

WORK SESSION  
November 4, 2009

A Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 4, 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 November 4, 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. Andrew Freimuth from the Solicitor's office, Township Manager Phyllis C. Lieberman, Assistant Township Manager/Township Engineer Roman M. Pronczak, Director of Finance John Marcarelli, Police Chief Mark Smith, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Code Enforcement Officer Michael McAndrew, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Director of Parks and Recreation Kurt W. Baker were also present. No members of the public were present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing announcements regarding Budget Work Sessions, approval of the minutes of the October Budget Work Session, the October Board of Supervisors' Meeting, and the October Budget Work session, approval of the Voucher List for the month of October 2009, a motion to advertise and making the 2010 proposed Annual Budget available for public inspection on Friday, November , announcement of the proposed General Fund Budget and the scheduling of meetings when the Board will receive public comment on the proposed Budget, a confirming motion to donate \$3105 to the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society for scraping and painting of the eaves at the 1895 Schoolhouse, a motion to approve an agreement between Whitpain Township and PECO Energy Company regarding reimbursement of costs related to the relocation of utilities necessary for the Skippack Pike/Narcissa Road/Prophecy Creek Driveway Project totaling \$90,402.05, authorization to release \$165,113.92 to the Centre Square Fire Company Volunteer Fire Relief Association which represents one hundred percent of the 2009 allocation to Whitpain Township from the Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax, a motion to authorize the sale of certain vehicles listed on the agenda at a public auction on November at Danella Construction in Plymouth Meeting, and a motion to adopt Resolution No. 898 authorizing the 2009 allocation of \$372,233.63 from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program be deposited in the various Pension Plans as follows: \$181,424.79 to the Police Pension Plan and \$190,808.84 to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

Mrs. Lieberman advised that Blue Bell Partners (the Unisys property) has filed an assessment appeal and that the Supervisors might want to consider having the Township Solicitor oppose the request. She explained that normally the Township relies on the school district to handle assessment appeals because they have a greater stake, but that on assessment appeals for large properties, the Township Solicitor joins in. After some discussion, the Supervisors said that they would add that to the public agenda that evening.

Mrs. Lieberman then noted that a request for a waiver from having to pay the fee for a Zoning Hearing Board application had been received from St. John's Church for two signs that they wish to erect. Mrs. Lieberman noted that Mr. Zucker had asked what the Township had done historically in situations like this. Mrs. Lieberman said that after some research, it was found that sometimes the fee was waived and sometimes it wasn't, depending on whether the church/synagogue asked that it be waived. After some discussion, the Supervisors concluded that they wished to be consistent and that since there is a cost involved to the Township on each of these applications, the fee should not be waived for this or henceforth.

Mrs. Lieberman said that usually the Zoning Hearing Board applications are on the second agenda of the month for Supervisor action, so that they can see the Planning Commission's actions before making a decision. This month, however, there seem to be applications that the Supervisors might want to oppose and because the Zoning Hearing Board meeting is the Thursday after the Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, the Solicitor wouldn't have enough time to prepare. The Supervisors reviewed the cases and after some discussion said that they didn't think they would be sending the Solicitor to oppose any of the applications. The items will be on the next public agenda for the Supervisors' public action.

Mrs. Lieberman then explained that she had received a letter and a phone call from a new resident who had planted trees in the right of way and was told by Public Works that they had to be moved. He said that he felt they would die if they were moved now. Mrs. Lieberman told him that if any work had to be done there in the future, the trees would need to be removed. He said that he understood that, but he wanted permission to keep them there for now. After some discussion, the Supervisors said they could stay, but prepare a pillar agreement to be signed by the homeowner.

They Supervisors then discussed a personnel matter.

The Supervisors then left for the public meeting.

The Work Session was not reconvened.

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Phyllis C. Lieberman  
Whitpain Township Manager

## #19-2009

The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, November 4, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, and Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione and Recording Secretary Michele Alifano were also present.

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

Chairman Palmer announced that the Supervisors held Budget Work Sessions on Monday, October 19, 2009, Thursday, October 22, 2009, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, Thursday, October 29, 2009, and Friday, November 6, 2009 all at 9AM, in Meeting Room B. These sessions were open to the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Budget Work Session, the October 20, 2009 Supervisors' meeting, and the October 22, 2009 Budget Work Session. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve all items on the Voucher List for the month of October, 2009, which totaled \$887,573.17. 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 advertising and make the 2010 Annual Budget, including all funds proposed, available for public inspection on Friday, November 6, 2009. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

At this time, Mr. Palmer called for a motion to announce the proposed 2010 Budget, which has been attached to and made part of these minutes. The Board intends to receive comments from the public regarding the Budget at the upcoming meetings on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 and Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The Supervisors plan to adopt the Budget at the public meeting that will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A confirming motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Young to donate \$3105.00 to the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society for scraping and painting

of the eaves at the 1895 Schoolhouse. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan to approve an agreement between Whitpain Township and PECO Energy Company regarding reimbursement of costs related to the relocation of utilities necessary for the Skippack Pike, Narcissa Road, Prophecy Creek Driveway Project, totaling \$90,402.05. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to authorize the release of \$165,113.92 to the Centre Square Fire Company Volunteer Fire Relief Association which represents one hundred percent (100%) of the 2009 allocation to Whitpain Township from the Pennsylvania Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to authorize the sale of the following vehicles at a public auction on November 14, 2009 at Danella Construction, 1402 Conshohocken Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA:

- 1988 F350 Econoline Bus      VIN 1FDKE30G1JHB38900
- 1989 Ford Dump                VIN 1FDXK84A7KVA10178
- 1999 Chevy Astro Van        VIN 1GCDM19W6XB158795
- 2003 Ford Crown Victoria    VIN 2FAFP71WX3X181167

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 adopt Resolution No. 898 authorizing the 2009 allocation of \$372,233.63 from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program be deposited to the various Pension Plans as follows: \$181,424.79 to the Police Pension Plan, and \$190,808.84 to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion regarding this item. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to send the Township Solicitor to appear in opposition at an upcoming Board of Assessment Appeals hearing for Blue Bell Investment Properties Co, LP. 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