

**WARMINSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Feinberg, Chairman
Ellen S. Jarvis, Vice Chairperson
Gail Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer
Fred L. Gold
Leo I. Quinn, III

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Tate, Township Manager
Barbara Sultzbach, Assistant Township Manager
Elliot Drexler, Esq., Township Solicitor
Craig Kennard, PE, Township Engineer (Gilmore)
Thomas Thern, Zoning Officer
Jim Krueger, Fire Marshal / L & I Director

CALL TO ORDER: The Public Meeting of the Warminster Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Township Building, 401 Gibson Avenue, Warminster, PA, after a short technical delay, was called to order at 7:08 PM, by Chairman Frank Feinberg.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Fred Gold, followed by a moment of silence for our men and women in uniform around the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & MINUTES

- Frank Feinberg asked for the motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2008. Fred Gold so moved the motion. Gail Johnson 2nd the motion. The vote carried 5-0-0.
- Frank Feinberg announced that he received a letter from the Bucks County Commissioners which informed us that as part of the "Open Space Program" for the county, Warminster will be awarded a grant in the amount of \$727,858.00. Robert Tate has been requested to check on details.
- Regarding Park & Recreation, Leo Quinn mentions the following:
 1. As part of the Christmas tree recycling program over 310 trees were chipped. Chips are available at the WREC. Bring your own bags and shovel.
 2. The Wine and Cheese Basket Bingo is sold out for February 29th.
 3. The Annual Spring Egg Scramble is Thursday, March 20th at 4:30 PM at the WREC. Children ages 3 to 10 should register, call P & R to be placed on the list in your age group. Fulton Bank is our sponsor for this event.
 4. The Rubber Ducky Regatta is Sunday, May 18th at Kemper Park. Tickets are on sale at the WREC, library and township tax office. One duck is \$5.00. Six ducks is \$20.00. Commerce Bank is the sponsor for this event.
 5. P & R is now accepting applications for summer employment. Openings are available for recreation supervisors, swim instructors, life guards and park maintenance staff. Contact the WREC or download application from our web site, www.warminstertownship.org.
 6. The WREC will be closed Saturday, February 16 to Monday, February 18th for Presidents' Day holiday.
 7. On Saturday, March 15th at Thunderbird Lanes, the Warminster Rotary will be holding a fund raiser for the skate spot. Arrive at 8:00 PM. Bowling is 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The cost is \$125.00 a lane (six bowlers). Cost includes your food and soda. Sponsors are being accepted for \$100.00 a lane.
 8. On behalf of P & R, we have been approach by the PA State Fair about moving the fair from Bensalem to Warminster. Larry DerHagopian will put details on the web site for neighbors' input. The board will be discussing the details as we move forward. This year's proposed dates are May 22 to May 31st.

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- **Ellen Jarvis presented the following items:**
 1. **Curative Amendment Hearing for Wawa is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in the township building. Hearing is open to the public. Additional hearings will be scheduled if needed. Regarding Wawa, a letter was received from Mrs. Payne of Street Road in which she shared a petition signed by a dozen neighbors from Hardman and Lea Lane which reiterates their desire that the township defend the ordinances to protect the lot at Street & Newtown Roads.**
 2. **The Hartsville Fire Company is having their awards banquet this Saturday, February 16th at Williamson's. The Warminster Fire Department will be having their 81st Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 15th at Spring Mill Manor. Congratulations to all who are receiving awards.**
 3. **The Seniors & Health Advisory Committee will be having their first meeting Tuesday, February 19th at 6:00 PM in the township building. The meeting is open to the public.**
 4. **As supervisor liaison to the Ben Wilson Senior Center, I received a report from one of our citizen liaisons.**
 - **The 2008 Ben Wilson Senior Center (over 55) membership dues in the amount of \$15.00 are now due. See the receptionist at the front desk of the senior center.**
 - **The Bucks County Area Agency on Ageing is conducting an important transportation and mobility survey now through the end of the month. Please contact them at the county court house to participate.**
 - **The Ben Wilson Senior Center Helping Hand Committee will be conducting a food drive to distribute to area food agencies and needy families. Please drop off non-perishable food items at the Ben Wilson Senior Center from March 1st through March 15th.**
 - **Tax assistance for seniors is available at the Ben Wilson Senior Center by appointment. An appointment can be made at the front desk. The AARP will provide this service on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday now through April 5th and the Pa Dept of Revenue provides tax help on Wednesdays. The senior center is closed for Presidents' Day holiday.**
 5. **Friends of the Warminster Library, are conducting their annual membership drive. Annual membership ranges from \$1.00 for kids up to \$500.00 for golden business members. Please contact Warminster Free Library at 1076 Emma Lane for information.**
 6. **Received correspondence from Michael Monaghan, who is President of the Centennial School District Board. He is the liaison from the school board to this board. He wanted the residents to be abreast of the following:**
 - **The deadline date for filing the Homestead and Farmstead application is March 1, 2008. This application, which shows you are a Warminster resident and homeowner, must be filed to receive the potential property tax reduction. This reduction is not automatic. To be eligible for potential Homestead and Farmstead exclusions on the Centennial Real Estate Tax Bills that are generated in July 2008 you must file the Homestead and Farmstead application.**
 - **The school board has prepared and is sending to the residents an eight page newsletter that has some charts and an explanation of the budget. Included in the newsletter is a chart with the cost of state mandates and reimbursements.**
 - **The school district will be having an important meeting Tuesday, February 26th, the school board will be discussing the three options of the final feasibility study for the high school.**

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Ellen Jarvis (Cont'd)**

- **The three options are:**
 - A) Warm and dry – only fixing the heating, air conditioning & plumbing, the ADA issues and some cosmetic issues.**
 - B) Warm and dry plus - that is replacing windows, adding classrooms etc., to A & B building and renovating B building.**
 - C) Building a new A building and renovating the B building.**

The school board is scheduled to vote to accept or reject the feasibility study. It is scheduled to be held in the administration building on Centennial Road. It may be moved to the high school depending on public response to the meeting.
- 7. A member of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials is asking all the municipalities to consider adopting a resolution that would support voter marked paper ballot in Bucks County. In this regard, a resolution was submitted to our board for review and consideration. The resolution reaffirms that there is a need for a paper trail ballot. There is a meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials scheduled Saturday, February 16th. This will be discussed by the township officials.**

PRESENTATIONS

Karen Whitney - Parks and Recreation Department

For the last ten years, the township has been working with numerous teens and adults in this community to create a skate park. The development of a skate park was important to provide a safe outlet for kids who are more interested in non-traditional sports such as skate boarding and BMX biking.

The P & R Department has determined that the most feasible location for the skate spot was on the old tennis courts at Munro Park. Munro Park has all the needed park amenities (e.g. restrooms, water fountain, phone etc.). The tennis courts which were built on a landfill had become dilapidated. Public Works cleaned up the mess and have since paved over the front four courts and the back two courts. The back two were refinished for tennis. One of the front four courts was changed into a basketball court and the other three were just sitting there. In 2007, the township received from Warminster Hospital a \$5,000.00 donation. These monies were used to complete the enclosure of the fence on the three courts that remained opened and to create all the signage (rules & regulations, stop signs etc.).

The P & R Department had also set aside \$25,000.00 in the budget to buy modular skate park equipment. We have been working, building and saving for many, many years. We wanted equipment best suited for our venue, the kids and bikers that came to all the meetings.

Working with the skate committee, we interviewed numerous manufacturers and reviewed all the designs. The committee chose to purchase Skatewave equipment. This equipment is made of solid steel that holds up to heavy use and the elements. On July 28, 2007 over fifty members of the community (youths & adults) came out to build and put together all the equipment pieces under the guidance of the instructors from Skatewave. The modular skate park allows the kids to work together as they move certain pieces of apparatus around to create different designs.

In an effort to raise additional funds, we started a sponsorship program. We used some of the sponsorship money to create tee shirts with our logo (created by Chris Burke). The tee shirts (\$10.00), stickers and buttons are being sold through the P & R Department or at special events sponsored by the municipality.

On September 15th, we held the grand opening of the Warminster Skate Park, over 125 people attended. The Warminster Skate Spot was dedicated in memory of Kyle Quinn, who with his brother Dennis and their friends, was instrumental in starting and moving this project forward ten years ago.

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PRESENTATIONS (Cont'd)

Now our greatest challenge is finding additional funds so we can continue to add new pieces to the park. We are looking at business sponsorship, advertising special events and tee shirt sales.

We are here tonight to request the Board of Supervisors to approve that the P & R Department go before the Zoning Hearing Board. We are requesting that you wave all our permits and fees so that we can go to the Zoning Hearing Board and request any necessary waivers or exemptions for us to install advertising around the top perimeter of the skate park.

Tom Panzer- 534 Parmentier Road – member of the Warminster Skate Committee and spokesman this evening for the committee continues the presentation. He introduces several volunteer members of the committee both youth and adults that are present, David Kerwood (preparer of tonight's Power Point presentation), Pat Kerwood, Pam Aborrio, Jimmy Aborrio, Joe Panzer, Claudia Eisenman and Leo Quinn. He extends the committee's appreciation for the guidance of P & R Department's Karen Whitney, Director and Larry DerHagopian, Recreation Supervisor.

The members of the skate committee are here tonight to give Karen Whitney moral support and also to emphasize that the skate committee is not just a name on a piece of paper. They are hard working youth and adults from Warminster Township that are trying to continue to make Warminster Skate Spot a great place for kids to go to skate, bike and enjoy other social endeavors.

The skate committee has experienced the backing and support of Warminster Township financially, through the township's repaving of the grounds, running the fence and many other efforts that made the skate spot a safe place for recreation.

A real showing of support and sweat equity for the skate spot was back in July when the temperature and humidity was about 98 degrees; yet, volunteers (kids, adults, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and representatives of the equipment manufacturing company) came out and put the skate spot equipment together.

The skate spot needs funds to continue to add to what is already on site. Aside from raising money by selling tee shirts etc. the committee now wants to take it to another level and sell advertising, similar to what other youth organizations in the township have done, specifically Warminster baseball at Munro Park. This will necessitate that the P & R Department go to the Zoning Hearing Board which will require fees and waivers.

The Park, Recreation & Conservation (PRC) Board has approved the skate committee's proposal with conditions that are listed in the Zoning Fee Waiver Memorandum dated February 4, 2008 that Karen Whitney presented to this board.

The skate committee asks that the township consider supporting the kids and the group's effort to raise additional funds for the skate spot and that the Board of Supervisors wave all fees which would normally accompany a trip to the Zoning Hearing Board and the subsequent fees for the signage that would be placed at the Warminster Skate Spot.

Any checks received are made out to the Warminster Skate Spot, it is a special fund set aside within the P & R budget.

Leo Quinn made the motion to approve that the P & R Department go before the Zoning Hearing Board with the waiver of fees / permits. The motion was 2nd by Fred Gold. The vote carried 5-0-0.

Leo Quinn comments that as a member of the skate board and liaison to the park board, he gets to spend a lot of time with the youth. They come to the meetings month after month and the skateboarders just want a safe place to go and have fun. He further shared that he and Claudia took the dog to Munro Park on a 10 degree temperature day and found that they and 15 skateboarders were the only one's there. He encouraged the youth to continue using the skate spot and suggests that as the people in the community recognized all their hard work, the group will receive more and more benefits.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Walt Clemens – Saxony Manor

Mentions that back in December when the preliminary budget was available he spoke on a half dozen items

- Fines & forfeitures
- Why had code enforcement failed to meet the budget in 2006 & 2007.....
- Rents..... why was the tax collectors rent reduced
- Government salary.....
- Fire Marshal Services....
- ... budget... increased over 300% in just two years, from \$82,000 in 2006 to 258,000 in 2008.....
- ...cutting of grass ...high amount...\$79,000 line items for P & R

He points out these things because the budget was supposed to be open.Mr. Johnson said the new majority board was going to revisit the budget.the only thing that could be addressed that wasn't restricted by the budget was the rent... he wasn't just talking about the rent but was talking about a lot of things but was restricted because the budget was not revisited.

The Intelligencer had an article on Doylestown cutting their expenses for their parks. They are paying too much money for grass cutting etc. They are cutting their P & R budget by 24%. This is almost a \$200,000.00 slice of a \$788,000.00 budget item.

Says he's looking to save taxpayers dollars. From the board, as custodians of taxpayer's money....he expectswherever they can save tax dollars, that's all he wants. Not for any other reason is he here.

In Response: Frank Feinberg

We agree, we want to save the taxpayers money too. One correction, the board did revisit the budget in detail. We have decided not to reopen after revisiting. There was really no reason to reopen it because, if the budget isn't what we think, we can always cut spending without reopening the budget.

Karen Whitney - Parks and Recreation Department

Regarding grass cutting, we are in the last year of the three year contract. We will be going out for bids in October of this year for the following year. We are looking for ways to cut the grass budget. All the addition of meadows at Warminster Park has greatly reduced the interior mowing. The parks 240 acre perimeter is large. The people who live across the street and around the park want the perimeter to remain a lawn cut. Munro Park (36 acres) is a sports park and also has to be cut with specific heights for sports that are played there. Most of the larger parks are contracted out. Our park crew is still doing some parks. The board can take a look at the contracted items and make any needed changes.

Walt Clemens: Saxony Manor

He suggested, that of the 240 acres in Warminster Park, 75 acres be allowed to go back to natural. Let it grow. Grass only grows so high then reseeds itself.

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SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Frank Feinberg:

Karen Whitney does a phenomenal job with P & R. She sent a report to the board where, for a project, she got \$100,000.00 (not specific) in funding. She then raised another \$900,000.00 (not specific) to do the project. She does a great job of doing things at almost no cost to the township, when compared to what it could have cost.

Ellen Jarvis:

I would like to point out and compliment Karen Whitney and the staff at P & R for doing a phenomenal job. Upon looking at last year's 2007 budget, I found that virtually all of the P & R expenditures have come in under budget and that all of the revenues have come in over budget. Again, I compliment P & R for doing a fabulous job. Thank you, to Karen and staff.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Check List for February 14, 2008

Gail Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer presented the Check List for the period February 14, 2008.

Gail Johnson states: 2008 Prepays - \$40,241.64

General Fund	\$232,376.82
Park & Recreation Fund	55,048.96
Sanitation Fund	289,749.33
Golf Fund	79,391.38
Debt Service Fund	51,820.24
Highway Aid Fund	1,565.80
Payroll Date February 7, 2008	<u>238,993.10</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>\$948,945.63</u></u>

Gail Johnson states: 2007 Invoices - \$7,456.89 2008 Invoices - \$387,543.57

Note: Robert Tate will check what invoices are excluded in the above totals.

Gail Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer made a motion to approve the Check List for February 14, 2008. The motion was 2nd by Fred Gold. The vote carried 5-0-0.

Ellen Jarvis: Under Card Member Services, there is an item in the amount of \$8,032.68 for Capital Projects and Building. Why is this item on a credit card?

Note: This question will be answered by Robert Tate at the next meeting.

Ellen Jarvis: Requested the names and the charges of township employees who have credit cards.

Note: Robert Tate will provide names of the six credit card holders and a breakdown of how they charge.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. The Employee Recognition Program is now in place. Catalogs have been sent to all department heads. Robert Tate, Township Manager, credits Barbara Sultzbach, Assistant Township Manager, for the research and development of the program. Employee's will be eligible every 5th year (5-10-15-20-25-30 etc) of their employment. The gift values available to eligible employees have corresponding numerical values (5 years \$25.00, 10 years \$50.00, 15 years \$75.00, 20 years \$100.00, 25 years \$125.00, 30 years \$150.00).

The first nominee for 2008 will be an employee who has hit their 30th year anniversary.

2. The Warminster Tax Collector's rent was made issue by resident Walt Clemens at the January 31st Board of Supervisors meeting. At this meeting, he presented information which supported his view that the tax collector's 2007 rent reduction from \$350.00 to \$100.00 was unjustified. He asked the Board to "to open up this issue and address it and see if we can get this corrected..."

Frank Feinberg requested the township manager to contact Mr. Clemens for his information, so it could be copied and reviewed by the board. Mr. Clemens was contacted by the Assistant Township Manager but refused to share his information.

Frank Feinberg: Points out that, all tax collection services are performed as required...At no cost to the township the tax collector prepares the bills, as opposed to having them printed at our cost from the county. The tax collector provides copy services for county business and transfers, provides people with location information, provides information to different township departments such as L & I, police department and township administration. The tax collector pays own expenses and receives no benefits from the township.....

Ellen Jarvis: Reiterates that the tax collector pays own expenses. Says, the tax collector serves as a quasi receptionist at the front door of the township building. This provides our township with an added service that normally would require an employee wage plus benefits. Mentions, she sent a note to the Board of Supervisors in which she shared her personal observation of the long hours spent at the township by the tax collector on behalf of the taxpayers. The tax collector goes beyond extraordinary work for our township. The rent issue was first brought up at the December 13, 2007 public meeting. From December 14th through January 27th the township received 65 emails in which people have supported lowering the tax collectors rent to zero.

Ellen Jarvis made the motion to keep Warminster Tax Collector's rent at \$100.00. The motion was 2nd by Frank Feinberg.

Walt Clemens: Says, it is not true that neighboring townships' tax collectors don't pay rent, also, Horsham does not have a tax collector. Comments, that the list of tax collectors who do not pay rent is totally incorrect, they do pay rent. Suggests, there are a lot of variables that enter into this discussion that the board does not mention. The reduction of the tax collectors rent in his opinion was strictly a political patronage and is a disgrace...

Frank Feinberg calls for a vote. The vote carried 4-1-0 (Johnson).

3. Frank Feinberg requests a motion for the legal & engineering escrow release for Yum Yum in the amount of \$1,392.08. Leo Quinn so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Ellen Jarvis. The vote carried 5-0-0.

4. Frank Feinberg requests a motion for the adoption of Ordinance #672 – Regulate Fire Alarms. Gail Johnson so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Frank Feinberg. The vote carried 5-0-0.

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OLD BUSINESS (Cont'd)

5. Frank Feinberg requests a motion for the adoption of Ordinance #674 – General Obligation Note \$471,000.00 for Township Vehicles. Fred Gold so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Leo Quinn.

Ellen Jarvis: What are these vehicles and equipment?

Robert Tate: Six vehicles (new & replacements) between police and L & I, a dump truck for Public Works, a front end loader (a replacement) for Public Works, a service truck (a replacement) for Public Works and a breathalyzer for the police department are predominately the items in that list.

Frank Feinberg calls for a vote. The vote carried 5-0-0.

6. Frank Feinberg requests a motion for authorization to sell a 1993 Chevrolet truck on EBay. Leo Quinn so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Fred Gold. The vote carried 5-0-0.

7. Ellen Jarvis made the motion for the adoption of Resolution 2008-04 Tri-Centennial Executive Committee. The motion was 2nd by Leo Quinn. The vote carried 5-0-0.

8. Frank Feinberg requests a motion to authorize payment to Tru-Line Construction – Leopard Road & Woodland Drive – storm sewer project in the amount of \$65,960.10. Ellen Jarvis so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Fred Gold. The vote carried 5-0-0.

9. Frank Feinberg requests a motion for Franklin Corporate Center escrow releases:
- a. Lot 14 in the amount of \$21,256.55. Fred Gold so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Ellen Jarvis. The vote carried 5-0-0.
 - b. Lot 3 in the amount of \$115,464.22. Ellen Jarvis so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Leo Quinn. The vote carried 5-0-0.
 - c. Lot 13 in the amount of \$15,503.14. Leo Quinn so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Fred Gold. The vote carried 5-0-0.

Regarding Shenandoah Woods – Horsham Land Reuse Authority - member from Warminster Bucks County

Leo Quinn reads a letter dated November 27, 2007 addressed to Donnamarie Davis. This letter informs Ms. Davis that the Buck County Commissioners have reappointed her to the Board of the Horsham Land Reuse Authority. Her term will expire December 31, 2012. Letter is from Charles H. Martin, Chairman. Letter was given to Robert Tate to be filed.

Ellen Jarvis requests that Mr. Tate send a copy of Donnamarie Davis's letter to HLRA because the HLRA web site lists Warminster's position as vacant.

Jim Krueger: There are several major issues with Shenandoah Woods

- Storm water management - Navy promised to take care of - not done.
- Roads & general land development are more than our ordinance allows. The roads are extremely narrow.
- Buildings are built to a military standard which is not the UCC Code.
- Navy did sprinklers before moving out. There are some significant upgrades.
- There are major code issues as far as the construction and the density as far as our ordinance is concerned.

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**OLD BUSINESS (Cont'd)
Regarding Shenandoah Woods (Cont'd)**

Gail Johnson: The Comprehensive Plan shows Shenandoah Woods as multi family residential for future use. Do we have to change our Plan? The R-2 zoning is not multi family residential.

Elliot Drexler: The Comprehensive Plan should be consistent with the R-2 zoning.

James Krueger: Consideration has to be given to the McKinney Act where other organizations have first bid on the property after it goes through the governmental process then it opens up to non profit service organizations. Ms. Davis indicated at one of the meetings that there were several organizations looking to house different people that were less fortunate. There are significant issues that need to be continually looked at as time proceeds with the closure of the WGNAS.

Note: Leo Quinn suggests Donnamarie Davis be invited to the meeting that Frank Feinberg schedules for the Nancy Szamborski presentation. Robert Tate will contact Ms. Davis.

Regarding Traffic Safety Policy

Ellen Jarvis: Where do we stand in getting supervisors input on the Traffic Safety Policy?

Frank Feinberg: There is one action item that I did ask the Traffic Safety Board to take. Give us a one pager as steps a citizen can take with respect to alerting them that they have a traffic problem and need traffic calming or some resolution. The policy is long.

We still want input. PennDot has guides not policy. PennDot criteria's is far more inclusive than what the Traffic Safety Committee requires.

Note: The Traffic Safety Committee has a form that they have people fill out when they come to the Traffic board. I would like that form put on line. Let the people print it out, fill it out and take it to the board. This will save a lot of time. I will email a copy of the form to Mr. Tate.

Regarding Smart Power

Gail Johnson: It is almost a year since we purchased 20% of the townships electricity through renewable energy resources. The purpose was to get a solar panel for the township. To get the solar panel we had to sign up 200 new residents to buy 20% of their electricity through renewable energy resources. I was recently contacted by Molly Tsongas and was reminded that we still need 157 new customers by May 1, 2008. She suggested the following:

- **Public Service Announcements -** put on the TV channel. Molly will supply a prepared 30 to 45 second script. I volunteer to read the script.
- **School Partnerships –** There is a performance group The Quiet Riot that sends promotional materials to schools in a township. They encourage clean energy. They actually get the kids to take information home. We need the superintendent's approval before we can have our representative from the township (Patty Chapman) call the school principals for clean energy.
- **Newsletter- P & R's** directory doesn't come out until May 1st. I will try to get Molly Tsongas to extend our deadline. We have been running articles. We need actual sign up forms. I will co-ordinate that.
- **Letter to Editor -** Molly has a prepared letter. I will send one to the Intelligencer.
- **Community Networks –** incentives, chamber of commerce, community groups, scouts etc. I would ask we all get involved with this.

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NEW BUSINESS

Frank Feinberg requests a motion to appoint Nancy O'Hara to the Library Board for a full three year term expiring December 31, 2010. Fred Gold so moved the motion. The motion was 2nd by Ellen Jarvis. The vote carried 5-0-0.

**Regarding Duty Tow Operator Glenn Natter
Ellen Jarvis**

Under Ordinance #544, Glenn Natter, along with other duty tow operators, applied for licenses in July of 2007. Pending review from last years Board of Supervisors and the Township Solicitor, the applications made were returned. The regular rotation was maintained throughout 2007 into January.

Mr. Natter, in particular, made efforts to communicate because of the issue as to whether the Ordinance #544 was going to be reviewed. There was miscommunication. Mr. Natter did not know he had to reapply when this was advertised in January. Mr. Natter misunderstood and thought that his application made in July had covered him and that he didn't need to reapply.

One of the issues relative to duty tow operators is they have their primary place of business within Warminster and also have normal operating hours. This is the ordinance requirement.

Mr. Natter does rent essentially an impound lot on the former Brandow property. He does meet the ordinance in that he operates during normal business hours but he does not have a walk up window which the ordinance does not require. He does meet the letter of Ordinance #544.

In a compelling letter received from Mr. Natter, he notes the many steps he had made to try to communicate. He asks for conciliation so he can resolve this without going further in terms of litigation. In my discussion with Chief Murphy and Bob Tate a resolution was proposed that we reopen the application process for ten days and again advertise it. Mr. Natter would than be able to make application. He would still have to be inspected and if the application was accepted he would be licensed and put into rotation no later then April 1, 2008.

**Regarding Duty Tow Operator Glenn Natter
Chief Murphy**

I still have some concerns. Mr. Natter is the only business that does not have someone there during regular business hours. When a customer comes to get their car or they send another tow from the body shop to retrieve their vehicle they have to call him, he has to come from wherever he is in order to facilitate. The spirit of the ordinance is that regular business hours would afford customer service. He doesn't meet that (the spirit) but probably he does meet the letter of the ordinance.

In response to a question from Fred Gold, the chief sums up his concerns regarding Mr. Natter by saying, when Mr. Natter reapplies we will do a thorough investigation, just like we do for all of our tow operators, we look to see that his trucks are registered in Warminster, that his business is registered in Warminster, and that he has a valid current lease, at 555 Street Road. If he meets all those standards I would have no objection to issuing him a license and putting him back on the list.

Leo Quinn: Is part of your thought process to try to keep to a smaller number so they are responsive?

Chief Murphy: Whoever the tow companies are, ideally, I believe we are best served by two tow companies.multiple tow companies...present some challenges...for....tow companies....for us.

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**NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)
Regarding Duty Tow Operator Glenn Natter (Cont'd)**

Leo Quinn: Is the fee structure part of the ordinance or is it separate?

Chief Murphy: The fee structure is part of the ordinance but it does say that by resolution the fees can be adjusted. This was done in 2003.

Note: Chief Murphy continues, it is for the townships benefit to set a fee schedule. It should be well researched. We can reach out to tow companies throughout the region and ask them to send us their prevailing fees and present that information to the board for inclusion in the ordinance or as a resolution whatever the board determines.

Ellen Jarvis made the motion that the Board of Supervisors directs the township to reopen the duty tow application period for ten days (Feb 20th to the 29th, 2008). The two duty tow operators licensed in January 2008 (Al Million and Modern Auto Body) do not need to reapply. They alone will continue to rotate in the provision of duty tow service in February. The reopening will be publicly advertised February 20, 2008. Any additional applicants must make application for licenses during that 10 day period and will be inspected by the Warminster Police Department for compliance to the existing ordinance and licensed accordingly. Those complying and receiving license as a result will be added to the duty tow rotation list as soon as practical but, not later than April 1, 2008. The motion was 2nd by Fred Gold.

Discussion:

Leo Quinn feels that these people should wait till we reopen it again in June. They had their chances to do it, let the two that are there ride until June.

Frank Feinberg: Was it said that they missed the advertisement?

Ellen Jarvis: Warminster is a significant part of the Glenn Natter business. Mr. Natter has been providing duty tow service for seven consecutive years. He has letters from the Chief of Police saying it's been a pleasure working with you, I sincerely hope you apply...

Mr. Natter was waiting for input from the police department. His visits and calls to the police department were never acknowledged. He was still waiting for the Board of Supervisors to review the ordinance. He did not know it was reopened. He didn't even know to look for the ordinance advertisement.

Leo Quinn Chief did we drop the ball here? The Chief said, we don't have a good communicative record with Mr. Natter. We advertised in the paper and the three tow companies that did respond were inspected and were issued licenses.....

Frank Feinberg calls for a vote. The vote was 1-4-0 (Feinberg, Johnson, Quinn and Gold). The motion was defeated.

Note: Frank Feinberg mentioned he received an Email from the Vice Chair of Warrington Township. Warrington Township has just rewritten their towing ordinance and is willing to share it with Warminster. The Chief and Mr. Feinberg will acquire a copy.

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NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Regarding Escrow Release to McGrath Phase I

The board received a letter on this date from Pennoni/Mary Stover which estimates that there are adequate escrow funds with a 10% cushion. To provide the board sufficient time for review, it was determined that the escrow release to McGrath Phase I in the amount of \$139,074.87 will be placed on the agenda for February 28, 2008.

At the suggestion of Craig Kennard, Mary Stover will be asked to attend the next meeting.

James Krueger volunteered to walk the property of the Villas at Five Ponds and check the following:

- Plantings along Delmont Ave.
- Common area - Low spot that allows water to lay
- Tree issues along creek
- Issues with Pumping station

Note: Findings will be reported to the board before the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerry DeRosa – Mueller Road

Abington Hospital has left our community high and dry. Wants to know how Abington Hospital gets tax reassessment based on the purchase price of the Warminster property. Has serious concern about the time it takes for an ambulance to get to Abington Hospital and questions Abington Hospital's capability of handling additional emergency services, when their emergency ward presently has tremendous traffic. Says, we have about 36,000 people here in Warminster that are being neglected. He is uncertain what can be done and asks the board to place this issue on the next agenda or the one after so that more facts and suggestions can be brought forward on what we can do as a community, a board or a county.

Response to Public Comment

Frank Feinberg: It is our intention to have Abington Hospital come and talk to us.

Ellen Jarvis: The Seniors & Health Advisory Committee may be able to serve in an advisory capacity as to what we may be able to do. Planning to attend the next committee meeting is member Katie Farrell. Ms. Farrell is Executive Director of the Warminster Campus Branch now of Abington. Our township will incur additional expenses due to the closure of urgent care services and emergency room services. As an example, we invested in a new ambulance, because our ambulance runs have lengthened. The number of calls, by Anne's Choice residents, has doubled the use of our ambulances. Our volunteer ambulance corps needs to recruit new volunteers. In a recent email from Ms. Farrell she said Abington Hospital did not pull its business out of Warminster Hospital, they are still providing outpatient services. In an exchange of dialogue with Ms Farrell, I did say it was one thing to have outpatient services that include things like invitro fertilization; but, what about the services our community, with so many seniors, really does require? We do want answers from Abington Hospital and other health care providers on how else they can provide services to our community. Having worked in health care for many years, I would like to be able to explore what other type of opportunities we may be able to bring into Warminster to answer some of the needs of our residents.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Cont'd)

Response to Public Comment (Cont'd)

Leo Quinn: In light of the burden placed on the ambulance corps by Anne's Choice residents, can we require that they provide some additional resources? Was this something that was an initial requirement?

James Krueger:

When Anne's Choice was first proposed to be built in Warminster Township, Tom Thern and I went to North Jersey to one of their facilities and met with the code officials, township supervisors and others. At that time, they indicated to us what services they were getting as part of the developers agreement. They were getting an ambulance crew, an ambulance, a fire station as well as the other utilities.

We knew in advance that ambulance needs were going to become a burden, since Anne's Choice is an older community needing and deserving more services such as the ambulance. Their need for the ambulance has the biggest impact on emergency services for the township.

It is suggested, that the board bring this matter to the attention of the present management at Anne's Choice, and let them carry it to their corporate headquarters.

It is taking the ambulance longer to respond because the ambulance has to travel from the Warminster area, to Abington, Holy Redeemer, Doylestown or St. Mary's so their response time back into the community is going to take much longer with only two rigs. The ambulance corps, looking toward the future, may have to put on three full time crews. The ambulance service within the township is being taxed. It is an important service to our residents. This is something that we really need to address.

Frank Feinberg:

It does need to be addressed. After we gather ideas and put together a plan of action Bob Tate and I will make a joint visit to Anne's Choice management. If possible, it will be done before the end of next month.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Leo Quinn: I would like to have put on the Character Generator as soon as possible a reminder that the Warminster Rotary has put together a fund raiser bowling event. This is to raise money for the Warminster Skate Park which benefits the kids that use Munro Park. It will be held at the Thunderbird Lanes Saturday, March 15, 2008. The event will start at 8:00 PM.

Fred Gold: Wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!

Frank Feinberg: The Curative Amendment Hearing for Wawa is scheduled for next Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 PM, here in the township building. It will not be televised.

Ellen Jarvis: Wishes everyone a happy Presidents' Day on Monday.

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AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2008

- Escrow release to McGrath Phase I
- Abington Hospital presentation
- License Agreement - McGrath Phase II
- Possible presentation by Donnamarie Davis – Shenandoah Woods
- Craven Hall proclamation in honor of their federal historical registry
- Short video tape of official proceedings at Craven Hall – Mr. Calhoun
- Resolution – voter marked paper ballots – BCATO member recommendation
- Resolve Volpe Tile
- Zoning board appeal Angela Maglieri Project

INDIVIDUAL ACTION ITEMS:

1. Robert Tate

- Provide details of “Open Space Program” grant.
- Provide details on invoices excluded in 2008 invoice totals on check list.
- Credit Card expense \$8,032.68 (Capital Projects & Building) to be defined.
- Provide names of township employees with credit card and the breakdown of charges.
- Send copy of Donnamarie Davis’s, representative for Warminster, letter to HLRA. The HLRA web site shows Warminster’s position as vacant.
- Contact Donnamarie Davis – Shenandoah Woods – HLRA.
- Traffic Safety form from Frank Feinberg to be put on line.
- Contact Mary Stover to attend next meeting – McGrath Phase I – escrow release.
- Coordinate with Frank Feinberg in preparation for Anne’s Choice visit.

2. Frank Feinberg

- Schedule Nancy Szamborski to make presentation – Shenandoah Woods.
- Email the Traffic Safety form to Robert Tate to put on line.
- Acquire a copy of Warrington Township’s Tow Ordinance.
- Coordinate with Bob Tate in preparation for Anne’s Choice visit.
- Contact Abington Hospital to request a presentation.

3. Gail Johnson – Smart Power

- Script for public service announcement.
- Contact school superintendent.
- Coordinate with township representative Patty Chapman.
- Contact Molly Tsongas to extend deadline.
- Develop actual sign up forms.
- Coordinate community networking.

4. James Krueger

- Villas at Five Ponds – walk property - report issues to board before next meeting.

5. Leo Quinn

- Forward to Bob Tate the verbiage you want put on the character generator - regarding Warminster Rotary’s fund raising bowling event.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:13 PM