


West Caln Township Board of Supervisors	Minutes Wednesday June 14, 2017 Public Meeting	
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A regular monthly meeting of the West Caln Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building.

Present were:

Supervisor Pfitzenmeyer	Treasurer Barsz
Supervisor Martz	Road Foreman Touchton
Manager Siedenbuehl	4 Other Township Employees
Assistant Manager Castor	16 Township Residents

Supervisor Pfitzenmeyer opened the meeting at 7:01 PM


Supervisor Pfitzenmeyer led in the salute to the flag.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

- a. Don Hannum, of 574 Wagontown Road, thanked the Township for pursuing his concerns over noxious weeds, specifically thistles. The owner of the property he had issue with is making efforts to remove them. Manager Siedenbuehl noted that a representative from the Department of Agriculture stopped in at the Township office the previous week to get information on the property in question.

- b. Robert Moore, of 231 Coffroath Road, addressed the BOS about the problem of recreational motorcycles running through the undeveloped land that adjoins his property. The police have been called out to the site, but have indicated that there is nothing they can do in the present circumstances. The Supervisors, Mr. Moore, and others in the meeting conversed for some time about noise ordinances, possible solutions and whether it is the property owner, who has not been responsive, who must pursue this issue. Chairman Pfitzenmeyer will discuss the matter with Chief Martinez and will ask for Solicitor Venzie to send another letter to the property owner. A Calnshire representative added that the HOA has sent letters to the cyclists that are known residents of the development.

- c. Dave Van Vliet, of 139 Cornwall Place, updated the BOS about improvements that the Calnshire HOA has been making, including mowing back the grass on vacant lots and pursuing ways to have the trailers left behind by the developer moved to another location. He asked the BOS for permission to move the trailers. Chairman Pfitzenmeyer stated that permission must be granted by the owner, which is why the Township has been unsuccessful for years in its attempts to legally move the trailers. The Chairman added that if the Calnshire HOA is having more success in their attempts, they are encouraged to continue. Chairman Pfitzenmeyer strongly cautioned Mr. Van Vliet to obtain the proper permissions from the developer/property owner before moving forward with relocating the trailers. Manager Siedenbuehl informed the meeting that action is still being taken that will likely culminate in a hearing in Honey Brook. Mr. Van Vliet indicated that he is happy to testify at that hearing. The Manager will contact him if a court date is scheduled.

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- d. Anthony Clark, of 102 Jodi Drive, Sadsbury Township, inquired about permits received for work being done at 100 Karen Circle. The Supervisors responded that they would not have that information on hand at a BOS meeting, but that Manager Siedenbuehl will check into it.
- e. Claire Pyle, of 191 Sugarman Road, asked if there have been any recent reports with regard to the Lagoon Landfill Superfund site. Chairman Pfitzenmeyer responded that we no longer receive regular reports but that he will follow up with Tim Gallagher of the EPA to see if there is any new information the Township should be aware of.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Board of Supervisors approves the minutes for the May 10, 2017 and May 24, 2017 Board of Supervisors meetings.

Motion: Chairman Pfitzenmeyer Second: Supervisor Martz Vote: 2-0-0

MANAGER’S REPORT

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Township Manager’s Report as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Board of Supervisors approves the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Motion: Chairman Pfitzenmeyer Second: Supervisor Martz Vote: 2-0-0

POLICE REPORT

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Police Report as read by Manager Siedenbuehl.

ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Road Department Report as presented.

- Announcement was made of closing of S. Bonsall Road to through traffic starting on June 26, 2017 for repairs to the S. Bonsall School Bridge. It is estimated to be closed until the end of September.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Fire Marshal Report as presented.


Burn Permits Issued: 2017: 184 May: 19 May Complaints: 3

WAGONTOWN FIRE COMPANY

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Wagontown Fire Company Report as presented.

Total Calls: 27 West Caln Township Calls: 14

- Announcement was made of their fundraising Pig Roast to be held Saturday June 17, 2017.

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WESTWOOD FIRE COMPANY – EMS SERVICE

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Westwood Fire Company – EMS Service Report as presented.

Total Calls: 132 West Caln Township Calls: 48

- Comment was also made regarding the rapid increase being seen in Opioid overdoses and the impact that is having on the community and Emergency Services.
- Announcement was made of their planned 2017 Fundraising mailing to be sent out in early July.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Board of Supervisors accepts the Parks & Recreation Commission Report as presented.

- Newton’s Seal Coating, LLC was selected to complete the work at Layton Park, as they had the best product and the lowest proposal. Approved by BOS.

Motion: Supervisor Martz Second: Supervisor Pfitzenmeyer Vote: 2-0-0

- The new bench honoring BOS Chairman Paul Pfitzenmeyer’s years of dedicated service to West Caln Township was installed at Layton Park.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Board of Supervisors reviewed a proposal to form a partnership between Chester County and West Caln Township in regard to an Agricultural Conservation Easement, Agreement of Sale and Funding Agreement to preserve the John Esch Farm located at 151 Lapp Farm Drive for the amount of \$243,000. Motion was made to deny the request.

Motion: Chairman Pfitzenmeyer Second: Supervisor Martz Vote: 2-0-0

- b. The Board of Supervisors approves Resolution 2017-08 “Transfer of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from General Fund Reserves to the General Fund Carry Forward Balance Revenue, increasing the Public Works Capital Expenditures account by twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)” as presented.


No motion made, as it was determined that a resolution is not necessary because this action is already in the approved 2017 budget.

- c. The Board of Supervisors approves Resolution 2017-09 “THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR AND ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT” as presented.

Motion: Chairman Pfitzenmeyer Second: Supervisor Martz Vote: 2-0-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Motion: Supervisor Martz

Second: Supervisor Pfitzenmeyer

Vote: 2-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Castor

Assistant Secretary

Approved: July 12, 2017