



**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the First January Meeting

January 7, 2019

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman Theresa Santalucia called to order the first January business meeting at 6:45 p.m. Those present besides Ms. Santalucia were as follows:

Michele Moll	-	Vice-Chairman
Elizabeth Jones	-	Member
Mimi Gleason	-	Township Manager
Pam Gural-Bear	-	Assistant Township Manager
John Weller	-	Planning & Zoning Director
Ted Otteni	-	Public Works Director
Joseph Catov	-	Police Chief
Vince Pompo	-	Solicitor

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Township office will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2018, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Ms. Santalucia announced that the Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting, and on December 19, 2018 and January 3, 2019, to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PRESENTATION: by PA Law Enforcement Police Accreditation Commission

Police Chief Joseph Catov introduced Chief Joseph Daly of the Springfield Police Department and member of the Accreditation Commission, and announced that the West Whiteland Township Police Department was recently accredited through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association in Harrisburg. West Whiteland is the 6th department in Chester County to become accredited. The accreditation process is rigorous, requiring 140 professional standards be met, with policies in place to address those standards. There are many benefits to being an accredited department, the most important being that it shows the residents that their police department is operating with the latest acceptable standards as recognized by both state and national law enforcement experts.

Chief Catov recognized and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support, as well as Township Manager, Mimi Gleason; Dennis Simms, consultant with the Rogers Group; and the

officers of the West Whiteland Police Department. A special thank you went out to Sergeant Matthew Deceder, the Department's accreditation manager.

Chief Daly noted that of the 1,200 police departments in Pennsylvania, only 10% are accredited. Accreditation increases the employees' input and interaction and demonstrates the Department's competencies. It is not easily accomplished and compliance with required standards must be proved every 3 years.

Ms. Moll thanked Sergeant Deceder, and the Board congratulated Chief Catov and the Police Department.

CONSENT:

Ms. Moll made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

- Minutes of December 12, 2018
- Accounts Payable Warrant Report dated January 7, 2019
- Resolution 2019-08 Disposition of Media

Ms. Santalucia called for public comment and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

HEARINGS & PLANS:

1. CSH Exton, LLC

The Conditional Use application of CSH Exton, LLC (Capital Seniors Housing) is for construction of a 3-story, 99-bed assisted living facility on a 4-acre lot in the Oaklands Corporate Center. Conditional use review is required by §325124.A of the West Whiteland Township Zoning Ordinance to allow a non-residential building with more than 20,000 sq.ft. of floor area. This was the second hearing on the application. Stephan Pahides, attorney, was in attendance on behalf of the Applicant.

The hearing was continued to January 23, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. A record was taken by Court Reporter Arlene Larosa.

BUSINESS:

1. Township Commission Updates – Updates from Board Liaisons

There were no updates to provide since there were no Commission meetings since the Board's previous update on December 12, 2018.

2. Approval of Township Policies for Police Department

Ms. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Moll, to approve the following Police Department Policies: Organization, Captain Promotion, Lieutenant Promotion, CJIS Internet Access Security and Administrative Policy, Scenario and Reality Based Training, and Active Shooter. Ms. Santalucia called for public comment and there were none. The motion was

unanimously approved.

3. Approval and Authorization of Transfer of Ownership of Liquor License

Ms. Moll made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the transfer of ownership of Liquor License No. R-15952 from Movie Tavern Theaters to MMT Lapagrava, LLC. and to authorize the Township Manager to send a letter containing the written approval of the transfer, conditioned on the continued compliance with the conditional licensing agreement. Ms. Santalucia called for public comment and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Police Officer Disbursement

Ms. Moll made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the Police Officer disbursement. Ms. Santalucia called for public comment and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Staff Updates

Mr. Otteni provided an update on the path to connect from the Chester Valley Trail at Commerce Drive and Route 100 to the Exton Train Station. The existing 4-foot sidewalk will be removed and replaced with an 8-foot sidewalk for bike and pedestrian use. Plans have been submitted to PennDOT and approval of the Highway Occupancy Permit is expected by February 1, with construction to begin by June. Street lighting will be incorporated along the proposed trail. It is hoped that the path will be functional by the end of 2019.

Mr. Otteni said the County received two bids to turn the existing 3-sided CVT crossing across Route 100 into a straight crossing. Both bids were approximately \$430,000, well above the expected amount. The cost of the bids was due in part to PennDOT requirements, relocation of drain structures, increased size of the islands, and new traffic signal and arm mast.

Mr. Otteni reported that the Clover Mill Road sinkhole repair is coming along well, and it is expected that the road will be reopened by the end of January.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mimi Gleason
Recording Secretary