

**Board of Supervisors**  
**June 13, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Board members in attendance:**

Sue Drummond, Chair; Bill Holmes, Vice Chair; Scott Lambert

Staff in attendance: John Nagel, Township Manager; William Steele, Public Works Director; Cathy Kleponis, Finance Director; Steve Brown, Zoning Officer; Zach Barner, Director of Planning; Donna Wikert, Asst. to the Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Solicitor; Chris Yeager, Chief

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

**Reports and Communications from Township Staff:**

Chief Yeager updated the residents of East Whiteland on the burglary at Chester County Outdoors on the 55 block of Lancaster Ave. The Malvern Police spotted the suspects running across route 30 with what appeared to be guns. The officer called for backup and proceeded to head toward the General Warren Village as he thought that was where they were headed for. At the General Warren Inn the officer got out of his vehicle and continued the pursuit on foot. The officer, along with an East Whiteland Police officer's apprehended one of the suspects. The reverse 911 to all residents in the General Warren village seemed to have work well, they tried to stop school buses but missed them. After 3 hours, the second person was caught in the Borough of Malvern. As a result of the arrest and the excellent work by all involved, the 25 guns that were stolen were all successfully recovered. Chief Yeager recognized the officers that were present, Office Bury of Malvern, Sergeant Kopacz, Detective Sergeant Doyle and Detective Logan all of East Whiteland Police department. He also recognized those that were not able to attend. Thanks to everyone involved.

Several residents had a lot of concerns about not receiving the reverse 911 call and that it took several hours to find out what was going on. The schools were on lock down and no one was updated on the situation. They were concerned about the helicopter taking so long to get to the area. They also were concerned with the Gun shop security system and lack of security. Chief Yeager acknowledged these are huge concerns he announced that the Chester County Outdoors Shop has decided to go out of business the end of June. This decision was made by the owner. The owner did not go against the regulations, and this was his decision alone. Chief Yeager also stated that you do not have to sign up for the reverse 911, but if you did not get the call, please call tomorrow; his administration will help you get set up with the County radio room. He also suggested you sign up for Chesco Alert. The Board suggested everyone write their Senator and ask for the same security provisions that are followed by the Marianna laws.

Chief Yeager gave brief background on Sergeant John Kopacz and his years of experience and dedicated service to the Police Department. He is recommending the promotion to Police Lieutenant.

Mr. Lambert made the motion to promote Sergeant Kopacz to Lieutenant, Mr. Holmes seconded the motion, and the motions was approved 3-0.

Chief Yeager introduced and welcomed Officer Cole Burkhart as one of the new part time officers; Officer Stacy Lucas, also part time, was not able to be with us tonight. Approve Conditional Job Offer to Part Time Police Officer Candidate Greg Bickel. Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve, Mr. Holmes seconded motion, the motion was approved 3-0.

Mr. Steele gave an update on projects the retaining wall project started at Valley Creek Park, Planebrook regional pump station contracts signed and moving forward. Street paving project out for bid due June 28<sup>th</sup>. Spring Road culvert completed, sewer design Planebrook and Bacton Hill project getting ready, in process of notifying residents in that area.

Mr. Steele announced he would like to promote Brandt Reaser to Public Works Skilled Sewer Maintenance Crew Leader Crew Leader, Brandt has a Certification to operate sewer system and pump maintenance. He has earned this promotion. Mr. Holmes made a motion to promote Brandt Reaser, Mr. Lambert seconded, and motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Brown updated on Parks and Recreation, Board authorized the Battle of Clouds new equipment installed to be installed this year. The Open Space Park & Rec board authorized proposals for pre bid.

Mr. Barner updated on several projects: Linden Hall is 75% completed, the historical building is 30 to 40% completed, Great Valley Crossing on Church Road has started the construction and model home is completed, Historical building on the property is being reviewed by the Historical Commission, Cite work on both Swedesford Square Apartments and Van Guard has started and Aldi is cleaning up plans and eager to get started, waiting for plans to be recorded. Several residents are concerned about the extra traffic this will create. Mr. Barner said this plan was already reviewed by the traffic engineers.

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

President Garry Sheridan thanked LCOR for their \$125,000 Donation to East Whiteland Township Volunteer Fire Association. The next Fund raiser is coming up, the new equipment is due 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019. July 4<sup>th</sup> is around the corner, please be careful.

Chief John DeMarco reported 93 EMS calls and 73 Fire calls for a total of 166 for the month.

Tim Caban, chair of the Historical Commission updated on the Wheel at Gunkle Mill. They are waiting for an official quote from the mill right. He also suggested that we change the picture on the Video Meeting website from Atwater community to a historical picture.

#### **Public Comment: General**

Mr. Kennedy a resident asked why Red Barn was not on the Agenda, he was under the impression it was. Ms. Drummond explained there was no request for this to be on the agenda. He also wanted to know why Linden Hall was ever approved, he measured the driveways and

that there is no way a larger vehicles fit in the driveways. He stated that the Route 30 corridor project is a great idea, and that area really needs this.

Mr. Mott, a previous Board member said Linden Hall was not perfect, but at the time the best plan that was introduced.

Ms. Stauffer a resident updated on the law suit that The Delaware River Keeper and her have against the DEP for not cleaning this site. The Chester County Planning Committee recommend when zoning was changed from Industrial to residential three times to not build on this site yet the township changed the zoning. She wanted the Board to know she is here to help support the Board.

Several residents got up and Thanked Mr. Holmes for his service with the township.

Mr. Sheridan a resident asked about the speed bumps on Carol Lane. Lieutenant Kopacz explained they are temporary speed bumps at this time. The data recorded showed there was 1/3 reduction in volume and 10% reduction of speed. The Police department has sent out a survey to the residents asking if they want the speed bumps to be permanent.

Mr. Caban a resident said the light at 352 and King did nothing for the traffic and he hopes whatever is planned will be shared with the residents. Ms. Drummond explained this is not just a township decision, Penn Dot has say in this.

#### **Board Motions & Resolutions:**

- Chief Yeager gave brief background on Sergeant John Kopacz and his years of experience and dedicated service to the Police Department. He is recommending the promotion to Police Lieutenant.  
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- Chief Yeager introduced and welcomed Office Cole Burkhart as one of the new part time officers, Officer Stacy Lucas was not able to be with us tonight, also part time.
- Approve Conditional Job Offer to Part Time Police Officer Candidate Greg Bickel.  
Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve, Mr. Holmes seconded motion, and the motion was approved 3-0.
- Approve Recruitment and Hiring Policy for Police Officers  
Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve, Mr. Lambert seconded motion, and motion approved 3-0.
- Acceptance of 2017 Audited Financials from Maillie  
Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve, Mr. Lambert seconded motion, and motion approved 3-0.
- Approve Fund Balance Assignments as of December 31, 2017  
Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve, Mr. Holmes seconded motion, and the motion was approved 3-0.
- Approve Amendments to 2018 Capital Improvement Budget  
Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve, Mr. Lambert seconded motion, and motion approved 3-0.
- Valley Creek Park – Accept Developer Offer to Connect Atwater by Trail  
Barbara Ann Thav, chair of Park & Recreation committee asked to table this till the committee has a chance to look this over. They were unaware this was on the agenda and would ask for more time.

Mr. Holmes made a motion to table till July meeting. Mr. Lambert seconded motion, and motion approved 3-0.

- Valley Creek Park – Solicit Proposal from ARRO to Connect to Country View Road by Trail.  
Mr. Holmes revised and made a motion to table till July meetings both Valley Creek Park items on this agenda. Mr. Lambert seconded motion, and motion approved 3-0.
- Bacton Hill Park – Discuss Planning & Potential Approval of Future Phase(s)  
Barbara Ann Thave chair of Park & Rec is asking for approval to move forward with finding a design consultant to work with the committee and help design features of the park. The Board is unclear what the committee is asking for. After a lengthy discussion, Ms Thav decided to ask for approval to have Steve Brown start the process for a RFP.
- Consider Sending Township Solicitor to Zoning Hearing Board to Support or Oppose:  
ZHB 2018-7. 11 Limekiln Drive. To hear the appeal of Robert and Audrey Duffy for a variance from a side yard setback to construct a garage. The property is in the R-1 Residential District.  
ZHB 2018-8. 7 Beechwood Avenue. To hear the appeal of Rubino Holdings for variances from a front yard and side yard setback. The property is in the R-2 Residential District.  
ZHB 2018-9. 9-25 Great Valley Parkway. To hear the appeal of Exeter 9-25 Great Valley, LLC for a variance to enlarge a surface parking/loading area that encroaches into a required setback from a street. The property is in the Office/Business Park District. No action taken

**Plans :**

Approval of Development Resolutions (as authorized at the May 9, 2018 meeting):  
Ivy Prep Academy – Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval  
Haym Salomon – Waiver of Subdivision & Land Development Process  
Mr Lambert made a motion to approve, Mr. Holmes seconded motion, and motion passed 3-0.

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

- Approve Meeting Minutes from April 11, and May 22 - table till next month.
- Approve Traffic Signal Permit Revision (TE-160 [6-12]) for State Route 30 (Lancaster Ave) and State Route 29 (Morehall Road)
- Ratify All Covered Proposals (3) for \$14,835 for Domain Migration Project
- Ratify Renewal of Parking License Agreement between Workspace, Friends of the Summer Stage and East Whiteland Township for 2018 Summer Concert Series
- Approve Pension & OPEB Board of Trustees' Recommendation to Align Investment Allocations of our OPEB Trust Fund with our Pension Trust Funds (65% Equity & 35% Fixed Income)
- Approve Extension of Agreement with Human Resources Consultant through December 31, 2018
- Approve Sewer Planning Module for 259 Lapp Road

- Approve Release of Escrow for the following Developments
  - i. Lincoln Court Shopping Center – remaining \$15,180.00 (of the original \$284,369.69)
  - ii. Worthington Phase 3 – remaining \$349,022.25 (of the original \$2,797,920.15)
- Consider Extension of Time for Board to Render a Decision for the following Developments
  - i. Flat Road Tract (Subdivision) – until September 12, 2018
  - ii. Loch Aerie Expansion (Land Development) – until September 1, 2018

Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda minus minutes till next month, Mr. Lambert seconded motion, and motion passed 3-0

**Announcements**

Executive Session was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (to discuss legal and personnel matters)

**Acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report:** As of May 31, 2018

Cathy Kleponis reported that all revenue and expense categories are consistent with budget. Mr. Lambert made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Ratification of the Payment of Bills – Checks Totaling \$533,726.53

Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept ratification of the payment of bills for April 30, 2018. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. The motions was approved 3-0.

**Accept Resignation of Bill Holmes from the Board of Supervisors:**

Mr. Holmes has decided to retire from his seat on the Board of Supervisors for East Whiteland Township after 10 years of serving his community. He thanked everyone for their support and kindness. A lot of changes in the township, the passion he once had is no longer their, he felt it would be un fair to all if he stayed in this seat and wasn’t doing the best job he could. As Mr. Holmes said “Maintaining status quo is easy, but change takes a toll.” He thanked his wife for all her support and understanding.

Ms. Drummond, thanked Bill for his dedication and commitment to the Township and said he will be greatly missed. Mr. Lambert thanked Bill for all his patience and guidance in his transition.

**Consider Appointment of Candidate to Complete Unexpired Term of Bill Holmes on the Board of Supervisors:**

Ms. Drummond stated that one application was received for Mr. Holmes vacancy, and that one person is Richard Orlow. Mr. Lambert said he had the pleasure of speaking with Rich and is excited to come together as a team. Mr. Lambert made motion to appoint Mr. Rich Orlow to the Board of Supervisors, Ms. Drummond seconded, the motion passed 2-0

**Meeting Adjournment: 9:45pm**

**Donna Wikert  
Township Secretary**

