

Workshop Minutes**December 15, 2009**

The December 15, 2009 Workshop Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Those present were:

James A. Santi	President
Eugene P. Ziemba	Vice President
Kenneth E. Kroberger	Commissioner
M. Clare Edelmayer	Commissioner
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
John Katsaros	Engineer
Robert Kerns	Solicitor
Leonard T. Perrone	Township Manager
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
Sally Slook	Assistant Manager
Michael Sultanik	Finance Manager

1. **Approval of 2010 Tax Rate Ordinance 2009-08**
2. **Approval of 2010 Budget Ordinance 2009-09**
3. **Approval of Ordinance 2009-10: Sewer Rate Increases**

Mr. Perrone reported that the above-noted three ordinances relating to tax rate, budget appropriations and sewer rate increases had been advertised. With respect to these ordinances, Mr. Perrone reminded that the tax rate would remain the same for 2010 and that the increase in sewer rates would apply to both the Upper Gwynedd and UGTMA sewer service areas.

4. **Approval of West Point Volunteer Fire Company 2010 Budget**

Mr. Perrone advised that the Fire Company's 2010 budget had been submitted for the Board's review and approval. There was brief discussion with respect to the Fire Company's fund-raising activities.

5. **Approval of Nor-Gwyn Pool 2010 Budget**

The Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission's 2010 Budget was provided for the Board's review and approval. In response to a question as to whether anyone had any questions, Mr. Duffy indicated his biggest concern was that the Commission continues to show a deficit. There was discussion with respect to there being less for pressure for a competition pool, but the eventual need to provide upgrades in the form of amenities. It was further noted that membership is declining.

6. **Approval of 2010 Meeting and Holiday Dates**

Mr. Perrone confirmed that the 2010 Meeting and Holiday calendars had been advertised in anticipation of the Board's approval. He further reminded that the TIP and Police Pension Meetings had been coordinated to occur back-to-back on the same date.

7. **Reappointments to Boards and Commissions**

A listing of the individuals to be reappointed to Board or Commission position was provided for the Board's review. Board to take action at the January Re-Organization Meeting.

Mr. Perrone informed that Stan Gawel had tendered his resignation from the UGTMA Board as a result of additional employment responsibilities. Brief discussion concerning possible replacement. Mrs. Edelmayer brought up a possible replacement for Carol Christian on the Pool Commission.

8. **Approval of Resolution 17-2009-** Police Pension / Member Contributions for 2010

There was discussion with respect to the Police Contract not yet being settled and the need to pass a resolution continuing the current level of member contribution to the Police Pension Plan.

9. **Merck & Co., Inc.:** Approval of Extension of U.G. Site Phase I Development Agreement to 12/2010

Mr. Perrone advised that Merck had requested a one-year extension of its Land Development Agreement for the Upper Gwynedd Site. This extension would extend language added to last year's agreement concerning future improvement of Wissahickon Avenue. Board to consider action on this at Public Meeting

10. **Genuardi's Family Market:** Approval of Traffic Improvement and Reimbursement Agreement

Mr. Perrone advised that he had received a signed Traffic Improvement Agreement from Genuardis wherein Genuardis has agreed to reimburse the Township the sum of \$147,000. This amount represents the cost of improvements around the perimeter of the Genuardi's site that would be Genuardi's responsibility under its land development plan.

Mr. Perrone further informed that he had met with Genuardi's engineer and T&M Associates concerning the work to be done by Allan Myers with respect to curbing on the corner of Sumneytown Pike and Church Road. It was noted that Stout Tacconelli had received the plan for Genuardis corporate and that there would be solid curb at the corner. The Sumneytown Pike entrance will remain the same.

11. **Mobil / Getty:** Approval of Settlement Agreement

Mr. Perrone advised that the Board of View had issued its report following the hearing on the Mobil / Getty matter and Mobil / Getty was awarded an additional \$250,000. Mr. Perrone reported this matter would be reviewed by the TIP Committee this month.

12. **NWWA Wastewater Treatment Expansion:** Approval of Extension of Review Period from 1/2/2010

Mr. Perrone informed that the North Wales Water Authority had offered an extension (until March 3, 2010) of the review period for its Wastewater Treatment Expansion Project. He noted that the proposed Staff Review meeting had yet to be scheduled.

Mr. Kroberger indicated he thought the Authority's plan would need to go back before planning and zoning.

13. **Allan A. Myers, L.P.:** Approval of Application for Payment No. 3 / \$235,719.17

Mr. Perrone advised that Allan Myers had submitted Application for Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$235,719.17 for work completed on the Sumneytown Pike Project. He reported that the project was moving along well and that this payment application had been recommended for approval by T&M Associates. Mr. Perrone briefly mentioned the complaints about evening construction noise and indicated that the project would shortly shut-down for winter and the noise issue would go away for a period of time.

14. **Discussion of Civil Service Testing Change**

Chief Duffy indicated that the Civil Service Commission had met recently and had recommended changes to the testing requirements, namely the weighting of the written and oral interview scores, the number of opportunities for an applicant to re-take a failed polygraph examination and clarification that medical and psychological testing is done only for entry-level applicants.

15. Purchase of Flow Meters

Discussion of a few months ago dealing with how to measure the total flow going to the UGTMA was referenced. It was noted that there had been discussion with respect to leasing or purchasing additional flow meters to do testing.

Mr. McCreary advised he had compared rental to purchase and reminded that, in 2009, the Township had purchased four flow meters. Mr. McCreary indicated he wished to purchase an additional six because ten would be needed to monitor flow to the upper area.

Mr. McCreary provided information on rental versus purchase price and meter types. It was determined that meters were going to be needed long-term and that funds from the UGTMA would be utilized for the purchase. It was concluded that the meters should be purchased through the bidding process.

16. Purchase of Clarifier Units

There was discussion with respect to John Interrante's review of the bids for the Township's purchase of clarifier units for the Wastewater Plant. The major issue the validity of the low bidder's ability to supply a grease-filled drive. EEMA to work with bidder to verify that they could supply the drives that were specified.

17. Beaver and Walnut Street Traffic Signal Update

The Board was advised that there continue to be delays with the installation of the traffic signal proposed for Beaver and Walnut Streets and that David Onorato is pushing the legal issue with the Court. There is an issue Merck and Fitzpatrick about getting the stream encroachment permit necessary to extend the culvert for the Dodsworth Run permit. Mr. Perrone to touch base with Rich Karby at Merck for an update.

18. Adjournment to Executive Session

There being no further public business, the Board adjourned to Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cassel
Recording Secretary

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Approved January 25, 2010