

WORK SESSION
October 20, 2009

A Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:30 PM for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the October 20, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting. Chairman Joseph J. Palmer was present with Supervisors Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, William L. McKernan III, and Adam D. Zucker. Solicitor James J. Garrity, Township Manager Phyllis C. Lieberman, Assistant Township Manager/Township Engineer Roman M. Pronczak, Director of Finance John Marcarelli, Police Chief Mark Smith, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Director of Parks and Recreation Kurt W. Baker were also present. Three members of the public were present. Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione and Director of Code Enforcement Michael E. McAndrew were absent.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the announcements of a recent Executive Session and Budget Work Sessions, scheduling of meetings for the month of November 2009, approval of the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting, approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2009, consideration of a recommendation from the Chief of Police to discipline a township police officer, and a confirming motion to release escrow for the tall Oaks Subdivision.

Mr. Garrity noted that Mr. McAndrew wanted to bring to the Board's attention that canvas garages are being erected in front and side yards and on property lines in several neighborhoods throughout the Township. They are considered structures and wants to know if the Supervisors want him to treat them as such and make the locations comply with zoning regulations. After some discussion, the Supervisors said that they did want them to comply with zoning.

Mr. John Simon, Executive Director of the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society then addressed the Supervisors asking for a \$3105 contribution to scrape and paint the eaves and front porch at the 1895 Schoolhouse. He noted that they had raised funds for other projects there, but needed these additional funds to complete this portion of this project. The Supervisors noted that they had just renegotiated a lease delineating the responsibilities of the Society as they relate to the 1895 Building and this was definitely the Society's responsibility. They said that they would take the matter under advisement and get back to Mr. Simon.

The Supervisors then discussed a personnel matter.

The Supervisors then left for the public meeting.

The Work Session was reconvened at 8:30 PM.

The Supervisors continued the discussion on the personnel matter.

At approximately 9:00 PM the Work Session was adjourned.

Phyllis C. Lieberman
Whitpain Township Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Supervisors Joseph J. Palmer, Brian W. Young , Anthony F. Greco, Adam D. Zucker, and William L. McKernan, III were present. Township Manager, Phyllis C. Lieberman, Township Engineer/Assistant Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Township Solicitor James J. Garrity, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Police Chief Mark A. Smith, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, Park and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, and Recording Secretary Michele Alifano were also present. There were three members of the public in attendance. Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, and Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione were absent.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order.

Chairman Palmer announced that the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on Friday, October 16, 2009 at 9AM to discuss a personnel matter. An additional announcement was made to inform the public that the Supervisors held a Budget Work Session on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 9AM. There will be three other sessions held on the following dates: Thursday, October 22, Tuesday, October 27, and Thursday, October 29, all at 9AM, in Meeting Room B. These sessions are open to the public.

Chairman Palmer also made an announcement regarding the upcoming Board of Supervisors' meetings for the month of November, 2009. The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, due to Election Day, and the second monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. Both meetings will commence at 8pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2009. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. McKernan, duly seconded by Mr. Young to authorize the termination of Officer David Keenan, pursuant to the Police Tenure Act, for conduct unbecoming of a police officer. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Palmer advised that Mr. Keenan's termination would be effective immediately, and that he would be notified by the Township of the Board's decision. Due to Mr. Keenan's right to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Palmer stated that there would be no further comment from the Board at this time.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan to release \$25,946.00 (Release #2) from the escrow fund for the Tall Oaks Subdivision (S-7-03), located at 613 Cathcart Road. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

At this time, Mr. Young called for any old or new business for discussion from the Board or the public. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. upon motion by Chairman Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony F. Greco, Secretary