

West Deer Township
Board of Supervisors
March 7, 2012
7:30 p.m.

The West Deer Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Business Meeting at the West Deer Township Municipal Building. Members present: Shirley Hollibaugh, Chairwoman; Tracy A. Adamik, Jeffrey D. Fleming, Rick W. Florentine, Lawrence K. McManus, and Gerry Vaerewyck.

ABSENT from the meeting: Richard W. DiSanti, Jr., Supervisor; Daniel J. Mator, Jr., Township Manager; and Douglas Happel, Township Solicitor. They attended a meeting in regard to Marcellus Shale on behalf of the Township.

Chairwoman Hollibaugh opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call taken by Supervisor Fleming -- Quorum present.

Chairwoman Hollibaugh announced the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. John Baker, a teacher and student council coach at the Deer Lakes Middle School was present. Mr. Baker addressed the Board to request permission for the students to perform a playground makeover as a Community Service Project at the Curtisville Playground. The Board was in favor of the Project and Mr. Baker will seek the approval from the School Board and then will submit details of the project to the Township.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Chairwoman Hollibaugh asked if there were any comments on the agenda and public-related items and if so, asked the public to please approach the microphone, clearly state their name and address, and limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

None.

HIRE PART TIME POLICE OFFICER:

The Board received a memorandum from Chief Lape recommending the hiring of Joseph Wetzel for the position of part time police officer for West Deer Township.

The background check was completed and was to the satisfaction of the Township.

Mr. Wetzel was present and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

MOTION BY Supervisor Fleming and SECONDED BY Supervisor McManus to hire Joseph Wetzel as a part time police officer for West Deer Township as per the recommendation by Chief Lape under the condition that he will begin once he receives his certification number. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-4/GRANT DUI TASK FORCE:

At the January 18, 2012 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2012-1 which authorized and directed the Township Manager to sign the DUI Task Force Agreement on behalf of the Township. Resolution No. 2012-4 is to authorize and direct the Township Manager to sign the DUI Task Force Grant.

After some discussion, MOTION BY Supervisor McManus and SECONDED BY Supervisor Fleming to adopt Resolution No. 2012-4. Motion carried unanimously 6-0. The Board commended and thanked Chief Lape.

NORTH HILLS COG REPORT:

Mr. Vaerewyck reported on the North Hills COG meeting. Items discussed:

- Large amount of salt supply. Doesn't impact West Deer directly.
- Enforcement actions against a number of Townships throughout the State and some cautions about how to deal with different Government agencies that may contact us.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

At this time, each Committee Chairperson reported on their Committee updates:

- 1) Mr. Vaerewyck – Public Safety Committee
- 2) Mr. McManus – Planning, Zoning, & Code Enforcement Committee
- 3) Dr. DiSanti -- ABSENT – Economic Development Committee
- 4) Mr. Adamik – Engineering & Public Works Committee
- 5) Mr. Fleming – Parks & Recreation Committee
- 6) Mr. Florentine – Intergovernmental Relations, IT, & Communication Committee
- 7) Mr. Vaerewyck – EMS Committee – No meeting.
- 8) Mrs. Hollibaugh – Financial Legal, and Human Resources Committee – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Items Discussed:

- Supervisor Fleming/Saxonburg Boulevard landslide.
- Supervisor Vaerewyck/Develop a list of priorities for State Representative Mike Turzai so when he visits in April it would be a good opportunity to discuss the needs of the Township. Supervisor Vaerewyck also recommended sending a list of the priorities also to West Deer's State Representative Frank Dermody.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairwoman Hollibaugh reported the Township ordered and received new recycling bins and the Board will need to decide if the residents should be charged for a new/replacement recycling bin.
- Supervisor Vaerewyck questioned the purpose of the Impact Fees. A lengthy discussion was held on the West Deer & Indiana Townships Joint Impact Fee Project including adjusting the fees for West Deer Township.

SET AGENDA/March 21, 2012:

6:30 p.m. -- Executive Session

7:30 p.m. -- Regular Business Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Session Held
5. Registered Comments from the Public
6. Comments from the Public
7. Accept minutes
8. Monthly Financial Report
 - A. Treasurer's Report
 - B. List of Bills
 - C. Utilities & Payroll
9. Code Enforcement Officer's Report
10. Police Chief's Report
11. Report from the Parks & Recreation Board
12. Engineer's Report
13. Williams Business Forms Site Plan
14. Ordinance No. 391/Planning Commission members
15. Appointments/Planning Commission
16. Old Business
17. New Business
18. Set Agenda/April 4, 2012
19. Comments from the Public
20. Adjournment

Items added:

- Recycling Bins
- Impact Fees

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Chairwoman Hollibaugh asked if there were any comments on the agenda and public-related items and if so, asked the public to please approach the microphone, clearly state their name and address, and limit their comments to five (5) minutes.

- Mr. Len Guerre, 4650 Gibsonia Road, questioned the liability for the project at the Curtisville Playgound and also commented on the Impact Fees and Recreation Fees.
- Mrs. Sara Bossart, 19 Grubbs Road, questioned the Impact Fee and if the Township has an emergency fund for floods, tornados, hurricanes, etc. Mrs. Bossart also reported a bad road condition/storm drain at the corner of Grubbs Road and Saxonburg Boulevard.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY Supervisor Vaerewyck and SECONDED BY Supervisor McManus to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 6-0. Meeting adjourned.

Daniel J. Mator, Jr., Township Manager