WORK SESSION
June 16, 2009

A Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 16, 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 June 16, 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, 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. Five members of the public were present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing the announcement of Military and Armed Forces Appreciation Day, presentation of a Police Department Unit Citation, recognition of former Centre Square Fire Company Chiefs Robert Hall and Harvey Foster, announcement of the meeting dates for July and August, approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting, approval of the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2009, a public hearing on proposed Ordinance # 313 to establish a maximum speed limit of fifteen miles per hour on Symphony Lane, a motion to advertise for bids for upgrades to the Erbs Mill Road/Township Line Road Pumping Station, a motion to release all remaining funds from the financial security posted for the office building at Village Square at Blue Bell/Beachcomber, a motion to approve Resolution Number 892, authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with other Montgomery County municipalities for legal services for stormwater regulatory support, a motion to approve Resolution Number 893 accepting the terms and conditions of a Montgomery County Open Space Grant to preserve a parcel of real estate in Whitpain Township known as the Walbridge Farm and to establish a trail easement as part of the Montgomery County Green Fields / Green Towns Program, and several Zoning Hearing Board applications.

Sal Paone Sr., Sal Paone, Jr. and Ed Mullin then addressed the Board about the proposed Ordinance amendment of the AQRC Zoning District for Canterbury Estates. The latest plan would lift the age restriction and allow for 25 townhouse units. Under the present zoning they were permitted 30 units, but owners would have to be 55 and older. Once again they noted that age restricted units are not selling anywhere. They asked if authorization to advertise the proposed Ordinance could be placed on that night's agenda. Mr. Palmer said that the Board was sympathetic to the problem, but he was not sure it was ready to authorize advertisement that night. Mr. Zucker said that he did not want to delay it, but that he needed more time to review the Ordinance. Mr. McKernan said that he wanted to get this moving, that he wants to see the job finished. He said that they

should advertise it and get the public's opinion. Mr. Young agreed. Mr. Greco said that he wants to see the project completed, but he felt he needed more time. Mr. Mullin suggested that since there will only be one Supervisors' Meeting in July and one in August, authorization to advertise could be done at the next meeting and the hearing would be at the August meeting. Everyone agreed.

Mrs. Lieberman reminded the Supervisors about Meadowlands Country Club's Armed Forces Day and that they were invited to attend. The Township had already sent a proclamation.

Mr. Cione and Mrs. Lieberman advised the Supervisors about a meeting they had with the resident that wants the Township to consider a Dog Park. They explained to her that the Supervisors have to prioritize spending by what does the most for the most people. She said that she has a list of other residents who want it also, which she will provide. She also said that she would contact her church to see if it would be willing to do some fundraising. At some point she wants to meet with the Supervisors to discuss the matter.

The Supervisors then discussed two legal matters.

The Supervisors then left for the public meeting.

The Work Session was not reconvened.

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Phyllis C. Lieberman
Whitpain Township Manager

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The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, June 16, 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 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, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Recording Secretary Michele Alifano were also present. Park and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker was absent. There were approximately sixty members of the public in attendance.

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

Chairman Palmer called for a motion to declare Monday, June 22, 2009 as Military and Armed Forces Appreciation Day in Whitpain Township. In honor of their service, Meadowlands Country Club has invited local service people to use their facilities for the day. The motion was made by Mr. Zucker, and duly seconded by Mr. Greco. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the presentation of an award to members of the Police Department which included Detective Sergeant Joseph Fenerty, Patrol Sergeant Joseph Billeta, Detective Bradley Potter, Detective Thomas Wittig, Officer Brian Richard, and Officer Christopher Rotondo, for their dedicated effort and professionalism in bringing the perpetrator to justice in the Ebony Dorsey murder case in 2007.

At this time, the Board of Supervisors presented awards to former Centre Square Fire Chiefs Harvey Foster and Robert Hall for their service to Whitpain Township. Chairman Palmer congratulated Chief Harvey Foster for his illustrious career in fire fighting which has spanned 48 years, and has encompassed Chief Foster being appointed to various positions within many local area fire companies. Chief Foster also holds the rank of Sergeant on the Whitpain Township Police force.

Chairman Palmer then congratulated Chief Robert Hall for his 31 years of fire service to the community. Chief Hall joined the Centre Square Fire Company in 1986, where he has held various positions including Fire Chief from 1996 through 1998, and again from 2003 to 2004. Chief Hall was instrumental in the development of the firebox dispatch system which is used in the daily operation of the fire department, and he has also served on committees that have aided in the procurement of new fire apparatus.

Chief Foster is retiring in the near future, and Chairman Palmer thanked him for his years of dedicated service, and wished him success in his future endeavors. Chief Hall will remain an active member of the Centre Square Fire Company.

An announcement was made by Mr. Palmer that in the months of July and August there will be only one Board of Supervisors' meeting. The dates are as follows: Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 8pm and Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 8pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month May, 2009. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Young to adopt Ordinance #313, an Ordinance amending The Code of the Township of Whitpain, Chapter 142 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations), Section 142-8 (Maximum Speed Limits on Certain Streets) to establish a maximum speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour on Symphony Lane. Chairman Palmer stated that the grade class of Blue Bell Elementary School had appeared before the Board of Supervisors approximately four weeks prior to offer a proposal to improve the safety for vehicular and pedestrian traffic on school grounds. Chairman Palmer called for any comments from the Board or the audience. Mr. Young commented that the students did an excellent job with their preparation and presentation of the issue, and that they had succeeded in getting the Board's attention on this important issue. Mr. Palmer stressed the impact of the students' contribution to the community, and he thanked the educators for being mentors to the students. There being no further comment, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McKernan, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to advertise bids for upgrades to the Erbs Mill Road/Township Line Road Pump Station. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan to release all remaining funds, in the amount of $35,222.80 (Release #4 - Final) from the financial security posted for the office building at Village Square at Blue Bell / Beachcomber. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to adopt Resolution Number 892 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with other Montgomery County Municipalities for legal services for stormwater regulatory support. Mr. Pronczak explained that all the municipalities in Montgomery County enacted stormwater regulations to comply with the PA Department of Environmental Protection requirements. The permit that was issued for a five year term is due to expire, and the DEP has offered new regulations, some of which are more stringent than the previous requirements. He explained that the Montgomery County Consortium suggested that the

local municipalities hire legal counsel to assure that what is required can be implemented and also to ascertain what type of financial impact this may have. There being no further comment, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. McKernan to adopt Resolution Number 893 to accept the terms and conditions of a Montgomery County Open Space Grant to preserve a parcel of real estate in Whitpain Township known as the Walbridge Farm and to establish a trail easement, as part of the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Program. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Young called for any old or new business for discussion from the Board or the public. There was none. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Young.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony F. Greco, Secretary