

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - BUSINESS MEETING
March 8, 2022**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin Houghton, Chairman
Laurie Abele, Vice-Chairman
Jack M. Hines, Jr., Member

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Justin Yaich, Township Manager
Ron Youtz, Public Works Director
James Lucas, Codes Director
Jack Law, Fire Chief
Kristin Camp, Solicitor
Pamela Henrichon, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Houghton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Houghton announced that the Board met in executive session March 8, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the purposes of litigation, personnel and real estate.

Mr. Houghton made a motion to amend the Agenda by adding 1451 Camp Linden Road – Preliminary Plan / Major Subdivision plan for preliminary review, second by Mrs. Abele. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Houghton opened the floor to public comment.

Bobbie Ekdahl - 1751 West Strasburg Road – Asked if the Board would consider petitioning the governor for a relaxed gas tax.

Ron Goldovich – 1320 Sherwood Drive – Would like the Board to consider petitioning the governor for a relaxed tax for anything travel related. He also thanked the Fire Chief, West Bradford Firefighter's and all outside Fire Departments for making sure their street was safe during the Highland Orchards fire. He stated he was upset with the Highland Orchards fire and the impact it has had on the air quality and that it happened in the first place.

Justin Lannan – 1312 Sherwood Drive – Would like to make sure an incident like Highland Orchard's fire does not happen again. He inquired if Highland Orchard obtained a dumping permit.

Ginny Goldovich – 1320 Sherwood Drive – Discussed Highland Orchards and how there was dirt and logs piled up very high and the burning plastic smell, soot and ash. Very concerned with the dumping at the property line and their property values.

Albert Tribuno – 1319 Sherwood Drive – The Highland Orchards debris pile is ugly in the winter and thinks they should be cited for dumping.

Jonathan Makos – 1326 Sherwood Drive – Asked if the EPA was notified about the Highland Orchard fire and if West Bradford gave them a permit.

Mr. Yaich – DEP was notified and has sent a field agent to the site who has been monitoring it. DEP determined that the Orchard is not required to have a permit. Further, the Township is preempted by enforcing certain measures due to protections in the ACRE Act as well as Ag Security and other farm protection legislation.

Kevin Martin - 1303 Sherwood Drive – Concerned with fumes coming of the fire at Highland Orchards and asking if it's being monitored for contaminants. He also asked when it will stop.

Fire Chief Law – Stated that the fire company does not monitor for pollutants. They're not sure when the fire will stop burning. It could be two weeks or more. It is difficult to determine timing but work continues to extinguish it. Chief Law continually goes through Sherwood Drive two times per day and three times a day to Highland Orchards. Highland Orchards has employees pulling logs off the pile and spreading material to extinguish the fire.

Ginny Goldovich – 1320 Sherwood Drive – Asked how much further Highland Orchards plans on moving these piles to the interior their property.

Mr. Hines – Suggested that the Township would meet with Highland Orchards to come up with a plan. We cannot regulate certain aspects due to the legislation the Township Manager referenced. Highland Orchards did discuss the cleanup operation and establishing a plan, in consultation with DEP so this does not happen again.

Joan Clark – 1308 Sherwood Drive – Talked about Highland Orchards Pile on the property line down the entire street.

Gwen Engler – 1328 Sherwood Drive – Inquired about Highland Orchards log piles.

Steve McBride - 1315 Sherwood – Questioned where Highland Orchards would be moving their log pile.

Fire Chief Law stated Highland Orchards is in the process of shredding all the wood to compost and mix with soil for farm application.

Mr. Yaich said DEP will be checking on the area and that Highland Orchards intendds to mulch and seed the area of the fire.

Mr. John J. Bossong, III – 1651 Helmlock Circle – talked about the hours the volunteer fire fighters have spent on the fire including his son James Bossong. Challenged the audience to join the volunteer fire department so more help in situations like this can be utilized.

Cheryl McBride – 1315 Sherwood Drive – Asked if the fire company was still monitoring the Highland Orchards Fire.

Fire Chief Law confirmed this.

Mr. Lucas, Emergency Management – DEP has visited the site and not pursuing any legal action at this time. They will monitor several times per month until early summer. Once in compliance, DEP will likely visit the site annually to inspect for best management practices.

BUSINESS

MINUTES – February 22, 2022

Mrs. Abele motioned to approve the February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Mr. Houghton. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Yaich reported on fund activity for the year to date and presented a list of bills to be paid. Mr. Hines motioned to pay the bills as presented, second by Mrs. Abele. Motion carried 3-0.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Lucas presented a report on code enforcement, zoning and like activities for the previous month; a copy of this report is on file at the Township Building.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Youtz presented a report on the Public Works Department that covered street, refuse, sewer and parks; a copy of this report is on file at the Township Building.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire Chief Law presented the report for the month; a copy of the report is on file in the Township Building.

STATE POLICE REPORT

Mr. Yaich presented the State Police report for the month of February 2022; a copy is on file in the Township Building.

Conditional Use Application #47 – 1401 Gallagherville Road

Solicitor Kristin Camp reviewed the proposed Conditional Use Order and asked if the Board had any final comments.

Mrs. Able motioned to approve the Conditional Use Application #47 for 1401 Gallagherville Road as presented, second by Mr. Hines. Motion carried 3-0

Chester County Real Estate Tax Lien

Mr. Hines motioned to exonerate a real estate tax lien for Joseph Silvestri on Glenside Road in the amount of \$5.87 based on the recent removal of a mobile home effective 2021 tax year, second by Mrs. Abele. Motion carried 3-0

Marshallton Crosswalks Bid

Mrs. Able motioned to reject the bid from Foresite Concepts, LLC for the Marshallton crosswalks replacement project, second by Mr. Hines. Motion carried 3-0

Design Review Committee – Zoning Amendment

Mr. Hines motioned to refer the proposed draft amendments for the Design Review Committee and requirements for notification to adjacent property owners to the Chester County Planning Commission and the West Bradford Township Planning Commission and to authorize the Manager to advertise the same for adoption at the appropriate time, second by Mrs. Abele. Motion carried 3-0

SUBDIVISIONS:

22-01 - 1451 Camp Linden Road – Preliminary Plan / Major Subdivision

Mrs. Abele made a motion to accept 1451 Camp Linden Road Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development plan for review, second by Mr. Hines. Motion carried 3-0

NOTICES

Mr. Houghton gave the following notices:

- The Board's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., if needed. Follow our website for up to date cancellations.
- The Recreation Commissions next meeting is Monday March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Historical Commissions next meeting is Thursday March 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no additional business, at 8:12 p.m., Mrs. Abele motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Hines. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin V. Yaich
Township Secretary