

EAST MARLBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting of the Board – August 4, 2008

Chairman Cuyler H. Walker called the public meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Building, by leading the group in a pledge to the United States Flag. Board members Richard E. Hicks, Eddie G. Caudill, Robert F. Weer, and Richard P.S. Hannum, Jr. were also present, as was Solicitor Fronefield Crawford, Jr. and Consulting Engineer James A. Hatfield. Mr. Walker announced that the Board had met with the solicitor to discuss a legal matter immediately prior to the public meeting.

Minutes of July 7, 2008. Mr. Hicks said that the language regarding the “perceived conflict” would not apply to the motion regarding bill payment at that meeting. By vote Of 3-0, with Messrs. Hannum and Caudill abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of July 7, 2008. In a separate motion and by unanimous vote (5-0), the Board ratified payment of the invoices submitted at the July 7, 2008 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Mr. Alex Barry requested more police presence in the Township, especially during occasional evening hours. He noted that his daughter’s purse and house keys were stolen from her car. He also expressed concern about people loitering at Landhope, especially in the evenings. His comments will be considered by the East Marlborough Police Department.

Escrow Release - Pennock Green. Torrey Marks represented the request for release #2, in the amount of \$85,130. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board approved the release.

Unionville-Chadds Ford School District- Hugh Cadzow, of Engineers & Landscape Architects, Sharon Parker, School Superintendent, and Rick Hostetler all represented the District request for:

- a) Waiver from Land Development approval for the three temporary modular classrooms, which are to be occupied at the end of August, when school resumes, and
- b) Rezoning of the 23+ acre parcel adjacent to the Middle School grounds and recently acquired by the School District. The current zoning is R-B; the School District seeks ESI District designation. With respect to the request for Land Development waiver, the Board found that the Municipalities Planning Code mandates the filing. The Board did agree that: a) the

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Development Plan for the modular units can be filed with minimal details, and b) a temporary Certificate of Occupancy can be issued upon receipt of the Land Development plan.

With respect to the petition to rezone the 23+ acre parcel, the Board will examine the total Township map, to determine whether other corrections should be incorporated.

Walnut Ridge – 61 Townhouses. Chris Burkett, P.E. of Gilmore Associates represented the plan, seeking preliminary plan approval for the 61 towns on Walnut Road. There were several issues still unresolved in the review letters of consultants:

Traffic Planning and Design – guide rail for widening, pavement detail, and location/clearance for utility poles,

Glackin Thomas Panzak – number of street trees does not conform to ordinance standards,

URS Corporation – some conflicts between sewer and water lines not yet resolved.

There was uncertainty regarding the expiration of the review time. As a result, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to deny the application, based on the expressed deficiencies of the consultants, unless the applicant gives written time extension for review.

Whitewing Farm – South. No one was present to discuss the question of public water for the plan; no action was taken.

Unionville Community Fair. Dave Pritchard and Ray Shea gave a status report on the planned fair, which will be held at the Willowdale Steeplechase grounds this October. They noted that the traditional parade will now travel from the Middle School to the Steeplechase grounds, but they were unsure of the specific date and time. The Supervisors asked that someone come to the September Board meeting, to discuss details for the needed road closure for the parade.

Route 82 South Sewer District. The following items were discussed:

- a) Contract for Construction. By unanimous vote (5-0), the Board accepted the bid of the apparent low bidder, N. Abbonizio, contingent upon submission of all of the materials required of the successful bidder, including, but not limited to, the performance bond, schedule of values, proposed schedule and timeline for construction.
- b) Tap Fee. Following research and advice from the Township Solicitor, the Board determined that the calculated tap fee for the Route 82 South District would be \$8,000, although the Township is still willing to finance the fee for a 10-year period.

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- c) Meeting to Qualify on-site Installers. URS Corp and Township officials will set a date to brief prospective installers on procedures and requirements for installation of the grinder pumps.
- d) Easements for Spottswood Lane. Township officials, together with URS Corp. will hold a meeting with the property owners to determine the interest in the public sewer lines.
- e) Ordinance to Create Route 82 South Sewer District. Solicitor Crawford will draft a proposed ordinance, for consideration at the September 2, 2008 Board meeting.

Other Comments:

Mark Benzel, Chair of the Planning Commission, said that the landscaping at the Sears store on Route One did not seem to be in compliance with the land development plan.

Karen Halsted urged the Board to again consider a contribution to the Kennett Area Senior Center.

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

General Fund	\$35,254.93
Development Fund	\$14,112.6
Payroll	\$54,628.77
Sewer Fund	\$17,688.62

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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Jane R. Laslo, Manager/Secretary