

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

In Attendance:

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

Chairman Harold Keppley, Jr. was absent.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ford called the April 12, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Barb Martin, Murray Insurance Associates – Ms. Martin was at the meeting to give the Board an overview of Murray Insurance and the Township's Insurance policies. Ms. Martin explained that Murray shops around every 3 to 4 years in insurance markets that specialize in Municipalities. Selective Insurance is the Township's current policy holder except for several bonds which are covered by Travelers Insurance. The policy for the Township's property is the broadest policy that can be purchased which includes money and securities, general liability (based on expenditures) and workers' compensation which is the largest premium at \$40,000+. Ms. Martin provided the Board with a listing of the 47 Municipalities in Lancaster County and their experience modification rate. West Earl Township is currently the highest rated Municipality at .7+%. The Selective Insurance policy currently provides a 3 million dollar umbrella and includes the police and public officials. Murray Insurance will be checking the insurance markets and shop around in 2011.

Butch Long, Grace Evangelical Church – Mr. Long was at the meeting to request approval for the use of Township roads for the Grace Evangelical Church 5K run fundraiser. Parts of Tobacco and Diamond Station Roads will be used. Approximately 150 runners will be participating in the race which will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 8am until 10pm. Chief Brandt said that sections of Tobacco and Diamond Station are State roads and the Church would need to get permission from PennDot in order to use the roads. The Chief said that that wouldn't be a problem and that he could draft a request for the use of the roads. The Board could approve the use of the roads now and then the Chief could get their signatures on the request at a later date. Mr. Long will provide an insurance certificate. Moved by Member Stover, second by member Ressler to approve the use of Tobacco and Diamond Station Road for the Grace Evangelical Church's 5K run contingent upon PennDot's approval and the receipt of an insurance certificate. Motion approved unanimously.

Damien Mscisz, Bareville/Leola Lions Club – Mr. Mscisz was at the meeting to request road closures for the Bareville/Leola Lions Club annual 5K run. The race will be held on July 23 at 7pm beginning at Leola Community Park and finishing at the Product Auction. Mr. Mscisz will talk to the Police Chief and will provide a certificate of insurance. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Wissler to approve the Bareville/Leola Lions Club 5K run contingent upon the receipt of an insurance certificate and providing details of the race to Chief Brandt. Motion approved unanimously.

On Lot Management Program – A Township resident had some questions about the Township's on lot management program. She asked the Board if the 3 year pump-out requirement could be extended in her case because she lives alone and doesn't feel that her septic system needs to be pumped out every 3 years. Vice Chairman Ford said that he isn't sure if the 3-year regulation is from a Township Ordinance or a State Ordinance. Mr. Barrett will check into it and get back to the Township resident.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Stover to approve the March 22, 2010, regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Stover to approve the March 31, 2010 compost workshop minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Resolution No. 2010-16 – accepting dedication of park and recreational land known at Lot 246 of Eagleview Estates. Mr. Barrett informed the Board that this piece of land is tax exempt because it is recreational land. The Township's Solicitor, Josele Cleary has reviewed the Resolution and given her approval. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Wissler to adopt Resolution No. 2010-16. Motion approved unanimously.

Ordinance No. 212 – to revise the West Earl Township Police Pension Fund in accordance with Act 51 of 2009. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Stover to advertise Ordinance No. 212. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Works Director's Report

The Board reviewed the report provided by Jim Houser.

Compost Site - Mr. Houser explained that he and Member Wissler met to put the final specifications together for the compost site gating system. Mr. Houser will get the information ready to go out to bid. Mr. Houser also said that he still has some fencing work to complete at the compost site. Lastly, Mr. Houser explained that there was a dumping incident at the compost site recently. Eagle Disposal dumped a load of concrete, stone, carpet and some dirt at the compost site. Staff from Eagle Disposal were at the compost site today to clean up the materials with shovels. The material was cleaned up by 1pm.

No parking signs, Locust Street – The signs were installed last Thursday. Mr. Houser said he received some positive feedback from the local residents.

Stream Cleaning, Earth Day – On Thursday, April 22, 67 students from CV High School will perform the annual stream cleaning at the Lions Park and Stone Quarry Park. Students from Brownstown Elementary will be planting some flowers at the park as well.

Park Restroom – The restroom walls have been insulated and the electrical conduits have been installed. The water and sewer will be installed shortly. Mr. Houser said that the project is coming along nicely and should be complete by June 1.

Police Chief's Report

Incidents report – The Chief provided the report to the Board for their review. Chief Brandt will provide a report each month.

Volunteer program – The Chief reported that the volunteer program began on April 7.

Overtime Budget – The Chief reported that he is doing well with the overtime budget this year so far. The budget is at 22% instead of the usual 25% for this time of year.

Donated money – There is approximately \$635 in donated funds right now. Chief Brandt would like to use the funds to purchase a shotgun storage rack for use in the crown Victoria. The rack would be installed between the seats of the car and would cost \$337 to purchase and \$150 to install. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to authorize the use of donated funds to purchase and install a shotgun storage rack for the Police Department. Motion approved unanimously.

Solicitors at Schaum's Corner – The Chief that recently there were several solicitors at the Schaum's Corner intersection. He said that the Police should be called if this happens again since soliciting is not allowed along a highway.

Manager's Report

Correspondence from Senator Mike Brubaker – There will be a roundtable discussion on May 20 from 7:30am until 9am at Upper Leacock Township. Mr. Barrett asked the Board if they would like to attend.

Engineering Proposal from YSM – Mr. Barrett explained that YSM was lowest, cost effective proposal for the Eagleview Estates master plan engineering. The engineering firm would go through the planning process with the Park and Recreation Board. The homeowners association for Eagleview Estates would also be involved in the process. The Board discussed the proposal from YSM but did not make a decision on the matter.

WEWA project – Three new pumps were installed at the pumping station on Oregon Pike. Mr. Barrett provided several pictures of the pumps for the Board to review. Mr. Barrett explained that now there is room for expansion for larger customers like DS Water or LGH.

Mr. Barrett requested an executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Payment of Bills

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

Supervisors' Comments

Dale Wissler – Member Wissler asked the Board if they would like to add or delete anything from the compost site card system specifications. The Board did not have anything to add or delete. 5,000 cards will be ordered with about 1,800 left over after Township residents receive their cards. The specifications will go to Josele Cleary for her review.

The Board entered executive session at 8:50 p.m. The Board resumed their regular session at 9:36 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to adjourn the April 12, 2010 regular meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion approved unanimously. ✚