

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
APRIL 30, 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, Chief of Police John M. Narcise, and Traffic Officer Lou Bills.

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

Announcements

The Board met in Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting to discuss pending legal matters.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Meeting Room at 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA. The purpose of the special meeting will be to receive verbal comments from the public concerning the draft Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Individual Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).

New Business

The Board tabled approval of the minutes of April 9, 2018.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve the list of expenditures and Interfund transfers dated April 30, 2018. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. There were no questions from the Board or the public, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to Authorize Advertising for Bids for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Program consisting of approximately 1.4 miles. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. Mr. Lange provided the following details on the roads scheduled to be resurfaced.

- i. Davis Road — Warren Avenue to a point 2860 ft. East
- ii. Old Covered Bridge Road — Goshen Road to a point 1730 ft. North
- iii. Forest Road — Township Line to a point 865 ft. East
- iv. Whitehorse Road — Fox Chase Road to a point 1800 ft. South

David Trainor of Duffryn Avenue asked why Duffryn Avenue is not scheduled to be resurfaced this year. Mr. Burman explained that the Director of Public Works reviews the condition of all the roads in the Township along with traffic volume in determining which roads to recommend for resurfacing. Mike Kerr of Stonehenge Lane asked whether the project included a full-width mill and overlay. Mr. Burman confirmed that is the plan. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to approve Application S-3-17, the Application of David Rawson for a Minor Subdivision (lot line change) at 2690 and 2920 Wayland Road, Berwyn, Willistown Township. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker moved to appoint Susan Vogel to fill an unexpired vacancy on the Recycling Commission, expressing appreciation for having met Ms. Vogel at the recycling event held the prior weekend. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion, noting that Ms. Vogel possesses experience as a writer which may provide benefits to the community in the form of grant writing. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Officer Lou Bills provided a report on the Police Department's standard procedures in responding to traffic complaints. Officer Bills reported there are three types of roads in the Township: Private, Local (Township), and State. In general, the Township provides no maintenance on private roads. In addition, the Police Department cannot enforce local traffic laws, such as speed limits, on private roads. There are roughly 85 miles of State and Local roads in the Township (per the 2012 PennDOT Map). Although the Police Department enforces traffic laws on all State and Local roads, the Township performs no maintenance on the following State Roads: Delchester Road, Goshen Road, North Cedar Hollow Road, Lancaster Avenue, Paoli Pike, Street Road, and West Chester Pike. The Township provides winter weather operations (but no other maintenance) on the following State Roads: Devon Road, Providence Road, South Valley Road, Sugartown Road, and Warren Avenue.

Officer Bills showed two videos:

1. Speed Limits: Why Do We Have Them? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8edH-toBesM&feature=youtu.be>
2. Stop Signs: Why Do We Have Them On Residential Roads? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJjnoi1Wwzw&feature=youtu.be>

During the presentation, Officer Bills and Chief Narcise fielded questions from the Supervisors and from the public.

Supervisor Handelin asked about traffic studies and, in particular, whether the variability of speeds is a bell shaped curve or if there is a tight variance. Officer Bills indicated that typically there are very few outliers. Chief Narcise noted that the data collected during traffic study often contradicts the perception of local residents.

Chief Narcise thanked the Board for authorizing a dedicated Traffic Officer.

Christian Wynn of Dutton Mill Road thanked the Chief for the work at Dutton Mill and Route 3, indicating that he has seen a positive impact on traffic so far.

Chief Narcise reported to the Board that cars that had previously turned left from Dutton Mill Road southbound onto West Chester Pike eastbound are now forced to go westbound on West Chester Pike and make a U-Turn at Stoneham Drive. This is the result of the left hand turn prohibition from Dutton Mill Road onto West Chester Pike. The Chief indicated that a left-hand turn signal at Stoneham Drive would improve safety. Mr. Burman reported that PennDOT would be willing to study the intersection if requested by the Township. If the intersection meets warrants for a left hand turn signal, the Township would have to pay for the improvements, estimated to be approximately \$15,000. Mr. Shoemaker moved to authorize the request to PennDOT. Ms. Handelin seconded the motion. There were no further comments from the Board or the Public, and the motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' Comments

Kathy Reutter of Fairview Road asked several questions of Supervisor Handelin concerning last year's election and Supervisor Handelin's position on several topics. Ms. Handelin engaged the resident in a

discussion of Supervisor Handelin's goals which included increased community involvement, increased attendance at meetings, and more public outreach on behalf of the Township.

Justin Hunt of Toll Brothers commented with regard to Applebrook Meadows. Mr. Shoemaker advised Mr. Hunt to contact the Township Manager for further guidance.

Sandi Richards of Old Covered Bridge Road asked when the Board would continue the discussion concerning gun violence prevention. Mr. Shoemaker responded that he anticipates the matter likely will arise on May 14, 2018.

David Trainor of Duffryn Avenue asked the Board to include an article on the landowners' responsibility with regard to the trimming of brush in the Right-of-Way.

Becky Spiess of Four Winds Lane commented as follows:

"Good evening.

I'm Becky Spiess, Willistown resident, author of the email that Mr. Lange shared during the April 9th BOS meeting, openly, publicly, and without my prior knowledge or consent.

So I feel a need to respond, openly and publicly and without Mr. Lange's prior knowledge or consent.

My comments are not about the gun resolution of which I wrote. My comments are about the use of my correspondence by Mr. Lange in a public setting. Using Mr. Lange's words, I found it disheartening and disappointing.

I've known Mr. Lange for 6 years tops, not the 20 plus he mentioned in his speech. He was always Farmer Bob who took my kids out on hayrides. So I would see him every September/October at his farm. Business to consumer relationship at best.

My letter was to Mr. Lange, no one else, no cc, nothing.

You took it public. And you made it part of your platform that evening. Is that what we do here? Our elected Board of Supervisors reads letters with the names of those private citizens for which they disagree? If you don't like what I have to say, have some common decency and approach me to have a discussion or at least respond to my email.

While the resolution hasn't even been voted on (and maybe never will be), regardless, you've already lost more than my business, you've lost my respect. I hope this board of supervisors can rise to a higher level."

Next Meeting

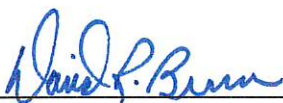
There will be a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Meeting Room at 688 Sugartown Road.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Meeting Room at 688 Sugartown Road, Malvern, PA.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Burman

Secretary

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