

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2008 WORK SESSION MEETING

The work session meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 1, 2008, 7:30 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976. The members present were as follows:

1. ATTENDANCE:

Paul Plotnick, Chairman; Carol M. Butterworth, Vice Chairman; Glenn McKay, Secretary; Michael W. Lamond, Jr., Assistant Secretary; Rebecca A. Kiefer, Member; Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; Thomas F. Zarko, Township Engineer; Michael Mrozinski, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Carolyn Hanel, Director of Administrative Services/Parks and Recreation; Paul Gdanski, Director of Public Works; Richard Lesniak, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; and Dan Hinkle, Fire Chief.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

a) To receive public comment and consider adoption of an Ordinance which will add a weight restriction of 4 tons on Redstone Drive between Kansas Road and Bradford Avenue. Mr. Zarko reported that the township was recently advised that PennDOT intended to use Redstone Drive for construction vehicle access for the proposed Route 202 Parkway Wetlands Mitigation Site Construction.

Mr. Zarko said the Board of Supervisors was concerned about the amount of construction traffic that would impact the Redstone Woods neighborhood and also the potential impacts on the roadway. They requested that the township engineer perform an engineering evaluation of the roadway to see if there would be any adverse impact associated with the construction vehicle access proposed by PennDOT.

Mr. Zarko said an engineering evaluation was completed and a couple of things were determined. First of all that the township owns Redstone Drive and it was recently dedicated to the township as part of the Redstone Woods Development. He said the roadway is classified as a primary street by the Township Subdivision Land Development Ordinance; therefore, is intended to carry residential traffic to and from collector streets.

Mr. Zarko said his office has recommended that a weight restriction be placed on the roadway limiting the load to four (4) tons, except for emergency deliveries, school buses, trash collection vehicles or any other vehicles making local deliveries or pick-ups along the roadway. In order to implement the weight restriction the Board would have to adopt an ordinance. He said the purpose of this public hearing is to consider this ordinance for adoption.

Motion – It was moved by Mrs. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Lamond, that the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance for weight restriction of four (4) tons on Redstone Drive between Kansas Road and Bradford Avenue. This motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. Discussion about the current volunteer incentive program. Fire Chief Dan Hinkle reported that we had discussed briefly a couple of months ago in reference to looking at reenacting the health club benefit to the incentive program for the emergency services.

Fire Chief Hinkle said that heart attacks and strokes were responsible for the deaths of 54 firefighters (47%) in 2007, down from 54 of the 106 (51%) firefighters in 2006. In 2007, 10 on-duty firefighters died in association with wildland fires.

Fire Chief Hinkle highlighted some of the NFPA 1583 standard on health-related fitness programs for firefighters that we must adhere to.

Fire Chief Hinkle said when the incentive program was created several years ago the health club membership was part of the original incentive program. He said the advisory committee met and evaluated that since only 3-4 people were taking advantage of this program on a regular basis that it should be disbanded. He said now the topic has come up again and the firefighters have indicated that they want to be physically fit. He said there are several ways that this can be done. One of our long term goals is with the new fire station is looking at getting some grants and donations to have tread mills, etc. in the new firehouse to be able to have the equipment there and to get a personal trainer come in and show our firefighters how to use the equipment.

Fire Chief Hinkle said that is several years away until that happens. In the meanwhile we've contacted several of the health facilities in the surrounding area to determine what facility would offer the best rate and the most to offer. It was determined that LA Fitness offered the most services that would benefit the members of both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Squad.

Fire Chief Hinkle said this information was being presented to the Board for them to take it under consideration, which gives them an idea of what it would cost the township or how this would work.

Mr. Plotnick said he is all for the program and would like to see reimbursement for the Fire Department and the Ambulance Squad. Mr. Plotnick asked how often is the Fire Department asking for reimbursement. Fire Chief Hinkle answered on a quarterly basis. Mr. Plotnick stated that Blue Cross/Blue Shield does a one-time annual fitness reimbursement. Chief Daniel Hinkle stated that it is \$419 out of pocket for someone to join for the year and they may not have that extra money to put out for the year. He stated that if it is something they could get quarterly or twice a year, again they are looking for input from the Board to come up with a solution, even if it is a percentage that they get reimbursed. He said the Board will take this information under advisement to determine what percentage the township would be willing to provide and get back to Fire Chief Hinkle.

5. Review monthly Township Engineer's update. Mr. Zarko summarized some of the ongoing engineering related activities/projects within the Township as follows: 1) 2008 Roadway Improvement Program; 2) Central Bucks School District South Project, the Pickertown Road Sidewalk Installation; 3) 99 West Restaurant Development; 4) Bristol Road/Turk Road Intersection Improvements; and 5) Water and Sewer Tapping Fees.

Mrs. Kiefer said that Elbow Lane has some serious drainage issues. She said the township used to maintain the drainage ditch along the west side of Elbow Lane. She said over the years the drainage areas have been filled in and not completely drain worthy. What's happening is that the water is cascading in heavy rains down the road and across the properties. She asked when the road is going to be repaved in 2008 could that shoulder, which is eroding, and drainage area be addressed. Mr. Zarko said as part of the program that we've been doing over the past couple of years before the project gets underway we've been

going out and taking a look at each one of these roadways. We'll put together a list of items that should be addressed either by the Public Works Department or could be incorporated into the contract to address those type of situations.

Mr. McKay expressed his concerns with the calming devices on Park Road. They have not been effective in getting drivers to slow down on this road. He said that the ones used on Ashland Avenue are different and seem to have the desired effect. Mr. Zarko said he would check the ones out on Ashland Avenue and report back to the Board.

6. Review issue related to the inclusion of certain veterans' names on the Veterans Monument at IPW Park. Mrs. Hanel said this Committee has been reviewing applications submitted for engraving names on the monument. She said our applications specify that the existing criteria for inclusion on the monument include a requirement that the veteran had to live in Warrington Township at the time of their induction or discharge from service. There is another stipulation that the veteran must have served in a war zone.

Mrs. Hanel said currently we have eight veterans who have submitted applications but do not meet this criteria. She said among them are Bill Grun, who is a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee but his residence of record was Philadelphia at that time. Also she said that two of the Krouts were not residents of Warrington and are not eligible.

Mrs. Hanel said the Committee is looking for direction from the Supervisors on an issue related to the inclusion of certain veterans' names on the Veterans' Monument at IPW Park. She asked if the Board wanted her to bring these nominees to them on a case by case basis or would you consider modifying the existing criteria.

Mr. Plotnick said that is why we have a Veterans Affairs Committee. You are the people that have to determine the criteria that you think is reasonable. He said people that have lived the last 25 years in Warrington should be eligible to have their names placed on this monument. Mrs. Hanel said the Committee is prepared to draft some suggested criteria for the Board's review.

Mrs. Kiefer said her personal opinion is that anyone who served in the military under any kind of conflict whether they were there or whether their job was to do something here in the military hospital are veterans that would qualify. Any Warrington resident who either served before or after he was a Warrington resident should qualify.

Mr. Bullock felt that if you put a time limit on whether or not a veterans name should be included that a lot of our over 55 communities have 65 year olds that are never to be 25 year old Warrington residents. He said as an Advisory with the Board the Board is more than willing to tackle it as long as we have the supervisors support.

Mr. McKay said his opinion is that we should leave the existing criteria exactly as stated.

Mr. Bullock said one of the suggestions from the Board that we talked about was to actively make a monument for KIA's and a memorial for servicemen also. He said memorial bricks could be purchased to honor those servicemen who served in the war. We have a donor brick area in front of the memorial.

Mr. Plotnick said he would not want to not honor people that served in the military during wars and whether they lived or died. He asked that the Veterans Affairs Committee make some reasonable presentations of what they would want to see done and alternatives and also indicate how many would be in that group so our Board can get an idea.

Mr. McKay expanded on what Mr. Bullock had stated and felt that both of those ideas about separating some sort of memorial to the monument but also the donor bricks as eligible as an alternative for the Veterans Affairs Committee to work on and come up with a policy to honor those other people.

7. **Continue discussion on proposed Model Contractor Ordinance.** Mr. Gdanski asked for the Board's direction on the proposed Model Contractor Ordinance. He asked if the Board didn't want to do anything with the ordinance or modify some parts of it. We have another option and that is we can add portions of it as a boiler plate that we have in our specifications.

Mr. Plotnick said he feels that when contractors are doing jobs it is their responsibility to have trained people working for them. He said if they are big contracts they are responsible for it and they will have to redo the work or their bonding company is going to have to do if they go out of business. He doesn't feel it is the township's responsibility to make them prove that they are trained but it is up to them to get good work.

Mr. Lamond said he is a firm believer in an apprenticeship program. He said apprenticeship is the only education in the trades field. He feels that if someone is going to work and use taxpayers money to build something or do improvements in the township the people doing it should be educated in the procedures and the operations that you do the work within.

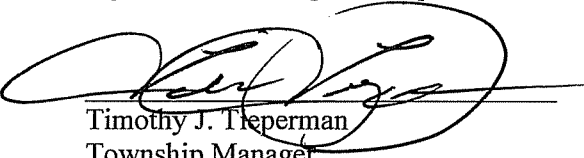
Mr. Zarko said there are provisions in the contract that we put together to ensure that the contractor that is awarded the contract is responsible and has experience in doing that type of work. He said there are qualifications statements and certifications incorporated in our bidding documents right now. He said a lot of them are already in this proposed ordinance but there are some additional ones in this ordinance that are good that are not in our documents right now that we could certainly add and make it more stringent. He said the only thing that we don't have in our current bidding documents is a requirement for apprenticeship or training. He said everything else that is proposed in this ordinance we can roll into our bidding documents.

Mr. Plotnick asked Mr. Zarko to make the changes that he feels should definitely be made in our contract and bold them in our current contract document. Also he should talk to Mr. Lamond about grandfathering and trades and maybe we can include something different in these documents. Mr. Gdanski said perhaps Mr. Lamond might want to propose some language for the apprenticeship portion.

8. **DATE FOR NEXT MEETING.** It was the consensus of the Board that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board for Tuesday, April 22 be cancelled due to it being Election Day and be rescheduled for Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

9 **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mrs. Butterworth, the Board of Supervisors voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. This motion passed by a vote of 5-0.


Timothy J. Treperman
Township Manager

5/6/2008
Date