

October 5, 2017

The monthly meeting of the West Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 5, 2017 in the township meeting room. Anne Hutchison called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Anne Hutchison, Jeffrey Young, Secretary Wheeler, Chief Wilmont, Robin McCormick, Solicitor Mahoney, Dick Sprenkle, Jerome Liss, Gary & Debbie Waters, Roadmaster Thompson, Carl Smoker, Steve Dempsey, Gail Emerson and Glen Carlson were in attendance. Duane Hershey was not in attendance. Time was given to review the agenda that was available to all in attendance and was also posted in the meeting room. Anne Hutchison asked for comments on the agenda items. There were no comments.

After reviewing the minutes, Anne Hutchison made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2017 meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the September 21, 2017 meeting of the Board of Supervisors as presented by the secretary. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Mr. Waters received a letter from the township solicitor in regards to the work the township will perform on the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Waters on Rattlesnake Run Road. Mr. Waters approved one of the options of the work, but was concerned that the issue of the blacktop was not listed in the proposed work. Solicitor Mahoney will resend Mr. & Mrs. Waters a corrected letter for them to review and sign that will allow the township to do the proposed work at their property. Mr. Waters thanked the Board for taking care of the matter. Mr. & Mrs. Waters left the meeting.

Anne Hutchison made the motion to accept the granted extension in the allotted time for review of the David Lapp Planning Module from October 15, 2017 to April 20, 2018. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Chief Wilmont gave the regular monthly report. Chief Wilmont reported there was a recent burglary in Highland Township in which the suspects pretended to be working for the power company. While one suspect distracts the homeowner, another suspect enters the home and robs the home, mostly of jewelry. The suspects are driving a white pick-up truck, extended cab. They appear to be focusing on the elderly. Chief Wilmont urges the residents to call 911 if they see any suspicious activity.

The PD received a complaint of drug use at the county park. The complaint is being investigated. Chief Wilmont reported they had no drug overdoses in the month of September.

Chief Wilmont reported he spoke with a habitual drug user in the area who is currently in treatment and receiving a new drug that blocks the receptors. It appears to be working well and Chief Wilmont is hopeful this new drug will help those addicted to heroin.

Roadmaster Thompson reported he spotted a white Ford extended cab pick-up truck in his driveway, when the occupants saw his son walking towards them, they took off. Roadmaster Thompson said he has received compliments from the residents on Thompson Road for the work that was done. Carl Smoker has been busy mowing road banks. Roadmaster Thompson asked if a diesel tank could be placed at the Maintenance Building to fuel the equipment. The matter will be revisited at the budget meetings.

Tax Collector McCormick requested to raise the certification fees from the current \$5.00 to \$10.00 beginning January 1, 2018. She checked with a couple of other Townships in the area and they range from \$10.00 to \$20.00. She said she feels \$10.00 for the certification fee is reasonable. A resolution will need to be adopted to change the current fee schedule for certification fees from \$5.00 to \$10.00 beginning January 1, 2018.

Trick or Treat in the village will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

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A budget meeting will be scheduled on October 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the township meeting room and November 8, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the township meeting room to begin preparation of the 2018 budgets, subject to the availability of Duane Hershey.

Anne Hutchison made the motion to approve the request of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania to use the community center parking lot on Thursdays, January 18, 2018 to February 22, 2018 between 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM, contingent upon receipt of a certificate of insurance. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Anne Hutchison made the motion to accept for review the Landhope Farms Subdivision and Land Development Plan. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

The following correspondence was read:

- An email was received from the director with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks. The information given was provided to the Board of Supervisors.
- Information was received from Solicitor Crotty on the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce Municipal Candidate Meet & Greet.
- Notice was received the 2017 General Municipal Pension System State Aid was deposited on September 27, 2017 in the amount of \$8,080.42.
- An Agricultural Inspection Report was received from CCCD for a manure spill on Bryson Road. The following violations were observed: Failure to develop a written Erosion and Sediment Control Plan; Failure to prevent sediment or other pollutant discharge into waters of the Commonwealth; Site conditions present a potential for pollution to waters of the Commonwealth; Failure to have a Chapter 93 Manure Management Plan. The CCCD will work with the responsible party to obtain compliance.
- An Earth Disturbance Inspection Report was received from DEP for AR-Joy Farms. No violations were observed at the time of inspection.
- Sales flyers and information of services offered were received from several businesses.
- Various training information was received.
- The Oxford Senior Center newsletter was received.

Anne Hutchison asked for comments from the floor. Solicitor Mahoney said that there is a discrepancy in parking sizes between the West Fallowfield Township Zoning Ordinance of 1997 as Amended and the West Fallowfield Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 1989. He was contacted by Ed Foley for a project he is working on within the township. Solicitor Mahoney said he feels the Zoning Ordinance would be the controlling Ordinance in regards to the size of parking spaces. He suggested to Mr. Foley that a request for a waiver for the size of the parking spaces may be possible.

Solicitor Mahoney announced that Action Manufacturing Company sent payment in the amount of \$17,549.11 to cover the township's expenses for attorney's fees and court reporter fees for their Zoning Hearing Board Hearings. Action Manufacturing Company was under no obligation to do so. Solicitor Mahoney said that Action Manufacturing Company has gone above and beyond anything they had to do. A thank you letter was sent from the Board of Supervisors.

Gail Emerson announced she sent an email to Scott Moran and the township regarding two violations; one on Centerhall Road regarding a horse, and one at Centerhall Road & Homeville Road where a variance was obtained for a horse, but there is also a cow and chickens. Ms. Emerson wanted it stated in the minutes she made these complaints.

Glen Carlson asked if he needed a permit for fencing. A permit is not required, however any and all setback requirements must be met.

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Steve Dempsey asked if the Zoning Officer has sent any reports to the Supervisors showing his activities. Anne Hutchison said we have not received any reports and will follow up with the Zoning Officer. Steve Dempsey said that Solicitor Mahoney stated Action Manufacturing Company has gone above and beyond; Steve said they have a lot to make up for.

After reviewing the invoices, Anne Hutchison made the motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Young and passed.

Anne Hutchison recessed the meeting at 7:12 PM.

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:12 PM.

Anne Hutchison re-opened the meeting at 7:50 PM

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina M. Wheeler, Township Secretary