

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 14, 2012**

In attendance:

Council  
Gregory S. Nesbitt  
Andrew Santacroce  
W. William Whiteside, III

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: Mark McCouch  
Deborah Tustin

Mr. Nesbitt opened the public hearing at 8:00 PM with the proposed Act 209 Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Nesbitt then explained the Plan's evolution, Mr. Dunlevy identified how recommendations were determined, and Mr. Walker added a synopsis of the Committee that was assigned to the Plan's formulation. Mr. Nesbitt asked for comments and questions. Andrew Starr, 926 Langdon Avenue, asked about the Plan's implementation in terms of eminent domain and taxpayer expenses. The public hearing closed at approximately 8:10 PM.

Mr. Nesbitt opened the regular Council meeting at 8:10 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He asked for questions or comments from the public and none were provided.

Mr. Nesbitt asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, and seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to approve the following minutes as presented: Council Meeting 1 October 2012, Council Agenda Meeting 10 October 2012, Council Meeting 10 October 2012, and Council Meeting 22 October 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for October, 2012. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 31 October 2012 was \$1,123,718.98.

Mr. Nesbitt asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$234,587.93. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified ADA ramp work in the Oak Hill Development section that was completed by A. Giuliani & Co., Inc. Because of issues related to slope requirements a change order had been issued. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to authorize execution of Change Order #1 to the A. Giuliani & Co., Inc. contract for ADA ramps. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt identified the Capital Improvements Plan for the Act 209 Plan and Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the Resolution as proposed approving the Act 209 Capital Improvements Plan submitted by the Horsham Township Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye

Mr. Santacroce – Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker briefly identified the status of a land development application for Village Mall, 200 Blair Mill Road (10-3-D). Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to table

the Resolution as proposed granting preliminary approval to the Horsham Village Mall Expansion land development application. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained the current and proposed agreement for UCC third party services. The proposed agreement reduces fees from 63% to 50%. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to authorize execution of a contract with Code Inspections, Inc. for third party UCC services. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker stated that Horsham Township would like to submit a small grant application to PECO in order to build a connecting trail in Wynmere Development to connect to the Power Line Trail. Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the Resolution as proposed authorizing application to the 2012 Peco Green Regions Open Space Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye

Mr. Santacroce – Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker discussed transportation impact fees. He stated that a proposed ordinance would increase fees in the Township's western area from \$826 to \$2,235; and, in the eastern area from \$480 to \$2,366. He stated that the proposed rates are comparable to other municipalities. Mr. Nesbitt added that the fees are paid by developers, and are used to make intersection improvements. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to introduce an Ordinance establishing new Transportation Impact Fees.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt – Aye

Mr. Santacroce – Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Walker provided a Power Point presentation that compared Horsham Township's real estate millage rate with other municipalities in Montgomery County and eastern Montgomery County. The proposed 2013 millage rate did not increase from 2012, and is among the lowest in Montgomery County. Andrew Starr, 926 Langdon Avenue, thanked the Township Council for not raising taxes. Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to introduce an Ordinance establishing the Township Budget and Tax Levy for 2013 and hereby authorize advertisement of same. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

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William T. Walker