

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

August 13, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Joseph LaBruzzo, Paul Martin, Penni Dallas, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger and Jill Dunlap.

Note: This is a public meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of general discussion of administrative, regulatory enforcement; police and road department and personnel; building and grounds; budget and related matters and issues related thereto that may or may not require action. It is also used to review and comment on the public meeting agenda for the regular public meeting.

Note: Dental Insurance for West Mead Township employees is being reviewed again by the Secretary as some local dentists are discontinuing coverage under our specific plan with Highmark Blue Edge Dental, affiliated with United Concordia.

The Chairman noted the above items.

Joseph LaBruzzo of Woodlands, LLC was present and discussed private water well system improvements for his apartment complex and other residences on Arthur Street who are served by the Woodlands Heights Water Company. He explained that PA DEP is mandating the removal and upgrade of the existing water well pumps and pump house to comply with their requirements for private water systems. He and the Roadmaster discussed changing the location of the existing Graff Street driveway and what would be required for new access on Arthur Street. He is in the process of having construction drawings completed by Moody and Associates and will work with the Zoning Officer and Building Inspector for necessary approvals prior to construction in the spring of 2025. All agreed they had no issues with his proposal.

The Solicitor and Secretary discussed the sale of Township owned property located behind the Township Building. It was agreed by all to advertise for consideration of approval in September to sell approximately 3.86 acres of Township property to First Energy/Penelec for expansion of the current power substation for a total of \$115,130.00.

The Board did not review the items on the 7:00 meeting agenda.

The Board reconvened the Study Session at 7:21 p.m. after the Supervisors Regular Meeting.

The Solicitor discussed his recent draft of the West Mead Township Zoning Ordinance Solar Amendment, as directed by the Board at the previous meeting. He recommended removing the stormwater management sections as they would be covered under our

current Stormwater Ordinance. Discussion was had on emergency services and fire department access, noise limitations and decommissioning. Dunlap noted a representative of Penn State Extension office will be present at the West Mead Township Planning Commission meeting on August 29, 2024 and all are invited as he has information that may be helpful when finalizing the document. All agreed to continue moving forward with the possible advertisement for adoption which could occur in October.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Bovard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary