that you have to do anything. The State is here to set up the structure and take a-hands off approach. Supervisor McCaffrey noted if they want to have a fact-finding, feasibility Task Force to find out what resources there are, how they are applied, and what partnerships to develop that is fine. McCaffrey was not in favor of regionalizing of fire companies. Chairman Lindborg questioned the State, that they are in no way directing anyone to go regional. Weber answered no, the only reason he is in attendance tonight is because the BoS asked him. Discussion continued.

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

*The Coatesville Area Public Library is requesting an increase from \$1.00 per capita to \$1.50 per capita for the Township's 2008 contribution (\$7,153.00 to \$10,730.00).* At the last BoS meeting Chairman Lindborg requested a count, and the library responded back and said they can't provide names. Manager Rambo called and left a message and requested further information from the library, how many people from WBT go to Coatesville Library. Chairman Lindborg doesn't believe that many residents utilize the Coatesville Library. Supervisor McCaffrey concurred.

Manager Rambo summarized he is hearing from the BoS, that the BoS is not going to raise the contribution and may even consider contributing less. Vice-Chairman Obernier questioned a few people living in WBT if they use Coatesville Library and they said that they utilize Chester County Library in Exton and asked what the other municipalities are contributing. Obernier suggested that the BoS follow Lindborg's lead as to what he wants to do. Further discussion ensued. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to table the request and asked Manager Rambo to request that the library substantiate that WBT residents are utilizing the Coatesville Library. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board

Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye. Vice-Chairman Obernier would also like to get a list of other municipal contributions that were given over the past three years.

*The Township is in receipt of Conservation and Trail Easement documents relative to the Thornbury property on Hadfield Road for signing.* Manager Rambo recommended that the paperwork be signed; East Brandywine has already signed the documents. John Good has reviewed them and found them in order. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to sign the Conservation and Trail Easement documents for the Thornbury property. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

*The Township is in receipt of a request from Robert Watts to become a member of the Parks and Recreation Board.* Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS appoint Robert Watts. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to appoint Robert Watts to the Parks and Recreation Board. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye.

*The Township has received correspondence from East Brunswick Township, Schuylkill County, seeking support of their Sewage Sludge Ordinance.* Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS review the correspondence prior the next meeting; if the BoS wants to move forward with it to show support a resolution will be prepared. Vice-Chairman Obernier noted he read through East Brunswick's letter and is okay to support it.

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

*The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Freedom Village with regard to their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.* Manager Rambo noted they are requesting a contribution, however, the Township can't make contributions of that type. Chairman Lindborg suggested that Manager Rambo contact Freedom Village and see if they would like to have a WBT Board member participate.

*The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Senator Rafferty who is a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 2.* Manager Rambo noted Bill 2 is regarding a 30-year bond for \$750,000 that could be used for grants and loans for construction and rehabilitation of public water and sewer projects and high hazard dams. Vice-Chairman Obernier is okay with the Senate Bill.

*The Chester County Department of Community Development has forwarded correspondence to the Township with regard to Block Grants during the period of 2009-2011.* Manager Rambo explained that in 1996 the Authority was able to get a few individual block grants for the residents of Freedom Village.

#### **Old Business**

Discuss and consider participation on a Fire Services Committee/Task Force with East Brandywine, Upper Uwchlan, Wallace and West Nantmeal Townships with regard to fire and rescue services. Vice-Chairman Obernier questioned if they move in the direction of the task force, he is okay with it as long as Supervisor McCaffrey is the BoS representative on it and asked if it would be more fruitful if the BoS were to sit and talk with the fire companies directly. Chairman Lindborg stated that it seemed to him, that the fire companies are collectively all in favor of establishing the task force and felt that it would be a good idea to try and organize this task force. Manager Rambo will review the sample resolution and come up with something that the BoS might be interested in passing.

The Castaldi Conditional Use Hearing has been continued until Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. There were no comments.

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

There was no Old Business from the Floor.

### **Old Business from Board**

Vice-Chairman Obernier noted a while back he requested the YMCA plan, North Brandywine plan, and the conditions that were generated from the CUH for the cemetery. Manager Rambo will put them in Vice-Chairman Obernier's mailbox.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution #06-2008: multi-municipal grant submission to DEP. Manager Rambo explained this is a resolution that East Brandywine, West Bradford, Caln, and West Brandywine Township have already or will soon be adopting regarding participation for the submission of a grant to DEP for the purchase of a horizontal grinder that will be used in each municipality for recycling purposes. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to adopt Resolution #06-2008; a multi-municipal grant to DEP. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye.

### **New Business**

*The Township Manager is compiling all of the recently received correspondence from the real estate appraiser with regard to the final language of the Henderson "Conservation Easement" for mailing to the Henderson's and their attorney for review.* Manager Rambo noted that the appraiser modified two pages based on the language that they are adopting for the easements. The appraised value has stayed the same. An agreement of sale will be prepared for review.

*Recommendations of the Township Planning Commission.* Manager Rambo noted the recommendations are to establish a Conditional Use Hearing for Haines and Kibblehouse regarding the historic structure located on Horseshoe Pike. The Hearing will be scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2008. Manager Rambo recommended that the BoS accept the extension of time from Ross Unruh to establish the initial hearing because July 14<sup>th</sup> is past the allotted time. Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to accept the letter of extension. Supervisor McCaffrey seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier, McCaffrey, and Lindborg voted aye.

*The WBTMA Board has provided the Board of Supervisors with copies of correspondence from High Swartz LLP concerning the proposed PAWC PUC rate increase and is seeking Township support.* Manager Rambo recommended the BoS write a letter of support for their pursuing of the PAWC PUC filing, that it will be done in the best interest of the municipality and residents within the Township, to keep future tap in fees, capacity fees, and rates as low as possible. And let it be known to the Authority that this is a letter of support. The BoS concurred.

The Township's summer edition of the newsletter is being prepared for printing and distribution. Chairman Lindborg would like some new articles. Chairman Lindborg would like to be notified when articles are due to see if he would like to suggest something specific at that time. Vice-Chairman Obernier suggested that an article be included regarding the Fire Committee/Task Force.

### **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.

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

There were no Public Comments.

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

The Manager and Township Engineer continue in their efforts of reviewing and updating the Township's Act 537 Plan. There were no comments.

The Township is in receipt of correspondence from E. B. Walsh & Associates and the Township Engineer with regard to the cul-de-sac waiver request for the Brandywine Manor Project (Gordon Eck Property). There were no comments.

The Township continues to seek volunteers to serve on the Historic Commission (two volunteers) and Parks and Recreation Board (one volunteer).

Vice-Chairman Obernier requested an update on the Conti property. Manager Rambo noted that Dale and himself had an onsite meeting with John Conti regarding the property located on Route 340 and Pratts Dam Road. They suggested that Conti cut down the brush and debris around the facility and board it up. Conti later advised the Township that he received a call from an individual that may be interested in purchasing the facility and restoring it, this individual is also interested in purchasing the 66 acres from the City of Coatesville to develop it as a fifty-five plus community along with a long term care facility.

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

Interest rate for the week (1.97%). Supervisor McCaffrey expressed it would be beneficial for the Municipal Authority to get their money this way. Chairman Lindborg noted this has worked out well for the Township. Manager Rambo noted this particular avenue of funding is no longer available.

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

Manager Rambo noted the Solid Waste Bills totaling \$20,320.67 and General Fund bills totaling \$174,882.69. Supervisor McCaffrey questioned who Sunoco Home Comfort is. Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to pay the bills. Vice-Chairman Obernier noted he reviewed the bills, found them in order, and seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Chairman Lindborg noted the upcoming meeting and events. There were no comments.

- Historic Commission, Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- Parks and Recreation Board, Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Municipal Authority, Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- Board of Supervisors, Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- Open Space Review Board, Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission, Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, Supervisor McCaffrey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Vice-Chairman Obernier seconded the motion. Board Members McCaffrey, Obernier, and Lindborg voted aye.

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