

COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2012

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Gregory S. Nesbitt
W. William Whiteside, III
Andrew Santacroce

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Michael Galla – Director of Administration
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor
Russ Dunlevy, PE - Engineer
Richard Sabol – Director of Finance

Absent: Deborah Tustin

President McCouch opened the regular Council meeting at 8:03 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Walker introduced the Horsham Fire Company. He identified members of the organization, the organization's history, and the positive relationship it has with the municipality. Next year, in 2013, the Horsham Fire Company will celebrate its 100 year anniversary.

President McCouch read the text of "Appreciation and Gratitude to the Horsham Fire Company," and presented it to Frank Heger, Fire Company President.

President McCouch asked for questions or comments from the public. Karen Thompson, 612 Mann Road, expressed concern about a trail pedestrian crossing located on Norristown Road. Mr. Walker discussed the crossing, which was installed in 1999, in some detail.

President McCouch asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, and seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to approve the following minutes as presented: Council Agenda Meeting 12 September 2012, Council Meeting 12 September 2012, and Council Meeting 24 September 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for September, 2012. He made the following points: that the balance in the General Fund as of 30 September 2012 was \$3,488,201.18; that, for the most part, expenses and revenues in all funds reflect normal activity; and, that Keith Valley Road was paved using extra funds.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$1,342,664.55. Motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a second List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the Check List in the General Fund for Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$32.50 and further moved to authorize payment of same. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Santacroce abstaining.

Solicitor Mary Eberle identified the history of the Horsham Township Authority for NASJRB Willow Grove (HLRA), and explained the reasons for requesting its termination. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to adopt the Resolution as proposed approving the termination of the Horsham Township Authority for NAS-JRB Willow Grove (HLRA).

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker and Solicitor Mary Eberle explained a resolution, as an additional agenda item, for the assignment of certain obligations related to the Horsham Township Authority for NASJRB (Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base). Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution as proposed consenting to the assignment to the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority of certain obligations of the Horsham Township Authority for NASJRB (Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base).

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to table the Resolution as proposed granting preliminary approval with conditions to the Horsham Village Mall Expansion, 200 Blair Mill Road (10-03-D), land development application. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker and Solicitor Mary Eberle explained a request for a waiver of subdivision and land development from The Elements, 301-307 Horsham Road. Included in this discussion were the issues of storm water, traffic, sidewalk extension, curbing, and landscaping. A resolution for the waiver of land development, with conditions, will be placed on the Agenda of October 22, 2012.

Mr. Walker explained the Township's annual receipt of Foreign Casualty Insurance revenue. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing the distribution of the Foreign Casualty Insurance monies.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained a resolution for the Act 209 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution establishing Wednesday, November 14, 2012 @ 8:00 PM in the Horsham Township Building for a public hearing for the proposed Act 209 Capital Improvement Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

William T. Walker