

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2016**

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday October 13, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

**Supervisors Present:** Amy Grossman, Chair; Missy Sterling, Vice Chair; Michael Drossner; Laura Boyle Nester; and James A. Totten

**Also present:** Richard L. Mellor, Jr., Township Manager; Dave Sander, Esquire, Township Solicitor; Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP and James C. Sullivan, Township Engineer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Whitemarsh Little League 11U Baseball Team

Chair Grossman stated the Whitemarsh 11U Travel Team won the 2016 PA District 22 Championship in July and advanced to the PA Sectional Playoffs. They defeated a very good Flourtown Little League Team, by a score of 8-7, to advance. In the Sectionals, their season finally came to an end when they lost to the defending state champions from Upper Providence by a score of 8-7.

Players on the team are: Sammy Cohen, Gavin Rocks, Chase Hannon, Dylan Robinson, Luke Gartland, Tyler Gartland, Tommy Flaherty, Tyler Olszewski, Nick DeLucca, Luke Caucci, Matt Krawitz, Marco Indelicato, and Zach Small. The team Manager is Tom Rocks and Coaches are Keith Gartland, Joe DeLucca, and Andy Robinson. The Whitemarsh Little League President is Ned Hark.

Supervisor Sterling announced:

The 2016 Fall Leaf Collection starts Monday, October 17 and will continue until Monday, December 19. The Township Public Works Department will make every effort to collect from each street at least once per week. All leaves for last pick up must be piled out on the streets by 6:30 am on Monday, December 19. Residents are asked to pile the leaves onto the curb for the Township Public Works Department to collect - LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE BAGGED.

Starting October 17, 2016 until April 2017, from 7am to 3:30pm weekdays, Aqua PA will be replacing the water main on several Township roads. The list of roads can be found on the Township's website.

The fall shredding day is this Saturday, October 15 at the Miles Park lower parking lot from 8 am to Noon, or until the trucks are full, whichever comes first. This event is free for Whitemarsh residents thanks to the sponsorship of Horizon Waste Services. Visit the Township website for more information on this and other Township programs and events.

**AMEND AGENDA**

On a motion by Supervisor Nester, second by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors amended the agenda

**1. Finance Director Appointment - Leonard Gricoski**

Chair Grossman stated Len Gricoski has served Whitemarsh Township for the past 6 years as the Assistant Finance Director. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Temple University and has a long history in the finance industry having served as an accountant, auditor, and finance director at various levels of government ranging from local government to county government. Here tonight with Len is his wife Cheryl Ann and his daughter Maura, who is currently a student at Arcadia University could not be with him tonight. Congratulations Len on this appointment as the Township's new Finance Director and we look forward to working with you.

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors appointed Leonard Gricoski as Finance Director and Treasurer for Whitemarsh Township

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**1. Conditional Use #09-16 - Park/225 E. North Lane – Installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels**

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors opened the Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use #09-16 - Park/225 E. North Lane – Installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels.

A court reporter was present, and the notes of testimony are available for review at the Township Building.

The following individuals presented information/testimony/comments/questions at the Public Hearing:

Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor  
Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP  
Courtney Schalhorn, Solar City, representing the applicant

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, second by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing.

**Motion**

**1. Conditional Use #09-16; Park/225 E. North Lane**

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, second by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved Conditional Use #09-16; Park/225 E. North Lane for the installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (CONTINUED)**

**2. Conditional Use #10-16 - Harvey/3034 Joshua Road – Installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels**

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors opened the Public Hearing to consider the Conditional Use #10-16 - Harvey/3034 Joshua Road – Installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels.

A court reporter was present, and the notes of testimony are available for review at the Township Building.

The following individuals presented information/testimony/comments/questions at the Public Hearing:

Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor  
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On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, second by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors closed the public hearing.

**Motions (continued)**

**2. Conditional Use #10-16; Harvey/3034 Joshua Road**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, second by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved Conditional Use #10-16; Harvey/3034 Joshua Road for the installation of front facing roof mounted solar panels.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. September 22, 2016**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the September 22, 2016 meeting minutes.

**BOARD PUBLIC DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. DVRPC Street Light Upgrade Program - Johnson Controls Investment Grade Audit (IGA)**

Mr. Mellor gave the background of the program. He explained DVRPC approached municipalities in Montgomery, Bucks, Chester and Delaware County regarding changing over all street lights to LED lights to save energy. He explained DVRPC managed the project and put the project out to bid. Johnson Controls, Inc. came in as low bidder to oversee the project.

Mike Bayesda, Johnson Controls, Inc., explained the regional street light procurement program. He stated 38 municipalities are taking advantage of the program.. He explained some project highlights including: the audits, the designs, photometrics, the final design, the products, the energy saving

summary and the final project analysis. He explained the Guaranteed Savings Account (GSA) funding option with the Pennsylvania Sustainable Energy Finance Program (PennSEP) and the monetary savings in energy usage from the conversion to LED lights. Mr. Mellor explained how the township will repay the funding.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Ordinances**

None

### **Resolutions**

#### **1. DVRPC Street Light Upgrade Program - Johnson Controls Investment Grade Audit (IGA)**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution #2016-33** approving Johnson Controls, Inc. Investment Grade Audit for Whitemarsh Township as part of the DVRPC Street Light Procurement Program and proceed to have Johnson Controls, Inc. design, engineer, procure, construct, install and commission the energy conservation measures as identified in the Investment Grade Audit

#### **2. DVRPC Street Light Upgrade Program - PennSEF Financing**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution #2016-34** authorizing the DVRPC Street Light Procurement Program financing through PennSEF in the amount of \$414,810 over 5 years with a fixed interest rate not to exceed 2.75%.

#### **3. Distribution of 2016 Act 205 State Aid - Allocate \$516,208.25 in Accordance with Resolution #15-31**

Mr. Mellor explained Act 205 requires the Township to submit a 2017 budget for the Police and Non-Uniformed Employee pension plans by September 30, 2016. Whitemarsh Township received \$516,208.25 in Revenue from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the 2016 Municipal Pension State Aid under Act 205. The Township will apply these funds toward meeting the Township's 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$844,904 for the Police Pension Plan (A Defined Benefit Plan) as approved by Resolution # 2015-31 on September 10, 2015. The Township is required to fund the \$844,904 MMO for the 2016 Police Pension Plan regardless of the amount of funding received from the Commonwealth. Costs not funded by the Act 205

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors adopted **Resolution #2016-35** allocating the 2016 Act 205 State Aid distribution in the amount of \$516,208.25 to the police pension plan in accordance with Resolution #15-31.

### **Motions (Continued)**

#### **3. Waiver of Damage Right -676 Bethlehem Pike; Fence in the Ultimate Right-of-Way**

Mr. Guttenplan explained the Waiver of Damage Right is for a four-foot post and rail fence in the ultimate rights-of-way of Farmar Lane and Bethlehem Pike, at 676 Bethlehem Pike. Officer John Hartman of the Traffic Safety Unit of the Police Department has now been out to the property and finds no sight distance issues with the fence in its existing location

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved a waiver of damage right for a fence in the ultimate right-of-way at 676 Bethlehem Pike.

**4. Board Resignation - Aloise Ellinger from Media Communications Advisory Board**

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors accepted the resignation of Aloise Ellinger from the Media Communications Advisory Board and thank Aloise for her volunteer service to the Whitmarsh Township.

**5. Escrow Release No. 1; \$101,682.00 - Germantown Academy Phase 2A/340 Morris Road**

On a motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors authorized escrow release #1 for Germantown Academy Phase 2A/340 Morris Road in the amount of \$101,682.00.

**AMEND AGENDA**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, second by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors amended the agenda.

**12. Certificate of Appropriateness – 9 Marple Lane.**

Mr. Guttenplan explained the Certificate of Appropriateness is being requested by the owner of the home at 9 Marple Lane in Plymouth Meeting. They are proposing an addition of a second story dormer to accommodate a new bathroom. HARB reviewed the proposal at its meeting on October 12, 2016, and the members present voted unanimously to recommend approval of the dormer.

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, second by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors approved the Certificate of Appropriateness to permit the installation of second story dormer at 9 Marple Lane.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**ANNOUNCE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Grossman announced the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session before the public meeting where the Board discussed litigation and personnel.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Totten, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.  
Township Manager