

EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting of the Board – November 1, 2010

Chairman Cuyler H. Walker called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. to consider **Ordinance 2010-01**, which provides for a special assessment for properties located within 780 feet of a fire hydrant. The assessment would exclude farmland and airports, in accordance with state regulations. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Supervisors adopted Ordinance 2010-01, authorizing the assessment for fire protection hydrants.

Public Meeting. Chairman Walker opened the regular November public meeting in the Township Building by leading the group in the Pledge to the United States flag, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of Tony Bagnato, a part-time worker for East Marlborough for many years.

Board members Richard E. Hicks, Eddie G. Caudill, Robert F. Weer and Richard P.S. Hannum were also present, as was solicitor Fronfield Crawford, Jr.

Minutes of October 4, 2010. Mr. Weer suggested that the entry on the Road Report be clarified by noting there is a plan to apply NovaChip to the Western leg of Route 82, from the Saddle shop in Unionville to the Township line. With that clarification, the minutes were approved by unanimous vote (5-0).

Public Comment Period.

Jack Greenwood asked for a follow-up on his request that Route 82 in Unionville be restricted for truck traffic. Police Chief Davis said that the road could be restricted only in accordance with an engineered study, showing that the roadway is inadequate to support the traffic, a very difficult case to prove in view of the trucks which routinely travel the roadway between Coatesville and Kennett.

Mr. Greenwood also asked for information on the finances of Po-Mar-Lin, as well as other organizations to which East Marlborough sends funds. He asked that the East Marlborough budget be placed on the website; the budget is currently on the website.

Whitewing Farm Escrow Release. The request was represented by Mr. E.J. DeSeta. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board approved the release of \$37,070 for improvements at Whitewing Farm North.

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Proposed Budgets for 2011. Budgets had been prepared and were distributed showing the following:

General Fund Receipts and Expenses	\$1,922,600
Sewer Fund Receipts and Expenses	\$4,183,677
State Fund Receipts and Expenses	\$ 271,096

All budgets reflect no change in the proposed tax rate for 2011; the current rate has been in effect since 2001. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board authorized that the budgets be presented for public review.

Police Department Computer. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board authorized the purchase and set-up of a new computer for the Police Department.

Dambro Sketch Plan. Mark Padula of Register Associates presented the sketch proposal showing one apartment building, consisting of 3 stories, to be located on a six-acre site in WMU, accessing off Route 926. The sketch showed 46 parking spaces, permitting a maximum of 23 units. The Supervisors were in favor of an emergency connection between this property and Willowdale Towne Center, the adjacent property to the west.

Christina Basin Restoration Plan. The Brandywine Valley Association is proposing that a group of townships in the Christina basin collaborate on a plan which would identify Total Maximum Daily Load for sediment in the Basin. The Supervisors had some concerns about the plan, the cost of getting our engineer involved to attend monthly meetings, and the willingness of DEP to ultimately accept the product of the plan. The Supervisors decided to postpone action on the plan pending more definitive response from DEP about the acceptability of the plan for meeting the NPDES requirements.

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

General Fund	\$22,598.85
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,776.10
Payroll	\$51,559.73
Development Fund	\$ 5,618.75

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

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m., at which point the Supervisors went into executive session with Solicitor Frone Crawford to discuss a pending legal matter.

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Jane R. Laslo, Secretary/Manager