

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark J. Blair, Chairman
John A. Haiko, Vice Chairman
Bruce W. Laverty, Member

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Jack M. Hines, Jr., Township Manager
Vincent M. Visoskas, Asst. Twp. Mgr.
James Lucas, Building and Codes
Michael J. Euler, Parks Director

Chairman Mark Blair called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Kurke - 1313 Stonegate Drive - Asked the Board of Supervisors their opinion on creating an open space fund and asked them if they would consider a referendum to expand the board to five members.

The Board members explained previous views of creating a fund for open space and opined that now is not the time to create a tax increase. They spoke of the additional cost and concerns with creating a five member board, including that that could lead to imposition of a property tax.

MINUTES: November 11 and 25, 2008

Mr. Blair motioned to approve the November 11th minutes as presented. Mr. Laverty seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Blair motioned to approve the November 25th minutes as presented. Mr. Haiko seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Hines read the financial statements for November and presented a list of bills to be paid. Mr. Blair motioned to accept the report and to pay the bills as listed. Also, a final bill list shall be prepared prior to December 31st to be signed by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Lucas listed 34 permits that were issued during the month and other activities regarding code enforcement.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Visoskas read the report listing road department activities, wastewater treatment and refuse/recycling.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Euler reported on park maintenance and other park activities during the month.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Chief Buttner listed 26 alarms that were answered during the month of November and noted that the report is not complete due to a technical problem with activity tracking software. A revised report will be submitted as soon as possible.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Lt. O'Connor, Pennsylvania State Police, presented police activity comparisons to last year and noted that there is an 11% decrease in the number of incidents. The one category of incidents that does not follow that trend is thefts from vehicles. There have been arrests, but residents should not leave vehicles unlocked or leave valuables in vehicles. Lt. O'Connor announced his retirement from the State Police to occur in January and thanked the Township Supervisors, staff and residents for their support during his many years working from the Embreeville Barracks.

The Board of Supervisors thanked the Lieutenant for his service and interest in our community.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Visoskas reported on the use of the Township website and other information technology issues.

BUSINESS

Budget Hearing for the Year 2009 Budget

Mr. Blair declared this portion of the meeting to be a hearing to receive any written or oral comment regarding the proposed budget. Mr. Blair asked Mr. Hines to verify the advertisement and posting of the budget as required by the code. Mr. Hines verified that that has been done and the budget has been available for public view for over 20 days. Mr. Blair noted that the general fund budget will decrease based on predictions of less costs associated with development. He asked Mr. Hines to provide highlights of the budget, which will not require a property tax for the thirty-seventh year. Mr. Hines noted that budget predictions for 2008 have been very close to reality, which predictions have kept the Township from problems associated with the economic conditions of this year. The refuse collection/recycling costs for next year will increase to \$15 per month, up from \$14 per month; the system started at \$12 per month in 1990. The sewer rent fees will increase by \$75 per year; however, if additional housing units are tied into the system that could be revisited in the second half of the year with consideration of lowering the fee. The fire hydrant fee will remain the same. Mr. Hines noted the importance of careful consideration of projects in 2009 and maintaining an appropriate amount in the capital fund, as well as consideration as to what will be ahead in 2010.

Mr. Tom Kurke - 1313 Stonegate Drive - Asked about the payoff of the loan for Broad Run Park and if that was part of a revolving open space account.

Mr. Hines responded that that loan was not for acquisition but construction of the park, and has now been paid.

There were not any additional comments and Mr. Blair closed the hearing.

Resolution 08-23 Resolution to Adopt the 2009 Budget

Mr. Blair motioned to adopt Resolution 08-23. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 08-26 Resolution Changing Various Items in the 2008 Budget

Mr. Blair explained that this is a housekeeping item to reflect changes in revenue and expenditures that have occurred over the year. Mr. Lavery motioned to adopt Resolution 08-26. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Insurance Proposal for 2009

Mr. Hines explained the various proposals and costs. Mr. Lavery motioned to renew with the present carriers due to that proposal providing the lowest cost when considering that there is not sufficient difference to the next proposal to warrant cost and time to change. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Services Board

Mr. Blair motioned to appoint Mr. Joseph Solecki as a Fire Company representative for a term to expire on December 31, 2011. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission - Ex-officio Member

Mr. Blair motioned to appoint Ms. Donna Monper to serve as ex-officio member of the Planning Commission for a one-year term to end on December 31, 2009. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Broad Run Golfer's Club - Public Trail Easements

Mr. Visoskas explained the proposed trail easements for public access to certain trails on the golf course. Mr. Lavery motioned to accept the trail easements subject to the section disallowing the use of roller skates be changed to allow roller skates on any area where rollerblades are allowed. Mr. Haiko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Broad Run Golfer's Club - Easement to Allow Golf Cart Path to Exist on Township Property

Mr. Lavery motioned to approve the granting of the easement subject to the easement not being a perpetual easement. It shall be for the present owners and shall not be transferable with the property unless reviewed and agreed to by the Board of Supervisors at that time. Mr. Haiko seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS

There were none for consideration at this time.

NOTICE

Mr. Blair gave the following notices:

The Board of Supervisors will not hold a subdivision meeting in December.

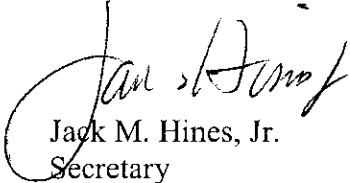
The Organization Meeting and the January Business Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

The Planning Commission will conduct an Organization Meeting and Work Session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 8:00 PM.

Christmas trees may be brought to the Township campus for recycling until January 31, 2009. Please place them in the designated spot.

Mr. Blair motioned to adjourn. Mr. Lavery seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jack M. Hines, Jr.
Secretary

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