

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

July 11, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Paul Martin, Penni Dallas, Mark Galbo, Jim Anders, Alan Shaddinger and Jill Dunlap. Mike Hindman was available by phone.

Executive Sessions were held on June 26, 2023 and July 6, 2023 for Litigation Matters related to Stormwater.

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: The Police Contract between West Mead Township and the West Mead Township Police Department, affiliated with FOP Lodge 108 will be extended under a Side Agreement for an additional year with an expiration date of December 31, 2024.

Note: The Penelec-First Energy Default Service Program, which was updated in the fall of 2018, was looked into again and it appears to be more beneficial for the Township to extend our contract another 48 months with AEP Energy, a generation supplier instead of continuing to purchase electric under the rate pricing directly from Penelec-First Energy.

Note: The National Fuel Default Service Program, which was modeled after the Electric Program, was looked into and it appears to be more beneficial for the Township to contract for 24 months with Snyder Brothers Inc, a generation supplier instead of continuing to purchase fuel gas under the rate pricing directly from National Fuel Gas.

Note: West Mead Township Pension Plan Administration Services Provider Definiti, LLC has provided an updated fee schedule to become effective immediately, as we have been operating under the prior Boetger services agreement schedule.

The Chairman noted the above items.

Danny Armstrong and Dan Faivre were not present to review the Armstrong Subdivision Plan for consideration at Regular Meeting. Surveyor Mark Galbo was present and provided background information on their behalf. All Supervisors agreed they did not have any issues with the plan as presented.

Jim Anders was present to request the use of Third Lane Road Right of Way for Sewer and Utility Line Extensions in conjunction with the construction of a new single family dwelling at the end of the existing roadway. The Solicitor noted the Township has taken the appearance of action of owning the road, as we have maintained it for over 21 years. He indicated the adjoining property owners have ownership to the center of the roadway although MASA could accept and maintain a public line. Anders was directed to contact MASA for their approval as a Developers Agreement may be necessary. Dunlap noted she cannot issue a building permit without sewage/septic approvals or permits in place. Anders discussed other utility connections including gas and electric and indicated most lines would be located underground. Shartle stated he has concerns with stormwater runoff water from the property. Bovard noted we are not denying him but trying to work with him regarding all issues. All agreed Anders would contact MASA regarding sewer approval, nail down utility locations and easements and the Township could further review any possible stormwater issues.

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

The Board reconvened the Study Session at 7:24 p.m. after the Supervisors Regular Meeting.

Mike Hindman was available by phone to discuss Land Development Plans for DuBrook/M&B Concrete Redi-Mix Plant building construction and stormwater. He indicated building plans were being finalized at this time. He discussed a containment area or possible retention pond, weir or pump system regarding stormwater. He noted the dirt area to the north of the property will be socked and seeded and indicated DEP has no issues. He noted the existing drainage was there prior to them purchasing the property. He indicated they will have building drawings and stormwater and development drawings for review at the West Mead Township Planning Commission Meeting on July 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The Roadmaster briefly discussed possible purchase of Boom Mower Tractor and various other road equipment. He noted the status of the current tractor and discussed options available.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to an Executive Session for Litigation for Stormwater Matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary