

EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting of the Board – September 13, 2010

Chairman Cuyler H. Walker called the public meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. by leading the group in the Pledge to the United States Flag, followed by a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Dr. Gerald Umbreit, a long-time resident of East Marlborough who had served on both the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board; as well as in memory of all those who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Centers on September 11, 2001, especially the first responders.

Other Board members in attendance were Richard E. Hicks, Eddie G. Caudill, Robert F. Weer, and Richard P.S. Hannum, Jr., as well as Solicitor Fronefield Crawford, Jr. and Engineer James Hatfield.

Minutes of August 2, 2010. Mr. Weer asked for a follow-up on the earlier public request for restrictions for trucks on Route 82; Frone Crawford will review any prevailing regulations. With that comment, the August 2, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously (5-0), as prepared.

Minutes of Special Meeting of August 18, 2010. Mr. Hicks said that he disagreed with the supervisors who supported a request that URS fund 50% of the cost of installing the curb stop at 301. W. Locust Lane; by a vote of 3-1, with Mr. Hicks opposing and Mr. Hannum abstaining, the minutes were approved.

Public Comment Period.

Beth Watson of E. Locust Lane asked for measures to slow the speed of vehicles on E. Locust Lane; she said that school children must walk along the street to the bus stop on Route 82, and the speeding vehicles create a hazard.

Diane Clayton of W. Locust said that vehicles travel at 60-70 mph on W. Locust near her house; she requested better enforcement.

Chief Davis responded to both comments by agreeing to place speed/traffic counters on both roadways in the near future. The police can better target enforcement after getting information on the details of the problem; e.g., speed, number of vehicles, and time of day.

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Jack Greenwood requested a follow-up on his earlier request for a restriction for heavy trucks on Route 82 in the Village of Unionville. Chief Davis said he would provide information to the solicitor, but that numbered PA Routes are typically built to specifications which can adequately handle the truck traffic; Chief also said in order to restrict the heavy trucks, the Township would need to prove that the roadway is inadequate.

Po-Mar-Lin Cell Tower. John Weer, President of the Fire Company, spoke about negotiations with the cellular provider to locate the tower on land adjacent to the Fire Company; in addition to supplying additional income for the fire company, the tower would fill in coverage gaps, especially for emergency services. The Township had sent a note to Unionville and nearby property owners so that they could learn more about the proposal and express their ideas:

Ian Anderson (Union Square) asked what the tower would look like,

Joe Casavant (Union Square) expressed opposition to the tower,

Joseph Dauphin (Unionville) said the tower is not in keeping with historic flavor of the village,

Marjorie Andreen (Unionville) said she had witnessed many changes in Unionville over the years, and she supports this tower location as just another change,

Kristin Young (Union Square) said she is worried about radiation from the tower,

Nina Ginty – (Unionville) expressed concern about possible radiation damage; said she does not want the tower in her back yard,

Doug Mooberry (Unionville) prefers the URA field for the tower,

Georgie Stapleton (property owner in Unionville) prefers the URA Field,

Sue Menarchi (LaReserve) supports the location near the fire company

Michael Raith (LaReserve) asked whether the approval, if given, could be limited to only one tower,

Jack Greenwood, (Unionville) asked about the Fire Company budget and the amount received from local contributions.

Chairman Walker spoke about alternate ways of funding the budget deficit for the Fire Company, including a larger contribution from the Township. Mr. Walker praised the volunteer firefighters and pledged that the Township would assist with resolution to the budget issues.

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Stonemasters – Final Land Development Plan. The application was represented by Jim Griffin, Esq. and Mr. DiTomaso, the property owner. By unanimous vote (5-0) the Board approved the 8,000 square foot storage warehouse, subject to execution and recordation of a Subdivision and Land Development Agreement, satisfactory to Township Solicitor Frone Crawford. In a separate unanimous vote (5-0), the Board accepted Jim Hatfield's recommendation of an escrow amount of \$98,114.

Tangent Energy Solar Agreement. The proposal was represented by Dean Musser, President of Tangent, and Andy Meserve, Vice President. By unanimous vote (5-0), and subject to execution of an agreement satisfactory to Township Solicitor Frone Crawford, the Board accepted the proposal to provide a double canopy of solar panels to be located above the parking area on the south side of the Township property on Route 82. Tangent will also provide a summary of alternative energy providers for the remainder of the Township's electrical needs.

Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board approved the grant application in the amount of \$120,000, with an additional \$10,000 in funds to be provided by the Township, to study transportation enhancements, including pedestrian and bicycle pathways along Route 82 and Doe Run Road, and also examine the feasibility of two roundabouts, one at the intersection of Routes 82 and 926, and the second to be located at the intersection of Longwood and Conservatory Roads.

Fire Pond at the URA Fields. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Supervisors agreed to fill in the pond, after determination of any environmental impacts or permits required.

Agricultural Security Area. The University of Pennsylvania, New Bolton Campus, has requested that 57+ acres of its land on Line Road be included in the District. The Supervisors agreed to hold a public hearing at 7:15 on Monday, October 4, 2010, to take public comment on the proposal.

Minimum Municipal Obligation. In accordance with State law, the MMO will be filed with the Pension board, acknowledging the Township's obligation to fund the Municipal Retirement Plan for 2011. The two pension plans funded by the Township are for: a) Township non-uniformed employees, and b) uniformed employees. The combined obligation for 2011 is \$96,706.

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Police Contract with West Marlborough. Messrs. Walker and Hicks will meet with representatives from West Marlborough to discuss the terms of the contract.

Bills. By unanimous vote (5-0), and with each individual supervisor abstaining on a specific item with a perceived conflict of interest, the Supervisors approved payment of the attached list of invoices, with the following totals:

General Fund	\$86,506.67
Sewer Fund	\$34,986.93
Development Fund	\$16,808.80

Treasurer's Report. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board accepted the attached report, as prepared.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m., at which point the Supervisors went into executive session with the Solicitor to discuss a pending legal matter and a personnel matter.

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Jane R. Laslo, Manager/Secretary