

**Board of Supervisors**

**January 12, 2022**

**Minutes**

Board Members Present: Scott Lambert, Chair; Rich Orlow, Vice-Chair; and Peter Fixler, Member

Staff Present: John Nagel, Township Manager; Steve Brown, Assistant Township Manager; Donna Wikert, Board Secretary; John Neild, Director of Public Work; Zach Barner, Director of Planning and Development; Ted Locker, Zoning Officer; Chris Yeager, Police Chief; Steve Anella and Bernadette Kearney from HRMML

**Mr. Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Board Briefings:**

Executive Session(s) were held on January 10, 2022, at 3:15 pm (personnel), January 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm (legal) and Post Meeting (personnel)

Sewer Sale:

click on link below; to see Mr. Nagel's brief presentation on the Sewer Sales

<https://www.eastwhiteland.org/DocumentCenter/View/2349/Briefing-as-of-December-24-2021>

American Rescue Plan update:

Mr. Brown has been looking into using funds to help individuals, families, households, businesses, and non-profits that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Mr. Brown met and discussed both need and possible use of funds with three local non-profits; Food Pantry, Home of the Sparrow, and Malvern Library. The first two of which serve families in the need of food and provide homeless prevention services for women and children.

Other permitted uses of funds that have been discussed are storm water infrastructure projects and improvements to the East Whiteland Township Building HVAC system (healthy air filtration systems). Yet other ideas are being investigated.

Master Concept Plan - Design Build Team

The team consisting of Bernardon Architecture, Gorski Engineering, Landconcepts, ARRO and Staff.

Paul Psgroi from Bernardon, presented the East Whiteland Township Campus Master Plan, Police Station Project Plan.

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TRAISS Launch Permit Software:

Mark Moses, Director of Codes & Life Safety gave an overview of the new TRAISS system that will be rolled out in the next few weeks to simplify the permit process currently in place. TRAISS is a GIS, Codes & Document Management system that is cloud-based SaaS solutions built specifically for municipalities to manage assets and infrastructure.

Bishop Tube –Mr. Brown announced the second public Board of Supervisors meeting to be held January 20, 2022, at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Debra Mobile, resident of East Whiteland Township spoke to the Board of Supervisors about her concerns with the proposed plan for the Bishop Tube site. She appreciates the countless hours spent working with the township lawyers and the consulting team in trying to facilitate the best possible solution. Ms. Mobile asked the Board to keep one thing in mind as they are preparing for the comments that will be forwarded to state DEP. First and foremost, that all sworn officials re bound by the laws of Pennsylvania including the PA Constitution. She wanted to remind the Board, of the law which is delineated in Article I of the state constitution. The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

Ms. Mobile stated that the Board of Supervisors have been elected as representatives of the people in this township. That they are duty bound to represent not only those who live in the General Warren Village, but those who live in the Down East section and throughout the plume of contamination. The Board of Supervisors is also bound to represent both present and future generations who may choose to reside in the Great Valley watershed. You are not here to represent the interest of businesses who chose to come into our township and blackmail and threaten us with lawsuits. You are not here to represent corporate owners who do not even reside in East Whiteland Township. As the draft is prepared Ms. Mobile asks the Board of Supervisors to stand with us not against us. Work with the people of East Whiteland Township to ensure there is a safe and equitable clean up at Bishop Tube.

**DEP radon test kit letter – January 14, 2022** - The DEP, in conjunction with the American Lung Association, are offering free radon test kits to our residents (while supplies last). They will be onsite at East Whiteland Township on Friday.

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

Approve Pre-Construction Service agreement from Gorski Engineering (\$53,000)

Mr. Orlow made a motion to approve; Mr. Fixler seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0

Approve Chester County Declaration of Restrictions for Bacton Hill Park – Mr. Fixler made a motion to approve Chester County Declaration of Restrictions for Bacton Hill Park. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

#### **Zoning:**

Property Maintenance Codes Mr. Locker, Zoning Officer, gave a brief update on properties that had been given 30-day notices to clean up their property. So far, the residents on several of these properties are taking care of the trash citations and cleaning up. Mr. Locker is looking into a few properties that had construction done without permits.

#### **Planning & Development:**

Consider Rendering a Decision on the Following Development Applications:

LD-07-2021 for Great Valley School District 5/6 Grade Center (Great Valley School District) –

Preliminary Subdivision & Land Development application to construct a new 160,000 square foot 5th

and 6th Grade School. The property, located at 354 Swedesford Road, is within the NS (Neighborhood School) and OS (Open Space) Zoning Districts.

Mr. Orlow made a motion to approve GVSD 5/6 Center for preliminary Subdivision & Land Development application. Mr. Fixler seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

WLD-11-2021 for Parking Expansion at Village at General Warren (GV Commons Lot One, L.P.) Request for Waiver of Land Development to construct an expanded parking area at an existing commercial center which is located in primarily in Charlestown, with an expanded parking area East Whiteland Township. The property, located at 10 and 12 General Warren Boulevard, is within the within the TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development - Area 3) District of Charlestown Township and the O/BP (Office / Business Park) District of East Whiteland Township.

Mr. Fixler made a motion to approve WLD-11-2021 for Parking Expansion. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0.

**Consider Extension of Time to Render a Decision on the Following: Development Applications:**

SD-06-2021 for 200 Summit Road (Scott Cockerham) – Preliminary Subdivision application to create two new building lots where one, previously developed lot currently exists. The existing single-family home would be retained for a total of three dwellings. The property, located at 200 Summit Road, is within the R-2 (Residential) District. The Applicant has requested an extension until April 30, 2022.

Mr. Fixler made a motion to approve the extension of time. Mr. Orlow seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0

**Consent Agenda:**

Approve Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2021 and January 4, 2022

Mr. Orlow made a motion to approve. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion; the motion was approved 2-0 (Mr Fixler was not able to vote, he was not on the Board at the time of the December meeting.)

Ratify Payment of Bills: \$ 1,503,100.67 (November 2021)

Accept Treasurer's Report for November 2021

Approve Proposal from Harrisburg Office Furniture for Acoustical Panels (\$5,093)

Approve Proposal from Tustin Mechanical for HVAC Maintenance (\$4,600)

Mr. Orlow made a motion to approve. Mr. Fixler seconded the motion; the motion was approved 3-0

**Meeting Adjournment: 8:50 pm**

Respectfully,

Donna Wikert

Donna Wikert, Township Secretary