

## WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 17, 2020 AT 7:00 PM via Zoom

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors William R. Shoemaker, Robert T. Lange, and Barbara L. Handelin were present. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook, Police Chief Robert Klinger, Lt. Jeff Heim, Zoning Officer Robert Smiley, Finance Director Martin McKenzie, Solicitor Vince Pompo, and Assistant to the Township Manager Jennifer Jacobs.

Supervisor Shoemaker led a moment of silence for military personnel, first responders, and all front-line workers in the current pandemic.

### Announcements

The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on August 17, 2020 to discuss real estate and legal matters.

### New Business

**Update by John Kern on Behalf of U.S. Representative Chrissy Houlahan** – Representative Houlahan represents all of Chester and part of Berks Counties with three offices, including one in West Chester. Constituents can reach out to the office with any requests for Representative Houlahan and staff including, but not limited to, recommendations for legislation, assistance with federal agencies, and letters of support for federal grant applications. Her service highlights include closing 1518 constituent cases with federal agencies, returning over \$3.27 million to the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, responding to over 130,000 constituent inquiries since taking office last year, and has held 26 town halls with constituents. Her legislative highlights include voting for H.R. 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act, H.R. 748 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and the H.R. 2 INVEST in America Act. She is also a cosponsored the Delivering for America Act, which will ensure the funding of the Postal Service during the public health emergency. Finally, Mr. Kern encourages everyone to participate in Census2020, which closes on September 30, 2020. Supervisor Handelin asked if Representative Houlahan can do anything to increase the availability and speed for COVID testing. Like many areas, Chester County is seeing up to a two week turnaround time for COVID testing. Supervisor Handelin would like Representative Houlahan to work with other legislators in Washington, DC, to implement a national plan to increase testing times and bring the pandemic under control. Elizabeth Jekot, 18 Applewood Road, and Malvern Library Board Member thanked Representative Houlahan for sending a representative to the Malvern Library regularly to talk to constituents before the pandemic. Supervisor Shoemaker echoed Ms. Jekot's remarks and thanked Representative Houlahan for taking the time to send a representative out locally.

**Minutes** – Supervisor Lange moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

**Expenditures** - Supervisor Lange moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated August 14, 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

**Resolution #14 of 2020** – Supervisor Handelin moved to adopt Resolution #14 of 2020, approving Sewage Planning Module No. 1-15973-413-3J for the Troutbeck Farm Subdivision. Supervisor Shoemaker seconded the motion. Elizabeth Jekot, 18 Applewood Road, asked if it will be on-site septic or a sanitary sewer. Supervisor Shoemaker explained it will be a sanitary sewer system connecting to existing public sewer and running east on Monument Road, down Sugartown Road and finally to a connection in Brampton Chase. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

**Ordinance #2 of 2020** - Solicitor Pompo introduced the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to remove structures located at 7043 Goshen Road from the historical resources Inventory. Both the Historical Commission and the Planning Commission recommended the removal of the structures from the Historical Resources Inventory. Supervisor Shoemaker noted the property had been subdivided, and the historic structure is not located at 7043 Goshen Road, and it is appropriate to remove it from the historic resources inventory. Eric Hetzel, Willistown Conservation Trust, and the Delchester Group clarified the property is being marketed as 925 Plumsock Road. Supervisor Shoemaker said since the property is listed on the historical resources inventory as 7043 Goshen Road, the Board will vote on removing 7043 Goshen Road (parcel ID 54-6-87) to avoid any confusion down the road. Elizabeth Jekot, 18 Applewood Road, asked if a parcel is subdivided does it receive a new parcel ID. Supervisor Shoemaker explained the County generates a new parcel number for taxing purposes. But the original parcel with the historic structure has its own parcel number and will remain on the historical resources inventory list. Eric Hetzel commented the original parcel and historic structure is on 7025 Goshen Road and is known as the John Massey house. It is referenced in *Acres of Quakers* on page 299. Supervisor Lange moved to remove 7043 Goshen Road (parcel ID 54-6-87) from the historical resources inventory. Supervisor Handelin seconded. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

**Police Report** – Chief Klinger reported they arrested a 34-year-old female for drug possession. A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested for vehicle theft and \$1600 in cash. Five 19-year-olds were cited for a loud party along the 500 block of Sugartown Road. Additionally, there was a DUI crash on Lancaster Avenue that brought down a pole and PECO electric lines. Finally, Chief Klinger told residents to be aware of scammers asking residents to buy gift cards for fake COVID related charities. The Chief also thanked Public Works Director Bill Hagan and his road crew for their hard work in clearing the roads during the last tropical storm. Supervisor Shoemaker also thanked the Public Works crew and the Chief and his officers for going out on foot and knocking on the doors of houses that were cut off for many days due to downed power lines and trees.

#### **Citizens' Comments**

Elizabeth Jekot, 18 Applewood Road, also thanked Public Works and the Police Department. She also said the Malvern Public Library is still not open but is doing material pick up by appointment only. In addition, they are offering online events through Facebook and Zoom. Interested residents can register via the Malvern Public Library website. Both Supervisor Shoemaker and Supervisor Handelin thanked Ms. Jekot and the libraries for all they are doing to keep people connected during the pandemic. Ms. Jekot also commented she been receiving phone recorded messages from Chester County Prison, instructing her to pay by credit card to speak to an inmate. Captain Klinger and Supervisor Shoemaker commented it is a scam, and residents should be alert not to give out credit cards over the phone. Discussion ensued.

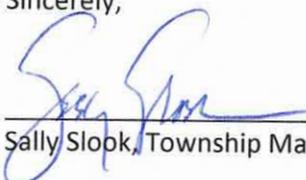
#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:00 PM and will be held via Zoom.

#### **Adjournment**

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,

  
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Sally Slook, Township Manager