

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
FEBRUARY 26, 2018 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 Township Manager David R. Burman and Lieutenant Robert P. Klinger.

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

Announcements

The next meeting will be our Annual Awards Night, at 6:30 PM on Monday, March 12, at the Sugartown Elementary School.

The Board of Supervisor will meet in Executive Session immediately following this meeting to discuss legal matters.

New Business

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting held February 12, 2018. Ms. Handelin 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 Disbursements and Interfund Transfers dated February 26, 2018. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve Ordinance 2 of 2018, updating Chapter 72 of the Willistown Township Code to reflect the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. Mr. Shoemaker explained that the Township's Code Enforcement Department relies on the International Property Maintenance Code for enforcement purposes. This Ordinance simply brings the Township into conformity with the most current edition. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lange opened a public hearing on the matter of Conditional Use Application C-2-17, in which the Applicant seeks Conditional Use Approval to operate a Garden Center at 391 Paoli Pike, in the Paoli Pike Overlay Zoning District. A court reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript will be on file in the Township offices. Mr. Lange reported that the matter would be continued indefinitely at the request of the Applicant. Mr. Burman reported that the next hearing would be re-advertised if and when the Applicant returns to the process. With that, Mr. Lange closed the public hearing.

The Board discussed PECO's plan to replace portions of the existing natural gas main under Paoli Pike beginning in early March. Mr. Burman reported that he and Chief Narcise had met with the Malvern Borough Manager, Chris Bashore and Malvern Police Chief Lou Marcelli, and all seemed to be in agreement with the following recommendations to PECO: (1) work is not to be performed at night; (2) PECO would notify affected landowners, in writing, in advance of the project; (3) PECO would place digital signs at either end of the project area in advance of the project; (4) PECO would provide an adequate number of trained flaggers for the duration of the project; and, (5) PECO would ensure the road surface was safe and in good condition for the duration of the project, even at times when temporary patching

was in place. Mr. Shoemaker moved to endorse these recommendations. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. Chris Wynn of Dutton Mill Road expressed support for the Township's position. Mike Kerr of Stonehenge Lane asked whether there were liquidated damages. Mr. Shoemaker reported that the Township is not a party to the contract and therefore could not assess liquidated damages. Andrew Vaskas of Paoli Pike suggested the Township explore stormwater improvements while PECO was working. Mr. Lange indicated that any significant improvements would require engineering and design work that could not be completed in such a short time frame. Don Nappick of Moreland Road encouraged the Township to work with the utilities to see if we could perform all work in the same area at once, rather than multiple projects staggered from one year to the next. Mr. Lange agreed and thanked Mr. Nappick for his comment. There were no further comments from the Board or the public and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Lieutenant Klinger reported on recent activities of the Willistown Police Department. Of note, the Lieutenant reported that the PD had located the suspect in a February 16th incident at Okehocking Preserve, in which two citations had been issued for a dog off leash and for a vicious dog. Lieutenant Klinger also reported that the Police Department had increased their presence during arrival and dismissal at the two elementary schools in Willistown. The Lieutenant reminded residents that the PD relies on the public for information. Residents should dial 610-647-1440

Citizens' Comments

Betsy Allinson of Wistar Road related information about someone close to her family that had been killed as a result of gun violence. She asked the Board to consider adopting a Resolution similar to the one circulated in neighboring municipalities, calling on State and Federal legislators to adopt stronger gun safety legislation.

Don Nappick of Moreland Road related information about a jury on which he once served, in which the suspect committed a bank robbery utilizing a "clean" gun. He expressed his opinion that there are too many guns and not enough legislation.

Denis VanValkenburgh of Lloyd Avenue asked whether the Board of Supervisors had the authority to require gun owners to lock their guns. Mr. Shoemaker reported that the Board has no such authority.

Dan Ratliffe of Stonehenge Lane commented that gun violence is a major concern of his, citing statistics regarding the number of guns available today. He also expressed opposition to allowing guns in schools, unless in the hands of a trained officer of the law.

Caitryn Carickhoff of Four Winds Lane expressed her opinion that the Board of Supervisors should adopt a Resolution concerning gun safety and send a message to our representatives at the State and Federal levels.

Tom Krishan of Willistown Knoll delivered a document, consisting of several pages, to the Board. Mr. Krishan stated that he had several questions and concerns regarding the duties of the Willistown Knoll Homeowners Association and, in particular, the permitting process for an upcoming project involving the replacement of the siding on the units in the Development and the exterior lighting requirements in the Development. Mr. Shoemaker attempted to answer some of the questions, but asked Mr. Burman to provide further guidance to Mr. Krishan.

Michele Legnini of Grubb Road asked the Board whether it would take action on the proposed Resolution concerning gun safety. The Board committed to continuing the discussion and potentially taking action in March.

Christine Batchelor of Laurel Circle expressed support for the Resolution concerning gun safety.

Andrew Vaskas of Paoli Pike expressed his feeling that gun safety is paramount, but Pennsylvania's preemption laws are fairly strict. He suggested the Board take no action on the proposed Resolution.

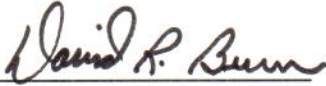
Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria of Sugartown Elementary School, 611 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Burman
Secretary

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