

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES**  
**APRIL 11, 2018**

**Attendees:**

Sue Drummond, Chair; William Holmes, Vice Chair; and Scott Lambert, member. Staff in attendance: John Nagel, Township Manager; John Neild, Assistant Director of Public Works; Cathy Kleponis, Finance Director; Steve Brown, Zoning Officer; Donna Wikert, Asst. to the Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Solicitor; Chris Yeager, Deputy Chief; Natasha Manbeck; Transportation Planner

Ms. Drummond opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Police and Codes & Life Safety:**

Matt Fink - Deputy Director Codes & Life Safety and Deputy Chief Yeager, Presented Certificates to East Whiteland Police Officer George Popp, Police Sergeant John Kopacz, East Whiteland Firefighters Greg Lewis, Brian Hughes, Captain Mike Risell, Deputy Fire Director Matt Fink and Malvern Paramedics Eric Nowaczyk, Amanda Baker and Jordan Edgerton. On March 28, 2018. East Whiteland Ambulance and Fire Company, Malvern Paramedics and East Whiteland Police were dispatched to the Planet Fitness Center, 271 Lancaster Avenue for a medical emergency. The team continued the care begun by by-standers until the patient was received by the Emergency Department at Paoli Hospital. The patient was admitted to the hospital where his condition continued to improve. The patient, - Mr. Goslin, stood up and thanked all who saved his life.

Matt Fink, presented Chris Strauss, with a certificate for 25 years of service as East Whiteland Forest Fire Warden by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (DCNR).

**East Whiteland Township Volunteer Fire Company Board- LEED Certified Building:**

Senator Andy Dinniman presented Mr. Rubino and Gary Sheridan with the LEED Certified Building award, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. East Whiteland is the only firehouse in the state to be awarded such a prestigious Award. Congratulations to East Whiteland Fire company and all the members and volunteers.

Mr. Rubino, thanked everyone for all their support and confidence in this project. He acknowledged Rob Fenza, who coordinated along with several people who have been the backbone of this venture. He gave a brief overview of the process from beginning to end.

Ms. Drummond announced that Executive Sessions were held on March 14 and April 3 at 4pm to discuss personnel matters. Today Williams North East Supply (Pipe Line) is posting an Environmental Public Statement that will be opened for Public comment. The information will be posted on the East Whiteland website.

**Public Comment:**

Mrs. Martha Darpino, a resident of East Goshen Township wanted to make East Whiteland township aware that she and several residents of EWT are very concerned with the Malvern Institute expanding. She is concerned about people knocking on doors of EWT residents wanting to use their phone and other issues. Mrs. Darpino was at the East Goshen TWP meeting and they suggested what kind of support she

could count on from EWT. Ms. Drummond knew of the concerns with East Goshen residents but not with East Whiteland residents. Mr. Nagel said he was aware of this and was planning on sending a representative to the next East Goshen Board meeting.

Mr. Kotwani a resident of Linden Hall is concerned that the Rt. 30 & 352 traffic signal does not have a left turn arrow for those exiting Linden Hall or turning in from west. There are 37 homes occupied and another 17 sold he wanted to put his concern on record.

Ms. Stauffer from the Village wanted to let everyone know that The Chester County Planning Commission is hosting an informative meeting to review their Landscapes II Plan at Great Valley Penn State campus on May 1. She wanted to encourage everyone to attend.

Mrs. Nancy Dunbar, thanked the Township for the new design on the website and how user friendly it is, but she would like to see minutes posted from the Boards and Commissions on a regular basis. She also wanted to know if it's possible to get updates on the Police reports via website. Deputy Yeager replied that they don't do that, but they do send some information on the Facebook page to the public.

### **Reports and Communications from Boards and Commissions:**

Garry Sheridan reminded everyone of the East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Company craft show this weekend and April 28<sup>th</sup> they will host a rest stop for a bicycle tour Faces across America. Come out and support.

Senator Duane Milne also stopped by and congratulated the East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Company on receiving the LEED award. He noted it is a difficult process to get through and a huge accomplishment! Congratulations to all!

John DeMarrco gave his report of 103 EMS calls and 60 fire calls. Members continue to train and sharpen their skills. He thanked Abel Brothers Towing for helping set up cars so they can simulate car accidents and help with training rescues. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, a fire on Josephs Way was quickly extinguished, preventing its spread to adjoining structures, thanks to the quick actions of the first responders.

**EWTVFC Board** – Proposed the purchase of two new fire trucks for a total cost of \$1.2 million to be funded by a one-time donation of \$250,000 and Charlestown Township one time donation of \$250,000. Several questions came up about trying to get a lower finance rate. Mr. Sheridan explained that due to being specialty equipment local banks don't typically finance these types of loans.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve \$250,000 for the purchase of 2 pieces of apparatus for East Whiteland Volunteer Fire Company, and directed the staff to work out the details contingent upon Charlestown Township. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

### **Public Hearings:**

Act 209 Highway/Traffic Capital Improvements Assessments – Ordinance No. – 2018  
Consider Passage of Ordinance No (TBD) – 2018 Act 209 Assessments AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING CHAPTER 87, FEES, OF THE EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP CODE TO  
ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE COLLECTION OF HIGHWAY/TRAFFIC CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 209 OF 1990

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Mr. Lambert made a motion to pass the ordinance, number to be assigned regarding the Act 209 Highways assessments as fully described by our solicitor. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

**Transportation Briefing, including status of traffic calming measures on Carol Lane – Chris Williams:**

Mr. Williams gave a brief presentation of the intersection of 352 and King Road improvement study. The traffic study shows if this is not improved it will only worsen. The benefits will make it safer, improve traffic flow to acceptable conditions, and minimize the cut through the Summit neighborhood.

Two alternatives were presented, one a widening and signal upgrade, the other begin a roundabout. PennDOT is in full support of both concepts. PennDOT is encouraging looking into grant funding.

A few questions concerned displacing residents. Mr. Williams said the plan is not fully engineered. Slivers of land would be taken from approximately 13. The roundabout would require 3 or 4, silver type takes 1 property that would be fully taken, but no decision has been made as to which will be pursued.

Mr. Williams updated the Route 30 Corridor Study project. Draft report will be on the website. The final report will be completed by the end of June. PennDOT Rt 29 Sinkhole Remediation Project is a 2 stage project. Stage 1, will limit 29 to one lane NB and one lane SB. Stage 2, start mid-July return to two lanes NB and one lane SB between Yellow Springs Road and turnpike ramps.

**Announcement:**

Ms. Drummond – read a letter that was received today from the lawyer representing the developer of Bishop Tube site requesting an extension of plan consideration until October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The letter stated that his client is currently working on revisions on the application, which is proving to be time consuming. The original submission will likely be deleted and a revised plan will be submitted. The developer has also agreed to concurrently initiate a dialog with East Whiteland Township, Chester County and any other appropriate entities to determine if a feasible arrangement for the purchase of the Bishop Tube properties as open space can be facilitated. Given the complexity of the situation, this could take months.

Mr. Holmes made motion to grant the extension on of time for Bishop Tube site to October 10 2018. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. The motion approved 3-0.

**Board Motions & Resolutions:**

Consider Letter of Support - Immaculata University recently applied for 2018 Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding for a track project for its existing campus stadium. This was part of an improvement plan 15 years ago they are finally finishing.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve a letter of support to RACP. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

Authorize Proposal from McMahon for Trail Alignment Evaluation between Sidley Road and the Chester Valley Trail Totaling \$8950. This is to create a conceptual design for two alternative connections between Sidley and Flat Road to the Chester Valley Trail. The purpose is to evaluate those options so the Township can plan and budget accordingly.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The motions was approved 3-0.

Valley Creek Park Retaining Wall Project – Award to James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc. for \$54,755 . As the cost is higher than expected, but the project is necessary for safety reasons. Another project will be delayed to keep the cost within budget.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to award the project. Mr. Lambert seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Resolution 19-2018 – For Destruction of Specific Records, staff requests specific records to be destroyed in Compliance with Pennsylvania Records Retention Schedule.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve, Mr. Holmes seconded. The motion was approved 3-0.

Award ARLE Grant Project to Lenni Electric , Inc. **Engineer's Recommendation of Award**

ARLE Grant Project Lancaster Ave Adaptive Traffic Signal Project McMahn Project No. 816137.3A

Mr. Holmes made a motion to award the ARLE bid to Lenni Electric for the sum of \$390,710 per the details on the letter from McMahn dated April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mr. Lambert seconded motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Consider Sending Township Solicitor to Zoning Hearing Board to Support or Oppose:

ZHB 2018 – 4. 224 N. Phoenixville Pike, appeal of the Great Valley School District for a special exception to erect a baseball scoreboard.

ZHB 2018 – 5. 508 Atwater Drive, appeal for a special exception for roof mounted solar panels.

Board stated that these issues do not require the attendance of our solicitor.

#### **Plans:**

Consider motion to approve waivers for the following land development plans

Swedesford Square (LCOR) storm water management ordinance waivers § 175-37.F & § 175-37.G.

ARRO recommends granting both waiver requests based on the justification provided in letter dated April 5<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve the waivers. Mr. Holmes seconded motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

#### **Consent Agenda (Consider Board Action):**

- Approve Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2018, March 14, 2018 and March 20, 2018 – Ms. Drummond would like to make a few changes to the March minutes, and the other dates aren't ready so we will delay till May.
- Partial Refund of Building (Deck Railing) Permit Fee (\$405.56) - 36 Broad Leaf Trail
- Ratification of DocStar (Electronic Records) Maintenance Contract \$2600.
- Approval of Aerial ITS (Variable Message Boards) PennDOT Cooperative Agreement
- Ratification of Proposal for Renovations of Two Offices \$8065.
- Approve Conditional Job Offer for Public Works Skilled Road Maintenance Worker
- Approve Park pavilion rental fees new fees - \$25 for resident \$75 non-resident \$150 for Corporate effective immediately.
- Approve Items to advertise for Sale on Municibid list is enclosed in the packet.
- Consider Extension of Time for Board to Render a Decision for the Following Projects:
  - 1530 Morstein Road subdivision plan.
  - IVY Prep – extended to June 30, 2018

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the consent agenda per the Chair. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

**Reports and Communications from Township Staff:**

Acting Police Chief, Public Works Director, Zoning Officer, Property & Recreation Director and Planning & Development Director, Township Manager

Deputy Yeager mentioned the Police have been conducting checks at the schools, at least twice a day because of the concern over school safety nationwide.

Mr. Neild gave update on Spring Road culvert project. Moores and Church Roads, Aqua will be repairing water lines.

Mr. Brown mentioned we received the Vision Partnership program grant for an Open Space Recreation and Trails study. Requested \$45,000 received \$42,000.

**Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:** As of February 28, 2018

All revenue and expense items comply with the budget. Still working on annual audit, which should be completed by May\June draft report.

Motion to accept the Report for February 2018, motion was approved 3-0.

**Ratification of the Payment of Bills :** Checks Totaling \$523,839.79

Motion to ratify payment of bills approved 3-0.

**Meeting Adjournment – 9:50**

**Donna Wikert  
Board Secretary**