

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
Sugartown Elementary School, 611 Sugartown Road, Malvern, Pennsylvania
January 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman Robert T. Lange and Vice Chairman William R. Shoemaker were present. Also present were Manager David R. Burman and Police Chief John M. Narcise.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moment of Silence for Military Personnel

Mr. Lange led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

Appointments

Mr. Shoemaker moved to appoint Shira L. Barkon to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the elected Tax Collector, Charles Guernsey. Mr. Lange seconded the motion. Jim Tate of Harvey Lane asked for the spelling of Ms. Barkon's name, which Mr. Lange provided. There were no further comments from the board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 2-0. District Justice Thomas Tartaglio administered the Oath of Office for Ms. Barkon and expressed his appreciation for being involved in helping Willistown Township acknowledge the appointments of the new Tax Collector and Supervisor.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to appoint George J. McHugh, IV to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the elected Supervisor, Norman MacQueen. Jim Tate of Harvey Lane asked for the spelling of Mr. McHugh's name, which Mr. Lange provided. Mr. Lange described the process by which the Supervisors vetted the residents who expressed interest in filling the vacancy, all of whom were highly qualified. There were no further comments from the board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 2-0. District Justice Thomas Tartaglio administered the Oath of Office for Mr. McHugh.

Mr. McHugh introduced himself to the public and expressed his enthusiasm in working with the other Supervisors to serve the residents of Willistown Township.

Treasurer's Report

None.

Announcements

Mr. Lange announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will include our annual "Awards Night" and will take place on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sugartown Elementary School, 611 Sugartown Road, Malvern.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve the minutes of the Supervisors' Organization Meeting held January 6, 2014. Mr. Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve the List of Expenditures and Interfund Transfers dated January 27, 2014. Mr. Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve the grant contract with DCED, covering a portion of the cost of a part-time intern. Mr. Lange seconded the motion. Jim Tate of Harvey Lane asked whether this individual was replacing any others in the organization. He also asked how many hours were included. Mr. Burman advised that this individual was not replacing any others. He further advised that the grant required the individual to work 300 hours for the Township, but that he expected the individual to work about 12 hours per week on average over the course of the year. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Narcise reported on the recent activities of the Willistown Township Police Department. He reported that the detectives are tracking leads on the distribution of heroin that led to the unfortunate overdose of a young Willistown resident. The Chief reported that he has been working with Jim Tate and the Township has been added to the list of potential locations for drug turn-in centers. The Chief provided a detailed analysis of the department's activities with regard to complains of dogs running at large on Sunset Drive. He reported on a number of recent thefts in the Township and the apprehension of two suspects believed to be DUI. The Chief reminded residents to lock their vehicles.

Citizens' Comments

Jim Tate of 9 Harvey Lane, Scott Kearney of 141 Grubb Road and Bill Lawson of 10 Cobblestone Drive asked the Supervisors about the Conditional Use Application of the Norbertine Fathers, Inc. (Daylesford Abbey). Mr. Shoemaker reported that the application requested relief from an earlier Conditional Use Decision in which the Abbey agreed to install a recreational walking trail as part of any Land Development Plan, with further details to be provided by the Applicant during the public hearing. Mr. Shoemaker confirmed that the current application concerns only the trail and not the number of units.

Jim Tate asked about the standard for approval or denial of a Conditional Use Application. Mr. Shoemaker reported that there is no set of specified parameters.

Mr. Lange expressed his appreciation for the extremely admirable job the road crew has performed during this very difficult winter season.

Next Meeting

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Lange adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



David R. Burman
Secretary