

**WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2007
PUBLIC MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fred L. Gold, Vice Chairman
Richard J. Luce, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer
Donnamarie Davis
Gail E. Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Tate, Township Manager
Stephen B. Harris, Township Solicitor
Christopher Walker, Pennoni Associates
Barbara Sultzbach, Assistant Township Manager
Jim Krueger, Fire Marshal
Tom Thern, L&I

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM, Vice Chairman Gold presiding. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mr. Luce and a moment of silence. The meeting was held at the Warminster Township Building.

Announcements/Comments

Mr. Gold announced that Mr. Diamond suffered an injury and wished him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Gold announced the Hartsville Fire Company 911 Flag Memorial Service to be held 9-11-07 from sunrise to sunset. All are welcome.

Mr. Gold announced that there will be a Public Budget meeting on 9-25-07 at 7:00PM.

Mr. Luce wanted to congratulate Warminster Soccer Club for a great tournament. There were 180 teams that participated.

Concrete work for the Skate Park at Monroe Park will be done on 9-15-07.

Mr. Johnson – no announcements

Donnamarie Davis – thanked Buddy Mullen for repairing the Veterans Memorial. Donnamarie Davis then announced that there will be a meeting of the Senior Health Advisory Committee to be held at the Warminster Hospital on 9-18-07 from 3PM to 5PM with Katie Farrell as the guest speaker. If you are interested in the Focus Group meeting please call 215-675-7953.

Warminster Days will be held September 7th thru the 9th at the Warminster Community Park. There will be fireworks on Saturday night, and the hours for Sunday are 1PM-6PM. Weekend pass tickets are available for the cost of \$25.00.

Mr. Gold stated that Mr. Quinn is not here tonight as he is on vacation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 9, 2006 meeting were presented. A motion was made to approve by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Donnamarie Davis to approve. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

Presentations

A Proclamation was presented to Dee Young – Henry Avenue – for her donation to the Warminster Ambulance Corps. for the Bike Patrol. Mr. Hoffman – President of Warminster Ambulance expressed his deepest appreciation for her generous donation. Mr. Hoffman reminded everyone of the Celebration of Bands that will be held at William Tennent on 9-29-07 at 7:00PM it should be a great night and he hopes to see a lot of residents there. The Board of Supervisors then thanked Dee Young for her generous contribution as well.

Heather Slewinski – Operation First Response Presentation – she explained that there will be a Fair for this project at St. Andrews Church on 9-22-07. There will be a silent action and a lot of other events. There proceeds go towards helping wounded Veterans. Donnamarie Davis stated that she feels that Heather is a hero as she has 6 children of her own and still finds the time to help others. Heather stated that people who wish to donate could also do so through the web site www.operationfirstresponse.org or www.standrews.org . Mr. Luce asked if they could donate airline miles? Heather said yes, through the web site.

Plan Reviews

Mr. Chris Walker from Pennoni Associates and a representative from Erickson reviewed the revised plan for Neighborhood #4 and asked for a request for final approval. The parking has been reduced from 60 spaces to 30 spaces and revised the buffer space. Mr. Gold asked if this is acceptable to Pennoni? Mr. Walker said yes they were satisfied. Mr. Harris said he was concerned about the storm water issue, Mr. Walker said that was resolved. Mr. Harris then asked about the underground parking, has the footprint for this plan been adjusted? Mr. Walker said that yes they have addressed it. A motion was made to approve the final plan with the adjustments by Mr. Luce, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion failed 2-2-0 (Mr. Johnson and Donnamarie Davis against).

Dee Young – Henry Avenue reminded the Board that the land under neighborhood #4 has a lot of bedrock, oil, etc. Mr. Walker assured that they will do the proper studies and will do the right thing. Mr. Harris said that Dee is correct to point out any concerns, however the area where neighborhood #4 is has been given an environmental bill of health.

Frank Burstein – Lingo Drive added that he was on the Board of Supervisors when the base was closed. He said that they should make sure that the contamination on the site is clear of any problems. Mr. Johnson asked that if they hit something during construction that was not discovered, what would they do? Mr. Harris stated that they would have to stop work immediately and call the DEP. Mr. Clemens – York Road – asked wasn't there a problem with water contamination there? Mr. Harris said that was at the other end of the base. Dee Young once again stated that with her experience with the Navy, she is very concerned about the possibility of contamination. Mr. Harris then reiterated that much clean up was done and that the Township also made sure that the proper clean up was done. Mr. Burstien then asked why is there such a rush to approve this tonight? Ellen Jarvis – 318 Club House Drive questioned Mr. Harris's opinions on this project. She agreed with Mr. Burstein that this project does not have to be approved tonight. Mr. Harris said that they have the right to build neighborhood #4, the only discussion tonight is the modification to the already approved plan which is the parking.

McDonough – 695 Reeves Lane – mylar signing was presented and reviewed by Mr. Thern. Mr. Harris stated that the mylars have the revised easements. A motion to approve the mylar signing was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Donnamarie Davis. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

Public Comment

Frank Burstein – Lingo Drive asked if collection of paint cans are still available to Township Residents, if not what is the procedure? Mr. Luce stated that he has made announcements on this subject and that there are collections at the Bucks County Vo-tech school. Mrs. Sulzbach said that the next collection will be on 9-29-07.

Rose Gold – Villas of Fivve Ponds – she serves on the Board of the Ben Wilson Senior Center. Mrs. Gold announced that they will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner on 9-28-07 which will include a make your own sundae bar. Also anyone who eats at the Old Country Buffet on 10-16-07, the Ben Wilson Senior Center will receive 10% of the Dinner dollars.

Supervisors Comments

Mr. Luce – no comment

Mr. Johnson – no comment

Donnamarie Davis – no comment

Mr. Gold – no comment

Treasurers Report

Mr. Luce presented the checklist for the period ending 9-6-07 as follows:

General Fund	\$332,435.33
Park and Recreation	\$29,713.33
Storm Water Management	\$1,984.75
Sanitation	\$273,833.33
Golf	\$52,354.44
Highway Traffic Cap. Imp.	\$7,858.53
Highway Aid	\$62,151.33
Legal and Engineering Escrow	\$38,678.05
Payroll Dated 8-23-07	\$266,903.36
Grand Total	\$1,065,912.45

A motion was made by Mr. Luce to approve, seconded by Donnamarie Davis. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

Old Business

Draft for the Ordinance of rezoning of School Dist. Properties for open space issues. Mr. Luce is in favor as written it takes land out of institutional zoning, however is concerned that the School District may still be planning on selling excess properties. Mr. Johnson stated that institutional zoning lowers the property value; we need to protect what we have. Donnamarie Davis is in favor of restricting the zoning and will speak under new business. Mr. Harris reminded the Board that this can be referred to the Planning Commission for review.

A motion was made to refer this issue to the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Warminster Township Planning Commission for review by Mr. Luce, seconded by Donnamarie Davis. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

Mr. Harris reviewed the Ordinance #668 for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Luce, seconded by Donnamarie Davis. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

Ordinance #663, the Municipal Waste Ordinance was reviewed and recommended for approval. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Luce. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

Mr. Walker reviewed and recommended the escrow release for Timber Woods, LaRosa Builders in the amount of \$16,016.24. A motion for the release was made by Mr. Luce, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not available).

Mr. Walker reviewed and recommended the escrow release for BWI Properties – Catherine Street in the amount of \$14,034.72. A motion for the release was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Luce. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not available).

Mr. Tate reviewed and recommended the appointment of Joe Alvare as the Golf Course General Manger on addendum of Liquor License. A motion was made to appoint Mr. Alvare by Mr. Luce, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Mr. Quinn not present).

New Business

Mr. Luce reviewed the Sexual Predators Act – Horsham Township just passed an ordinance. He feels that Warminster Township should have a similar ordinance. Mr. Harris will look into this.

Donnamarie Davis – regarding the zoning for the School District she feels that the School District property needs to be preserved for the future. She suggested that we start a green space fund, no matter what amount. Mr. Luce felt that this was a good idea and that they need to look at what open space we have in the Township. Mr. Harris said that we need to give this some thought. Is this going to be funded by the budget or donations? We need rules on how this can be funded and used.

Mr. Harris announced the following Zoning Hearing Board Issues on 9-19-07
1290 Old York Road – to utilize space over an existing barn for apartments.
The Board feels that the Zoning Hearing Board can handle.

Public Comment

No Comment

Supervisors Comments

Mr. Luce – no comment

Mr. Johnson – announced that the Budget Meeting is on 9-25 and hopes residents feel free to attend.

Donnamarie Davis – no comment

Mr. Gold – no comment

Agenda Items for the next meeting

Tent Ordinance

Waste Ordinance

Neighborhood #4

Community Development Grants for 2008

The next meeting of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday September 27, 2007 at the Township Building at 7:30PM.

With no more business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Luce to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gold. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted

Richard J. Luce, Jr.
Recording Secretary
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