

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Meeting Minutes
APRIL 21, 2008

Members Present: Judith A. Algeo, Esq., Chair
Edward P. Thompson, Vice Chairman
John Cox, Member

Others Present: Gail Weniger, Township Manager
Dave Connell, Township Engineer
Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor
Tom Scott, Assistant Manager
Linda Grant, Recording Secretary

■ **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' April 21, 2008 public meeting, held at Warwick Township Administration Office, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA., was called to order at 7:02 p.m., by Chair, Judith Algeo, who then led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

■ **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Algeo reported that the Board of Supervisors' had met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

■ **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** There were no Citizens Comments this evening.

■ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

⇒ April 7, 2008 Board of Supervisors' public meeting minutes. (exhibit)

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the April 7, 2008 public meeting minutes, as submitted.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed.

(J. Algeo – abstained)

■ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

⇒ Ms. Weniger reminded that tomorrow is election day. Ms. Algeo noted that Warwick has another voting district in Warwick and the information can be found on the Warwick website.

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■ **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

⇒ Proclamation Warwick Fire Company (exhibit)

Phil Ramos and Brian Dawicki of the Warwick Fire Company were present to accept the proclamation from the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the Warwick Fire Company.

Chair Algeo read the proclamation:

***WHEREAS**, the Warwick Fire Company, through its Officers and Membership, has provided 50 Years of Volunteer Emergency Service to the residents of Warwick Township. The Warwick Fire Company has been an essential component to the Warwick community and has been instrumental in the saving of lives and property.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** this 21st day of April, 2008, that the Board of Supervisors of Warwick Township, acknowledge and applaud the commitment given to our residents and do declare the week of **JUNE 2nd through JUNE 8th, 2008** as **WARWICK FIRE COMPANY WEEK**. We encourage our residents to support this fine organization of volunteers in every way possible.*

⇒ Warminster Ambulance Company Presentation (exhibit)

Ed Hoffman, Deputy Chief of Warminster Volunteer Ambulance spoke of the history of the Ambulance Company, which is housed at 555 Evergreen Avenue in Warminster. Mr. Hoffman noted Warminster Ambulance Company currently serves 82 to 85% of the Warwick Community calls. Since Warminster Hospital closed, ambulance response time has increased. Mr. Hoffman is requesting financial assistance from Warwick Township.

Ms. Algeo notes that the Board has questions and will put together a list of things to be talked about. Ms. Algeo is also asking for a copy of the Warminster Ambulance budget so that the Board can see the numbers. Mr. Cox believes we should explore other things we can do, in addition to outright money contributions.

Mr. Hoffman noted that there have been attempts to have ambulance service in Warwick Township and also explained how billing works with the ambulance company.

Ms. Weniger suggested that Mr. Hoffman consider attendance at a Jamison Business Association meeting and also to write something for the Warwick newsletter so that residents can be aware of Warminster Ambulance Company, and that they do need support. Ms. Weniger also noted that if the ambulance company applied for grant money, most likely, the Board would be willing to write a supportive letter.

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| ⇒ Bill Payments for April 21, 2008 (exhibit) | | |
| General Fund | | |
| Check N ^o 15183 – 15229 | \$ | 54,027.55 |
| Park & Recreation | | |
| Check N ^o 4445 through 4462 | \$ | 8,403.66 |
| Open Space | | |
| Check N ^o 356 | \$ | 350.00 |
| Capital Project Fund | | |
| Check N ^o 1037 - 1039 | \$ | 25,133.24 |
| Firehouse & Equipment | | |
| Check N ^o 217 | \$ | <u>2,528.00</u> |
| | Total - | <u>\$ 90,442.45</u> |

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the April 21, 2008 Bill Payments, subject to audit.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed.

⇒ Treasurer's Report – February 2008 (exhibit)

Ms. Weniger presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2008.

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| General Fund | \$ | 3,397,440 |
| Firehouse and Equipment | | 882,315 |
| Road Machinery Fund | | 167,179 |
| General Obligation / Sinking Fund | | 299,931 |
| Open Space Fund | | 283,980 |
| Capital Projects Fund | | 1,327,907 |
| Highway Aid Fund | | 2,395 |
| Parks and Recreation | | 402,301 |
| Capital Reserve | | <u>608,035</u> |
| | Total | <u>\$ 7,371,483</u> |

Motion by Mr. Thompson to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2008, as prepared by Rose Christie, Finance Director, subject to audit.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

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⇒ Police Car (no exhibit)

Ms. Weniger noted this item is not on the agenda and explained that there is a police car in need of major engine repair. The vehicle has 76,000 police miles and the board members do not support put money into that vehicle. Instead, we are requesting to purchase a 2008 Ford Escape at a cost of \$18,949. This is a state contract vehicle.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the purchase of a Ford Escape, in the amount of \$18,949.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **ASSISTANT MANAGER:**

At this point, Chair Algeo turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Thompson.

⇒ New Life Christian Center – Final Plan (exhibit)

Tom Scott reported that the applicant received preliminary approval from the Board, subject to conditions. Mr. Scott also reported that the Warwick Planning Commission reviewed this plan and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the final plan for New Life Christian Center.

Richard Knudsen, engineer for applicant, was present for this application. Mr. Knudsen gave a summary of this project and the process, including the many times it was before the public at planning commission and Board of Supervisors meetings.

Mr. Thompson noted he did not need a full re-cap of this plan. Mr. Cox said he did not either, but asked applicant if there were any exceptions to the review letters.

Mr. Knudsen referred to CKS' letter, dated April 8, 2008 and stated the three comments relating to loose ends and explained that applicant is waiting to hear from PennDOT.

Mr. Thompson talked about the change in the roadway and noted it seems to be worse because the cars are riding that stonewall and still bearing right. Mr. Thompson feels that, starting at the intersection, it should be shifted back toward St. Cyril's.

Mr. Thompson asked if service times are offset from St. Cyril service times. Applicant said that was discussed. Mr. Thompson asked if the other driveway is a turn only in one direction. Applicant states that would be a right turn exit only. Dave Connell, Township Engineer, reported that the plans are in to PennDOT. Applicant said the plans were submitted in mid March and a response is expected in the next two to four weeks and that will be submitted to the Township as well as to us.

Mr. Cox said he was under the impression that the western most exit was a right turn only. Applicant notes that is shown as an exit only but does not restrict turns and points out that PennDOT will be looking at that for safety.

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Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, will not in the approval letter that applicant should coordinate services with St. Cyril's church.

**Motion by Mr. Cox to grant final plan approval to New Life Christian Center, 1447 Almshouse Road, subject to CKS' review letter, dated April 8, 2008 and Bucks County Planning Commission letter, dated April 11, 2008.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Vice Chairman Thompson invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed.
(J. Algeo – abstained)

Ms. Algeo resumed her position as Chair.

■ **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

⇒ Spectrum Metals Development Agreement (exhibit)

Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, presented the Spectrum Metals land development agreement and noted that it located on Stout Drive. This plan has been granted final approval and this agreement will memorialize their obligation to construct public improvements.

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Spectrum Metals development agreement, as presented by the Township Solicitor.
Second to motion by Mr. Cox.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **ENGINEER REPORT:**

⇒ 2008 Roadway Improvement – Award Bid (exhibit)

Dave Connell, Township Engineer, reported the bid opening was last week, and there were four bids, with the lowest apparent bidder being Gorecon, Inc. at a cost of \$213,120. Mr. Connell reports that the Township is familiar with Gorecon's work from two years ago and said the bid price is slightly lower than what was estimated. Gorecon's bid documents were in order and Mr. Connell recommends that the Board of Supervisors consider awarding this bid to Gorecon.

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to award the 2008 Roadway Improvement bid to Gorecon, Inc. in the amount of \$213,120.
Second to motion by Mr. Cox.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

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- **OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss this evening.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss this evening.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
- **ADJOURNMENT:**

The April 21, 2008, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail V. Weniger,
Township Manager/Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held:

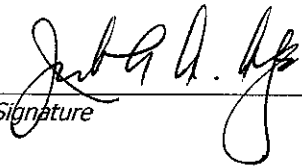
Warwick Township
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I, **Judith A. Algeo**, hereby disclose that I will not
(please print name clearly)

be participating in any discussion / hearing or decision on the matter(s) of:

New Life Christian Center, Final Plan Approval

The nature of my conflict is **Applicant is represented by the law firm Eastburn and Gray,**
of which I am a partner.



Signature

Date: April 21, 2008

