

WORK SESSION
February 3, 2009

A Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 3, 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 February 3, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting. Chairman Joseph J. Palmer was present with Supervisors Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, and Adam D. Zucker. Supervisor William L. McKernan III arrived later. Township Solicitor James J. Garrity, Township Manager Phyllis C. Lieberman, Assistant Township Manager/Township Engineer Roman M. Pronczak, and Director of Finance John Marcarelli, Police Chief Mark Smith, Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione, Director of Code Enforcement Michael E. McAndrew, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Director of Parks and Recreation Kurt W. Baker were also present. There were three members of the public present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting, approval of the January 2009 Voucher List, approval of an agreement between Verizon and Whitpain Township covering utility relocation costs associated with the Skippack Pike-Narcissa Road-Prophecy Creek Driveway Project, approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Whitpain Township Police Department effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012, authorization to advertise proposed Ordinance No. 4-226, and approval of Resolution No. 883 requesting an H2O PA Grant of \$400,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the upgrading of the Township Line Road Pump Station.

Mr. Marcarelli then noted that he is soliciting proposals for credit card processing and he suggested that we charge a convenience fee for accepting the card for payment. After some discussion, the Supervisors agreed.

Mrs. Lieberman said that the idea of creating a Finance subcommittee of the Board had previously been discussed. She inquired if that was still something that the Supervisors wanted to pursue and who did they wish to serve on the committee. Mr. Palmer and Mr. McKernan said that they would be on the committee with the Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager, and Finance Director.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that the Township had received a survey from the Waste System Authority regarding the Township's thoughts on how to handle trash disposal after the agreement with Montaney expires in 2014. It was decided that another subcommittee be formed to prepare a response that will be presented to the entire Board for approval. That committee will consist of Mr. Young, Mr. Zucker, the Township Manager, Assistant Township Manager, and Director of Public Works.

The Supervisors then discussed three legal matters.

The Supervisors then left for the public meeting.

The Work Session was not reconvened.

Phyllis C. Lieberman
Whitpain Township Manager

#3-2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Supervisors Joseph J. Palmer, Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, Adam Zucker, and William L. McKernan 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, Fire Marshal, David M. Camarda, and Recording Secretary, Michele Alifano were also present. There were three members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance the meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

Township Manager, Phyllis Lieberman explained that there will now be a period of public comment at the beginning of the meeting, in accordance with the Sunshine Act. Mr. Garrity explained that the public must be given the opportunity to comment prior to a vote being taken by the Board on any particular agenda item. The previous policy allowed people to comment on each agenda item, but it did not announce it at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2009 Board of Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Palmer noted a minor correction that needed to be made to the minutes, prior to their approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker, and unanimously passed approve all expenditures on the January, 2009 Voucher List.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan, and unanimously passed to approve agreement between Verizon and Whitpain Township covering utility relocation costs associated with the Skippack Pike – Narcissa Road – Prophecy Creek Driveway Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker, and unanimously passed to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Whitpain Township Police Department effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan, and unanimously passed to authorize the Township Manager to advertise proposed Ordinance #4-226, an Ordinance amending the Code of the Township of Whitpain, Part II (General Legislation), Chapter 160 (Zoning) by deleting Chapter 160 in its entirety as it existed prior to Ordinance No. 4-223, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 5, 2008,

and replacing it with a new Chapter 160 entitled “Zoning”. (The Ordinance in its entirety is available to the public at the Whitpain Township Administration Building).

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Young, and unanimously passed to approve Resolution Number 883, a Resolution requesting an H2O PA Grant of \$400,000 (toward an estimated total project cost of \$600,000) from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the upgrading of the Township Line Road pumping station.

Vice Chairman Young then called for any comments or questions from the Board. There were none. He then called for comments or questions from the audience. There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Chairman Palmer the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony F. Greco, Secretary