

West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA 17508

In Attendance:

Chairman: Harold Keppley, Jr.
Vice Chairman: John Ford
Member: Dale Wissler
Member: Richard Stover
Member: Russell Ressler, Jr
Secretary/Manager: Patrick Barrett

Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the February 22, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Rachael Speelman, National MS Society – Ms. Speelman requested as in past years, to use of the Township parking lot as a rest stop for the upcoming bike ride on July 24, 2010. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Stover to approve the use of the parking lot as a rest stop contingent upon the Township being named as additionally insured on the certificate of insurance for the MS Society. Motion approved unanimously.

Corey, CV Little League – The CV Little League is requesting to use the Park in Talmage for their practices. They would practice weeknight only from 5:30 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m. Practice begins March 27 and will go until the first week of June. Chairman Keppley asked if the Township would need an insurance certificate from the little league. Mr. Barrett said that he didn't think so since the parks and ball fields are covered by the Township's insurance. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to allow the CV Little League to use the park in Talmage for their practices. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Wissler to approve the February 8, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

Fairmount Homes West Campus – Joyce Gerhart from RGS Associates explained that they plan to do a building addition on the west side of the Fairmount Homes campus. The addition will be approximately 2,200 square feet but will not include any new residences. Fairmount Homes is requesting a waiver of the land development plan process for this project. Mr. Barrett explained that he received an email from Rettew Associates which recommended the waiver request. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Ressler to approve the waiver of land development. Motion approved unanimously.

Eagleview Estates Lot 246 – Mylar signatures and Phase 1 financial security release. Mr. Barrett said that the only outstanding item for Lot 246 is the Township's receipt of electronic plans. Mr. Barrett also said that Mr. Bashore has paid all the outstanding invoices relating to Lot 246. Rettew has recommended that the financial security for Phase 1 of Eagleview Estates be released. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to sign the mylars for Lot 246 of Eagleview Estates. Motion approved unanimously. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to release the financial security for Phase 1 of Eagleview Estates. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

Trash exemption – Reuben & Mary Jane Oberholtzer, 485 W. Metzler Road. Chairman Keppley said he called Mr. & Mrs. Oberholtzer to ask them what they have doing with their garbage. They have been throwing their garbage into a sinkhole on their property. Moved by Chairman Keppley, second by Member Stover to deny the application for trash exemption for Reuben & Mary Jane Oberholtzer. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Memo from Randy Gockley, Lancaster County EMA – The Board reviewed the memo from Randy Gockley. The

Board discussed the Declaration of Disaster Emergency that was sent by Mr. Gockley. Mr. Gockley has advised the Township to declare it's own Disaster Declaration (separate from the emergency declared by the Governor) during emergencies like the last snow storm. Vice Chairman Ford said that the wording of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency document could be changed in order to cover the last storm. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Wissler to have the Township Manager re-word the Disaster document. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-11 – adopting rules and regulations relating to the water system. Mr. Barrett explained that some technical changes have been made and Dale Kopp made a few changes. The Board has already verbally adopted these rules and regulations in November of 2009. The Township's solicitor has put them in the form of written resolution for the Board to officially adopt. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Chairman Keppley to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11. Motion approved unanimously.

Proposed snow emergency ordinance – The Board review the snow emergency ordinance prepared by the Township's solicitor, Josele Cleary. This ordinance will identify certain streets in the Township as snow emergency routes. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to advertise the snow emergency ordinance with the addition of the Township Manager, Chief of Police and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors authorized to declare a snow emergency. Motion approved unanimously.

Manager's Report

- Mr. Barrett said that the road crew did a very good job during the last snow storm. Vice Chairman Ford thanked the road crew.
- Member Stover volunteered to shovel out the fire hydrants after the last snow storm. The Board thanked Member Stover.
- Mr. Barrett said that it costs the Township approximately \$1,700 each time a newsletter is sent out 4 times a year. He said that the Township could save some money by not sending them out and asked the Board how vital they felt the newsletters are. Chairman Keppley suggested just sending them out when needed, not just send them out for the sake of sending out a newsletter. The Board agreed to only send out a newsletter when there is some important information to get out to the residents of the Township.
- There is a conflict with 2 events in the Township this year. The firemen's parade has been approved and is scheduled for July 5 and the Farmland trust would like to have there bike ride through the Township on the same date. Mr. Barrett called the Farmland Trust office but has received a call back from them yet.
- A resident of Eagleview Estates complained about a school bus parked along Talon Drive. There is limited view because of the bus and could be unsafe for the children in the neighborhood. The police department took a look at the situation but they don't believe there is anything they can do. Mr. Barrett will talk to the Police Chief.
- Mr. Barrett reported that David Bomberger, 179 S. State Street, was issued an OLDS permit in 2009.
- The spring meeting of the Lancaster County Association of Township Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Four Seasons. All the Board members will attend.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Stover to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

Chairman Keppley requested a short executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Dale Wissler – Member Wissler said that he noticed a lot of cars parked along the street at 301 S. State Street on Saturday or Sunday evening. He said that the Police stopped at the area but did not ticket anyone.

Russell Ressler – Member Ressler asked who is responsible for plowing snow at the fire companies. Member Stover said that whoever has a plow helps them.

John Ford – Vice Chairman Ford gave an update on the last Fire Company meeting that he and Member Wissler attended. Phil Hursh from the West Earl Fire Co. suggested that the Board assign a permanent representative to attend every meeting. The Board discussed this idea. Vice Chairman Ford asked if the electricity savings that the Township is

receiving through Constellation Energy could be passed on to the Fire Companies. Mr. Barrett will talk to Constellation Energy and get back to the Board. Vice Chairman Ford also reported that Earl Good is now the Chief of the Farmersville Fire Company and the next meeting will be May 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Farmersville.

Harold Keppley – Chairman Keppley asked if a date should be set for the compost workshop. Mr. Barrett suggested having the workshop at the next regular meeting on March 8, 2010. Mr. Barrett will ask Sylvan Fisher to attend the meeting.

Public Works Director Report

The Board reviewed the Public Works Director's report. In addition to his report, Mr. Houser reported that he had just finished a webinar presented by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency about the recent snow storm. Mr. Houser also reported that a dog fence that was underground, in the public right-of-way was by one of the loaders trying to plow snow. He asked the Board if the Township should pay to have the fence repaired. The Board agreed that since the fence was in the public right-of-way the Township shouldn't pay for the repair. The Board thanked Mr. Houser and the public works department for a job well done during the recent snow storm.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:51 p.m.

The Board returned to their regular session at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Chairman Keppley to adjourn the February 22, 2010, regular meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion approved unanimously. 