

WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION**  
Monthly Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91957497283?pwd=ZlZkdqorZ8iGtZs11MWox6LZdvWdAVWQ6RZ>

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment**

**Review of Minutes – June 3, 2020**

**Announcements**

**Open Discussion**

1. Welcome Chief Lee Benson
2. Discussion on Township’s commitment to racial justice
3. Renewable Energy Transition Project
4. Discussion on potential projects
5. Budget discussion
6. Public Works Update

**What’s Your Observation?** A time for members to share items of importance to you or the community you live in.

**Adjournment**

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 27**

**A RESOLUTION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

**WHEREAS**, enslavement of Africans was practiced for centuries in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, our country continues to struggle with the legacy of slavery, evidenced most clearly through the many facets of systemic racism imposed on African Americans that is still entrenched in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, bigotry and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, creed, sexual orientation and other categorizations also have persisted throughout history, placing at one time or another so many of our demographic groups at a significant disadvantage or risk of harm; and

**WHEREAS**, our country was founded on the ideals that all people are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, at our best, our country's efforts to "make real the promises of democracy," in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., have inspired people around the world to fight for freedom and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, as elected officials and Americans, we aspire to live up to the high ideals on which this country was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, we support the nationwide outpouring of shared determination to fully acknowledge and right the wrongs of systemic racism; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that longstanding barriers to freedom and justice will not be easily overturned and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to stay the course and do all that we can to end systemic racism and overcome bigotry;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, that the Township's renewed efforts to end systemic racism and overcome bigotry will begin as follows:

1. By commemorating the cause of freedom during the period from Juneteenth National Freedom Day to Independence Day each year.
2. By reaffirming the expectation that Township officials and staff will conduct themselves in accordance with the Township's stated values:
  - Service to the community as our top priority;*
  - Openness to ideas and feedback;*
  - Integrity and fairness in our decisions and interactions;*

*Camaraderie and teamwork as a staff hallmark; and  
Respect for all people.*

3. By supporting more meaningful ways to increase staff's understanding about how explicit and implicit bias may affect the services we provide.
4. By committing to transparency and accountability regarding any personnel misconduct that calls into question an employee's ability to fulfill the responsibilities of their position and professionally serve the community.
5. By reaffirming the Board of Supervisor's pride in the Police Department's attainment of the high standards of state accreditation and affirming the Police Department's commitment to maintaining those standards and adopting the full spirit of the 2015 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Report.
6. By tasking the Police Department with analyzing data to identify any trends in calls for service that indicate an unmet need in the community for services other than law enforcement; if there is evidence of unmet needs, the data then will be used as the basis for Township advocacy to the levels of government that fund or provide those services.
7. By reviewing official Township holidays to ensure they reflect the spirit of this resolution and putting any resulting changes into effect for 2021 at the annual Board of Supervisors organization meeting on January 4, 2021.
8. By reaching out to the community for ideas and feedback about how we can work together to build understanding, improve interactions between the community and the Township, and strengthen community connections.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this 24<sup>TH</sup> day of **JUNE, 2020.**

WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Joshua Anderson, Supervisor