

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**CHARLES E. COXE MEMORIAL CENTER**  
**688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA**  
**Monday, June 17, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Robert T. Lange, William R. Shoemaker, and Barbara L. Handelin were present. Also present were Interim Township Manager Daniel E. Malloy and Chief of Police John M. Narcise, and Detective Sergeant Jeff Heim.

Supervisor Lange led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for military personnel.

**Announcements**

Supervisor Lange announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on June 17, 2019 to discuss personnel and legal issues.

**New Business**

Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated June 17, 2019. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve Resolution 4 of 2019 authorizing a revision to the Official Act 537 Plan of the Valley Forge Sewer Authority pursuant to the sale of the VFSA Trunk Line to Aqua Resources, Inc. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. A resident asked for an explanation. Dan Malloy stated the sale went through the end of last year and this is paper work that needed to be cleaned up so everyone knows where to send their sewage facility plans. DEP still recognizes Tredyffrin as the owner and this will take Tredyffrin's name off the list and plans will go directly to Aqua. There being no further comments the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve Resolution 5 of 2019 authorizing a revision to the Official Act 537 Plan of the Township of Willistown pursuant to the approval of the West Chester Pike Sewer Needs Study involving 13 properties on the south side of the 6000 block of West Chester Pike. The recommendation is to install public sewers. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. A resident asked if this means that sewers will be installed and who would be paying for it. Supervisor Shoemaker stated that this is a step in that direction and the 13 property owners would be paying for the sewer. This is to address the failed and failing systems of these properties. There being no further comments the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve Resolution 6 of 2019 authorizing a revision to the Official Act 537 Plan of the Township of Willistown pursuant to the approval of the Chesterdale Area Sewer Needs Study. This is a portion of the Township that encompasses the south western corner of the Township. The recommended action is to continue to use or extend non-municipal sewerage facilities and individual sewage disposal systems (on-site) and not install public sewers at this point in time. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. A resident asked the location and Supervisors showed the location on the map. There being no further comments the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve Resolution 7 of 2019 correcting Resolution 3 of 2019 regarding the designation of Emergency Services Providers for Willistown Township. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no public comments from the Board or the public and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Supervisor Shoemaker moved to authorize a release of Escrow Funds for the development of Paoli Walk. The current release request is in the amount of \$99,480.00 and is Request Number 9. The remaining funds in the account after Release Number 9 will be \$441,473.13. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the Public, and the motion carried 3-0.

### **Police Report**

Chief Narcise reported on recent activities of the Willistown Township Police Department including several thank you letters to Officer Bills and Officer Murrin regarding a heart attack victim, help with a backed up toilet for an elderly resident and a follow-up of an elderly victim after an accident.

Chief Narcise received a call from a retired judge that lives in the Township regarding issues with some wildlife and was impressed with Officer Murrin's character and compassion.

The Police Department received a letter from Representative Christine Howard regarding National Police week on May 12, 2019 through May 18, 2019.

Chief Narcise stated that they hosted two students (one from Sugartown Elementary and one from General Wayne elementary) that won Chief for a Day.

Detective Sergeant Jeff Heim stated that an arrest and conviction was made in an investigation of multiple burglaries that happened on Grubb Road in 2015 among others. The sentence was for 8 to 20 years.

Detective Heim stated they, along with other Townships and the Chester County Drug Task Force, are conducting an investigation into an overdose death involving heroin that happened in April. They have identified the dealer and hope to make an arrest in the next couple of weeks.

Detective Heim encouraged residents to lock all doors and if they see any questionable activity to call the police.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mahala Renkey, 45 Tulip Drive, received a letter from Willistown Conservation Trust about Peco cutting down a lot of trees. She wanted to know what the Township thinks about this. Supervisor Lange said that the Township does not like this but in all practicality PECO has the right to clear their lines. They are upgrading the services in Willistown and Easttown Townships. They targeted trees that needed to be trimmed or cut down, because the poles will be replaced and will be higher and holding more electricity. After an electrical outage, they target the areas that had massive outages and Willistown and Easttown Townships had horrendous outages because of massive amount of large trees along the right-of-ways. He met with Willistown Conservation Trust and PECO and they have scaled back the amount of trees that will be cut down but there will still be trimming. PECO is trying to do the right thing and is working with each landowner but in the end Peco has the last say.

Ms. Renkey also asked if there was any way to have the debris that is almost laying in the roads in the Township removed. Dan Malloy said if he was provided addresses he could send letters and address it that way.

Michael Kerr, 33 Stonehenge Lane, asked why the Supervisors did not approve the minutes from May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dan Malloy stated that they have not been completed.

Mr. Kerr also asked if there was an update on the Moser/Chance Farm application. Supervisor Shoemaker stated there was no update.

Mr. Kerr also asked where the money came from for the Long Lane Sewer Project and if the sewer rate would be increase to reflect the additional cost. Supervisor Shoemaker stated the money was borrowed from the General Fund and will be repaid and there would not be an increase to cover the project because the Township has a structured annual rate increase built into the program part of that goes to capital projects. Mr. Malloy stated that they will be another section of Long Lane and a short section on Eisenhower where the sewer has to be replaced and it will be going out to bid late June or early July.

Mr. Kerr asked Supervisor Handelin what changed her mind about the Resolution regarding the peacocks and other animals. Supervisor Handelin stated she felt it had problems structurally and it could not be amended.

Mr. Kerr asked if the Township hired an attorney to do the franchise with Comcast and what are the results. Supervisor Shoemaker stated they are working on it.

Allie Barchi, 21 Laurel Circle, stated she appreciates all their hard work of the Police Department.

She also asked if anything was being considered to correct the flooding on Spring Road and Laurel Circle. Supervisor Shoemaker stated the only thing that could be done would cost millions of dollars.

Fred Haack, 486 King Road, had a question about open space planting requirements for developments. Supervisor Shoemaker stated that the requirements are in the Subdivision/Land Development, Zoning and Environmental Ordinances. He suggested Mr. Haack come to a Planning Commission Meeting and they would show him where they are located.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019 at 7 PM at the Township Building meeting room located at 688 Sugartown Road.

### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



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Daniel E. Malloy, Secretary