

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUGARTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
611 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
JANUARY 27, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors Robert T. Lange, William R. Shoemaker, and Barbara L. Handelin were present. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook, Police Captain Robert Klinger and Township Solicitor Vincent M. Pompo, Esq.

Supervisor Shoemaker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for military personnel.

New Business

Beards for Charity - Chief Narcise announced the Willistown Police Officers have extended their beards for charity campaign through March 1 to honor a General Wayne Kindergartener who passed away last year from cancer. Money raised will be donated to the Foundation of Great Valley who is dedicating a playground in her honor.

Oath of Office – Swearing in of the new police officer Ashley McWilliams by Magisterial District Justice Thomas Tartaglio.

Minutes – Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 2020. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Expenditures - Supervisor Handelin moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated January 24, 2020. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Officer & Subdivision Officer Appointment – Supervisor Shoemaker moved to appoint Robert Smiley of ARRO Consulting as Zoning Officer and Subdivision Officer. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Representative to the Valley Forge Sewer Authority Appointment - Supervisor Shoemaker moved to appoint Sally Slook as the representative to the Valley Forge Sewer Authority. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 6-2020 – A resolution appointing a CPA firm to replace Elected Auditors. Supervisor Handelin moved to approve Resolution 6 of 2020. Supervisor Lange seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Resolution 7-2020 – A resolution on tape recordings of open meetings. Supervisor Lange moved to approve Resolution 7 of 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. Mahala Renkey, 45 Tulip Drive asked if the policy is available to review. Discussion ensued regarding the policy. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Motion to Approve Agreement with Public Financial Management Financial Advisors, LLC for Financial Advisor Services in the amount of \$7500 for Phase 1 valuation of the Township's Sanitary Sewer System - Supervisor Lange moved to approve the \$7500 for Phase 1 valuation of the Township's Sanitary Sewer System. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Motion to Approve Request for Waiver, for Section 123-37. A, Requirement of Sidewalks, of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, from Thanh Vu, 107 West Central Avenue, Paoli – there was no motion. The request for the waiver was denied.

Public Hearing: Ordinance 1 of 2020: Supervisor Shoemaker introduced a public hearing in the matter of an ordinance amending Chapter 73 of the Code of Willistown Township being the Environmental Ordinance of 1995, in order to establish a definition and exception for certain high tunnel facilities. Section 1. Article I, §73-4, is amended by inserting a new definition for high tunnel. Section 2. Article VIII, §73-36 G(2)(d), Stormwater Management, is amended by inserting an additional Agricultural Related Activities exemption for high tunnels.

Mr. Vince Pompa, Esq., Township Solicitor, conducted the public hearing. A court reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript will be on file in the Township Administrative Offices. The public hearing was closed.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 1 of 2020: Supervisor Lange moved to approve Ordinance 1 of 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Citizens Comments

Jack McGinley, 2 Second Avenue, shared his concerns over potholes on Devon Road.

Diane Atkerson of Richmond Avenue shared her concerns over roaming outside cats and would like an update to the nuisance ordinance.

Jennie Skerl, 1502 Weatherstone Drive, shared her concern about switching emergency services from Paoli Fire Company to Malvern Fire Company. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Handelin, the Supervisor liaison to the Fire Companies, read a letter stating the history of fire and emergency services in Willistown and the reasons for changing emergency services. A copy of the letter will be sent to the Weatherstone HOA President.

Beverly Cunningham, 1204 Weatherstone Drive, thanked Supervisor Handelin for the clarification between ALS and BLS services. Discussion ensued.

Claudia Kapustin, 1304 Weatherstone Drive, stated certain medical conditions require a fast response time and asked how 911 dispatched responders. Discussion ensued.

Samantha Neils, North Cedar Hollow Road, asked for clarification of the Supervisors' stance on Paoli Fire Company being new to providing ALS services and their ability to provide the service to the community. Discussion ensued.

Kate Baldwin, 11 Rolingview Drive, stated she feels the recent changes to emergency service provider territory has nothing to do with billing but a bias by the Board toward Paoli Fire Company and Chief Testa. Discussion ensued.

Samantha Neils, North Cedar Hollow Road, also commented she feels the Board is biased toward Paoli Fire Company and Chief Testa. Discussion ensued.

Ralph Crowther, 13 Rolingview Drive, stated he wants the best and fastest response time in an emergency and he doesn't care what fire department responds to the call. Discussion ensued.

Father David Driesch, 220 South Valley Road/Daylesford Abbey, commented on his experience of response times from Malvern Fire Company providing ALS services and Paoli Fire Company providing BLS services over the years. He feels response times should be the single determining factor in deciding emergency service provider territory. Discussion ensued.

Ali Barchi, 21 Laurel Circle, thanked Supervisor Handelin for explaining more in-depth about emergency services. She also commented she'd like the community to work on getting along and focus on what system works best for Willistown residents. Discussion ensued.

Brian Gail, 732 Hillview Road, asked for further clarification on Paoli Fire Company's new ALS service. Discussion ensued.

Saveria Sardone, 3005 Stoneham Drive, stated she has been a paramedic in the community for 22 years and gave her perspective of working as a responder. Discussion ensued.

Brian Gail, 732 Hillview Road, stated his son has severe allergies and he wants the closest ALS service to come to his house. He would like the community to be divided by response times. Discussion ensued.

Jeff Baldwin, 11 Rollingview Drive, stated he is closest to Paoli Fire Company and they would have the fastest response time to his residence. Discussion ensued.

Chris Gastwirth, 7 Beryl Road, asked for further clarification on who is providing BLS service to his area and how the Board came to this decision. Discussion ensued.

Don Baker, 25 Fairview Road, asked for clarification over switching the BLS provider for his area between the December 16, 2019 Board of Supervisor meeting and the January 6, 2020 Board of Supervisor meeting. Discussion ensued.

Charles Carrigan, Weatherstone Drive, stated he also doesn't care about billing, his only concern is response time and safety. Discussion ensued.

Liz Schofield, 182 Grubb Road, feels the billing issue has overshadowed the safety issue for residents that live closer to Paoli. She would like the Board to consider moving BLS services for her area back to Paoli Fire Company. Discussion ensued.

Claudia Kapustin, 1304 Weatherstone Drive, asked who would provide BLS service at her house if both Malvern Fire Company and Paoli Fire Company were available. Discussion ensued.

Bill Patton, 6 Second Avenue, commented on the AVL system (Automatic Vehicle Locator) used in other areas which ensures the absolute fastest response time. The computer system helps dispatchers track ambulance locations and calculates who is closest to respond to an emergency call. Discussion ensued.

Frank Sullivan, 1 Woodlawn Avenue, who has been a paramedic for 42 years, commented if both Malvern and Paoli Fire Company have to meet the same state requirements for training, supplies, and equipment, he feels the closet responder to the emergency should be allowed to respond. Discussion ensued.

Ali Barchi, 21 Laurel Circle, commented several times Berwyn Fire Company responded to emergencies at her residence. She agrees the closest available ambulance should always respond to an emergency no matter what fire company they are affiliated with. Discussion ensued.

Annmarie Patton, 6 Second Avenue, commented Paoli Fire Company has a proven record of providing BLS service to the Willistown area. Discussion ensued.

Mahala Renkey, 45 Tulip Drive, asked how Willistown Township plans to ensure Greater Chester Valley Soccer Association does not create a driveway and opening onto Line Road in 2020 without a permit as they did in Spring/Summer 2019 for their Gaelic Games. Discussion ensued.

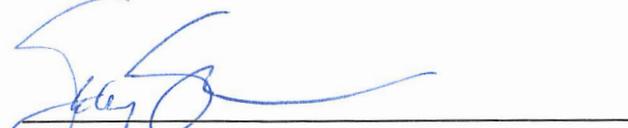
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020, at 7:00 PM the Township Building meeting room located at 688 Sugartown Road.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



Sally Slook, Township Manager