

WORK SESSION
February 16, 2010

A Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 7:30 PM for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the February 16, 2010 Supervisors' Meeting. Vice Chairman Brian W. Young was present with Supervisors Anthony F. Greco, Adam D. Zucker and Frederick R. Conner. Township Solicitor James Garrity, 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, Director of Code Enforcement Michael E. McAndrew, and Parks and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker were also present. Chairman Joseph J. Palmer and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda were absent. No member of the public was present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the scheduling of Supervisors' Meetings for the month of March, approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2010 Supervisors' Meeting, approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2010, and several Zoning Hearing Board applications.

Mr. Marcarelli explained that the next actuarial valuations, as of 1/1/2009, will be completed soon by our Actuary, Tom Zimmerman and noted the changes in actuarial assumptions that the valuations will be based on. He also noted that in 2011 the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for both plans will increase by approximately \$500,000 or we can use asset smoothing to reduce that increase in 2011 and spread it over a longer period of time. It was also noted that we have included the increased \$500,000 in the 5 year budget projection. After some additional discussion, the Supervisors asked that Mr. Marcarelli include a summary of the options in Friday's packets for their additional review.

Mr. Marcarelli said that he had included an updated proposed Fee Schedule in last week's packet and asked if the Supervisors had any comments. The Supervisors said that they had trouble reviewing it, because they didn't know what had changed. They asked that they be given a copy showing where changes had been made and what other township's charge. That comparison will be placed in this week's packet.

The Supervisors then discussed a legal matter.

The Supervisors then left for the public meeting.

The Work Session was reconvened at 8:15 PM.

The Supervisors then discussed a personnel matter.
At approximately 8:45 PM, the Works session was adjourned.

Phyllis C. Lieberman
Whitpain Township Manager

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The regular monthly meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Supervisors Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, Adam Zucker, and Frederick R. Conner, Jr. were present. Township Manager Phyllis Lieberman, Township Engineer/Assistant Township Manager, Roman Pronczak, Township Solicitor, James J. Garrity, Director of Finance, John Marcarelli, Police Chief Mark A. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, Michael E. McAndrew, Park and Recreation Director, Kurt W. Baker, Director of Public Works, Ronald J. Cione, and Recording Secretary, Michele Alifano were also present. Supervisor Joseph J. Palmer and Fire Marshal David M. Camarda were absent. There was one member of the public in attendance at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Young, who was acting as Chairman for the evening, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

An announcement was made regarding the dates for the upcoming Board of Supervisors' meetings for the month of March, 2010. The regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, and the second monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Both meetings will commence at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Conner, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2010 Board of Supervisors' meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker, and unanimously passed approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2010.

The Board of Supervisors took no action regarding the following application to the Zoning Hearing Board:

NO: 1854-10: Application filed by John C. & Mary M. Martin as owners of the property located at 1327 Lee Road, Blue Bell, PA, 19422 for variances from the terms of Article V, Section 160-17 and Article XXVIII, Section 160-203 to allow the addition of a 30' x 25' two car garage onto the side of the house reducing the existing nonconforming side yard from 41' to 11' and reducing the existing nonconforming aggregate side yard from 95' to 65' at the subject property. The zoning classification of the subject property is "R1" Residence District.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Conner and unanimously passed to send the Township Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board in opposition of the following application:

NO: 1853-10: Application filed by St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church as owner of the property located at 750 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA, 19422 for variances from the terms

of Article XXVI, Section 160-191.E(1) and Zoning Hearing Board Decision No. 1727-07 to allow an additional 4.65 sq. ft. sign for the Yeseung Presbyterian Church to be placed below the existing 34.6 sq. ft. Christian Science Church sign, increasing the maximum ground sign area from 30 sq. ft. under Section 160-191.E(1) and 34.6 sq. ft. under Zoning Hearing Board Decision No. 1727-07 to 39.2 sq. ft. at the subject property. The zoning classification of the subject property is “IN” Institutional District.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker and unanimously passed to send the Township Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board in opposition of the following application:

NO: 1855-10: Application filed by Genisys Credit Union as tenant of the property located at 1510 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA, 19422 for variances from the terms of Article XXVI, Section 160-191.D(2) and Zoning Hearing Board Decision No. 232-73 to allow a 52 sq. ft. façade identification sign increasing the maximum façade sign area from 20 sq. ft. under Section 160-191.D(2) and a 35 sq. ft. under Zoning Hearing Board Decision No. 232-73 based on a 20 foot wide store frontage at the subject property. The zoning classification of the subject property is “C” Commercial District.

Mr. Young then called for any comments or questions from the Board or the floor. Mr. Bob Whittock commended the Public Works Department for a job well done plowing the roads of the Township following back-to-back snow storms. Mr. Conner suggested that there be some type of formal recognition for the performance of all of Township staff during the storm event. Additionally, Mr. Conner stated that email updates to the community, as well as Twitter communications, have proven to be valuable tools in keeping the public updated, and in documenting the efforts of Township staff. Mr. Cione commented that the Police and Fire personnel put forth a commendable effort with assisting in closing local roads, and trimming tree branches, which allowed the Public Works Department to perform their job of clearing the roadways more effectively.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Young the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony F. Greco, Secretary

