

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2008 WORK SESSION MEETING

The work session meeting of the Warrington Township Board of Supervisors was held on September 2, 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; and Rebecca A. Kiefer, Member; Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; Thomas F. Zarko, Township Engineer; Paul Gdanski, Director of Public Works; Richard Lesniak, Director of Fire, Inspection and Emergency Services; James Miller, Police Chief; Dan Hinkle, Fire Chief; and Carolyn Hanel, Director of Administrative Services/Parks and Recreation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3 Review architectural updates on the following projects: (verbal updates)

a) West End Fire Station. Mr. Joseph Phillips, AIA, with George J. Donovan Associates reviewed the architectural updates for the West End Fire Station. Copies of the drawings were distributed to the Board, which included the floor plans and exterior elevations along with copies of cost estimates completed by a cost consultant. He updated the Board on the construction schedule and said that he hoped to get all the documents from our mechanical and structural engineers by 9/15. He anticipates going out to bid some time during the week of September 22. Tentative construction would start the first week in November. Mr. Phillips said we've slated ten to twelve months for construction so that would put us finishing somewhere between September-November 2009 and moving into the station at that time.

Mr. Phillips said we are in the process of developing some other alternative bids so that when the bids come in we do have some leeway to control the price without having to rebid if there is a problem with the price at that time.

Mr. Zarko said he did distribute a copy of the overall site plan, which shows the layout of the buildings and how the parking lot works. He said also as part of this project we are going to be starting the township's salt shed; i.e., site work preparation, etc. The salt shed would be constructed at a later date said Mr. Zarko.

Mr. Phillips said that the township solicitor, Michael Clarke will be given a copy of the contract for his review.

b) Police/Township Building Expansion (concept plan). Mr. James Linske, Project Manager with George J. Donovan Associates reviewed the concept plan for the police/township building expansion. Copies of this Plan were distributed to the Board. Mr. Phillips said we're working on a schedule that would move this project forward so that we could get us out to bid in March 2009 with construction to begin shortly thereafter. He said this project would be done in two phases. The addition would be built first and then the existing township building would be renovated. We're tentatively

scheduling sixteen months for construction and anticipate completion in about two years from now in August 2010.

Mrs. Kiefer said she is bothered by the police exit across from Titus Elementary School. Has anyone looked into the issue of an exit onto Shetland Drive asked Mrs. Kiefer. Mr. Phillips said when the original design was done for this building the exit actually went out to Route 611 at the traffic light at Shetland Drive. He said it does require going onto the neighboring property. He said the police are exiting now on Lower Barness Road and he said we always like to separate police and other traffic if we can as it is safer said Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Tieperman asked Mr. Phillips if there were some easement acquisitions would that be an alternative? Mr. Phillips said maybe you work it out that it's an emergency exit only. Mr. Zarko said an easement is an option but it would have to be discussed with the property owner.

Mr. Tieperman asked Mr. Phillips if it would be possible to design the building and add an agreement if we could successfully get a grant application. It could be structured for that said Mr. Phillips.

4. **Review Monthly Township Engineer's Update.** Mr. Zarko summarized some of the ongoing engineering related activities/projects within the Township as follows: 1) Kelly Road Extension; 2) Redstone Open Space Dedication; 3) 2008 Paving Program Contract; 4) King Park Expansion Project; and 5) Woodlawn Avenue Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Zarko said Mr. Gdanski noticed in driving up and down Kelly Road since opening it. We're going to be recommending that the Board consider restricting parking only on one side of Kelly Road because up in the Warrington Ridge section we don't believe there is sufficient width to have parking on both sides of the road. Also we're going to be recommending that we also restrict heavy truck traffic from using the road similar to what we did on Redstone Drive. We don't want the quarry trucks or other heavy vehicles to be using that road frequently because we're concerned that it could wear it out. We'll be bringing some ordinances to the Board for your consideration at a future meeting.

Mr. Wayne Bullock said there is a visibility problem on a portion of the new extension of Kelly Road and he asked Mr. Zarko if he would talk to the Eureka Stone Quarry and see if they would mind cutting back 20' of the area he referenced to enable better site distance for traffic coming from both directions. Mr. Zarko said he would like a look at this and if it is an issue he would contact the quarry to see what can be done.

Mrs. Kiefer had a question about the stormwater on Elbow Lane and noted that Mr. Zarko would be going out to the site and taking look at the drainage issue along the roadway. Mr. Zarko said that would be addressed by the contractor when he's doing the work out there.

Mr. McKay asked the status of the jug handle on Maple Avenue. Mr. Zarko said we had a meeting with PennDOT and they had us do a 10-Year Horizon traffic study for how traffic will be impacted in that area based upon the changes with the roadway. He said TPD completed the traffic study and as a result of the traffic study they had indicated that there were going to be some supplemental improvements that they felt that PennDOT would be requiring, particularly along Street Road. Mr. Zarko said we wanted to take a hard look at those to see if there would be any significant impact cost-wise on the project because they weren't considered as part of the original project cost. He said we've just about completed our evaluation of that and we think that we can do it at minimal additional cost and if that is the case then the next step is we would be submitting to PennDOT to get their feedback on the traffic patterns. Once they accept them then we're going to proceed with right-of-way acquisition. Our intention is to have the project bid in early 2009.

Mr. Plotnick asked about C & M with the Pickertown Road Bypass. Mr. Zarko said there were two projects: 1) Bristol and Turk Roads. Right now we're working with the effected property owners on the Warrington side along the farm. We submitted the plan to the property owner for their review to see if they are comfortable with the plan and we're waiting to hear back from them. He said there is a very small Doylestown property affected by the right-of-way acquisition and we're trying to work out an arrangement with them to obtain that. We have the appraisals but right now it's just negotiations.

Mr. Zarko said as far as Forest Ridge goes we have received updated appraisals.

Mrs. Kiefer asked about the closed loop system on Route 611. Mr. Zarko said it is in place. All of the improvements at the township building have been completed. He said the system has been functioning and he has not seen any substantial benefits. We've discussed it with our traffic consultant and they feel because of the volume on the road that that could be part of the issues and had suggested that what we do is look at the setup at each intersection to make sure it's still set up the way it's supposed to be so it functions properly.

Mr. Lamond asked if Mr. Zarko had spoken to PennDOT regarding the double lane left hand turn at Street Road and Route 611. Mr. Zarko said that is a project that is going to part of the overall traffic impact study that is being done by the township. He said once that gets programmed then the next step would be to talk to PennDOT.

Mrs. Butterworth complemented Mr. Zarko on his monthly engineer reports and said she found it very informative. She suggested this report be posted on the website to make the residents aware of what is going on in the township.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Verbal Updates). The Board of Supervisors went into executive session to a) Review consolidated issues related to new personnel manual; b) Receive updates on police contract negotiations; and c) Review other personnel matters.

6. 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. Tieperman
Township Manager

10 / 27 / 2008

Date