

**COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2012**

In attendance:

Council

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

Staff

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

Absent: Andrew Santacroce
Deborah Tustin

President McCouch called to order at 7:00 PM a public hearing for the creation of a Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority to implement the Reuse Plan for the former NAS-JRB Willow Grove. President McCouch identified the responsibilities of the old and new board, and asked for questions or comments from the public. There being none, President McCouch closed the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

President McCouch opened the regular Council Meeting at 7:05 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Walker announced the purchase of I-pads from Freedom Systems for use by Township Council and that this meeting was Council's first 'paperless' meeting. David Stinson of Freedom Systems provided an overview of the I-pads. The benefits of using the new technology relate to convenience, cost, and the environment.

Mr. 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 \$208,819.04. Motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the zoning hearing board residential application of Jack A. Saxer, 516 Sherwood Lane. Council will remain neutral to the application.

Council reviewed the zoning hearing board application of Eric's RX Shoppe, LLC, 810 Welsh Road. The applicant proposes to install a 48 square foot electrical LED internal steady illuminated sign on the side of the building facing Norristown Road. Council will remain neutral to the application with conditions.

Council reviewed the land development of Dresser Rand Warehouse Addition, Precision Drive, 11-10-D. In attendance were Andrew Freimuth, Esquire, John Genovesi, P.E. and Bill Velekei on behalf of Dresser Rand. After summarizing the project and waiver requests, Council is scheduled to consider this application for approval at their July meeting.

Mr. Walker stated that an updated police pension ordinance was needed to incorporate the May 24th arbitration award. The arbitration award included changes to killed-in-service requirements and the inclusion of a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to introduce the ordinance as proposed amending the Police Pension plan and hereby authorizing advertisement of same.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. McCouch: Aye

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Whiteside made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the resolution as proposed affixing Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7:45 PM as the time and place for a public hearing for the ordinance amending the Police Pension Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. McCouch: Aye

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the ordinance as proposed signifying Horsham Township Council's intention to form a Municipal Authority (Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. McCouch: Aye

Mr. Nesbitt: Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to appoint the following members to the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority: Curtis Griffin, William Donnelly, Mark McCouch, Joanna Furia, and W. William Whiteside. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to execute the Articles of Incorporation for the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority and submit same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

William T. Walker