

WORK SESSION  
June 2, 2009

A Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 2, 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 2, 2009 Supervisors' Meeting. Chairman Joseph J. Palmer was present with Supervisors Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, and Adam D. Zucker. Solicitor James J. Garrity, Township Manager Phyllis C. Lieberman, Assistant Township Manager/Township Engineer Roman M. Pronczak, 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. Supervisor William L. McKernan III and Finance Director John Marcarelli were absent. Two members of the public were present.

The Supervisors reviewed the agenda discussing approval of the minutes of May 20, 2009, approval of the May 2009 voucher list in the amount of \$421,744.15, award of the contracts for the 2009 Road Resurfacing Maintenance Program, a motion to approve an agreement between Whitpain Township, East Norriton Township, and Theresa Seiders, Susanne M. Waterman, and Claudia Henrick, owners of property located at 111 W. Township Line Road regarding acceptance of sanitary sewage, a motion to approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation for a new traffic signal that will be installed at the intersection of Skippack Pike, Narcissa Road, and the Prophecy Creek Park Entrance, and a motion to adopt Resolution Number 891 authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation.

Philip Albright and Rick Collier representing the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association then addressed the Supervisors. They showed them a new version of the signs they wish to erect at various open space areas of the Township. After some discussion, the Supervisors approved of the signs.

Mrs. Lieberman said that the Whitpain Greens Swim Club had asked that the Board waive the fee to the Zoning Hearing Board for the appeal of a citation by the Code Enforcement Officer for an illegal sign on Township Line Road at Erbs Mill Road. They had requested the waiver because they are a non-profit organization. After some discussion, the Supervisors said that they would not waive the fee.

Staff then asked the Supervisors if they were satisfied with the latest version of the ordinance addressing the issues at Canterbury Estates, the age restricted development on Skippack Pike. They were not. They still had a concern for setting precedent for similar

parcels and that the requested number of units was too dense compared to what could be developed under the original zoning. After much discussion, they advised the staff to tell the developer to propose something more creative.

The Supervisors then left for the public meeting.

At approximately 8:25 PM the Work Session was reconvened.

The Supervisors discussed one legal matter, Wissahickon Park, and one personnel matter.

At approximately 8:50 PM the Work Session was adjourned.

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Phyllis C. Lieberman  
Whitpain Township Manager

## #11-2009

The regular meeting of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA. Supervisors Joseph J. Palmer, Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, and Adam D. Zucker were present. Township Manager, Phyllis C. Lieberman, Township Engineer/Assistant Township Manager Roman M. Pronczak, Township Solicitor James J. Garrity, Police Chief Mark A. Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. McAndrew, Public Works Director Ronald J. Cione, Park and Recreation Director Kurt W. Baker, Fire Marshal David M. Camarda, and Recording Secretary Michele Alifano were also present. Supervisor William L. McKernan, III and Finance Director John Marcarelli were absent. There were approximately eight members of the public in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to approve the minutes of the May 20, 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. Zucker to approve all the expenditures on the May, 2009 Voucher List, which totaled \$421,744.15. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Zucker, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to award the contracts for the 2009 Road Resurfacing Maintenance Program for bids opened May 29, 2009 as follows:

- a. Ralumac Paving to Asphalt Paving Systems of Hammonton, NJ in the low bid amount of \$1.96/sq. yd. (\$179,583.04) for single application with crack seal preparation, and \$1.89/sq. yd. (\$173,169.36) for single application without crack seal preparation, \$2.80/sq. yd. (\$173,261.20) for double application with crack seal preparation and \$2.70/sq. yd. (\$167,073.30) for double application without crack seal preparation.
- b. Novachip to Gorman Bros. of Albany, NY in the low bid amount of \$6.53/sq. yd. (\$472,915.66);
- c. Crack Sealing to AMS of Center Valley, PA in the low bid amount of \$13.55/gal. (\$54,200), applied in place;
- d. Poly Patch to Crafc0, Inc. of Chandler, AZ in the low bid amount of \$9.40/gal. (\$28,200), material only;
- e. Polyflex Type 2 to Crafc0, Inc. of Chandler, AZ in the low bid amount of \$.48/lb. (\$7,680), material only.

Whitpain's share of this contract is \$421,326.05 for Novachip and \$86,074.57 for double application Ralumac, totaling \$507,400.62.

Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Greco, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to approve an agreement between Whitpain Township; East Norriton Township; and Theresa F. Seiders, Susanne M. Waterman, and Claudia Henrick, owners of a property located at 111 W. Township Line Road regarding acceptance of sanitary sewage. 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 approve the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. This agreement pertains to the traffic signal that will be installed at the intersection of Skippack Pike, Narcissa Road, and the Prophecy Creek Park Entrance. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion.

Mr. Pat Kane asked if a signal was truly necessary at that intersection, and if it was PennDOT that made the determination since Skippack Pike is a state road. Mr. Pronczak explained that PennDOT does have to approve every traffic signal whether it is located on a state or township owned road. He stated that this particular project involves the realigning of Narcissa Road, which has proven to be a very dangerous intersection, with the entrance to Prophecy Creek Park. Mr. Kane inquired about the possibility of a blinking signal for non rush hour times of day. Mr. Pronczak advised that the signal, if functioning properly, should remain green for traffic on Skippack Pike unless there happens to be any cross traffic. Also, he explained that each light is evaluated to assure that it is functioning properly, and adjustments are made accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Greco to adopt Resolution Number 891 authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to sign the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between Whitpain Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. Chairman Palmer called for any discussion. There being none, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Young, duly seconded by Mr. Zucker to authorize the Township Manager to advertise proposed 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 called for any discussion. There being none, the motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Young called for any old or new business for discussion from the Board or the public. Mr. Greco thanked Mr. Mike Galbally and Mr. Bruce Goodman for donating

their time, labor, and various types of plants and flowers to refurbish the War Memorial outside of the Township Building for Memorial Day.

Mr. Ron Cione provided an update for the railroad crossing at Route 73 and Belfry Drive. He stated that he and Chief Smith were scheduled to meet a maintenance superintendant from CSX, in hopes to achieve a resolution to that situation.

Mr. Pat Kane stated he believed the ordinance for a historic preservation district that was proposed several years ago was a good idea that would benefit the owners of these types of homes. He also stated that he disagreed with a statement made by another Township resident at the Planning Commission meeting held on May 12, 2009, that the property values of homes located near the proposed condo development at the Reed's property would decrease.

Chairman Palmer announced that there would be two legal issues discussed in the post-meeting concerning Wissahickon Park, as well as a personnel matter.

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