

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
525 PLEASANT HILL ROAD
WEXFORD PA 15090**

**AGENDA MINUTES
MONDAY, August 31, 2015 7:15 PM**

The following persons were present:

SUPERVISORS: Thomas Madigan, Chairman (Absent)
Philip Troy, Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman)
Robert (Bob) Edwards
Anthony (Jack) Candek
Jason Bragunier

MANAGER: Neil D. McFadden

OTHERS: Approximately 8 Others

The Agenda Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 190 of the Code of Marshall Township Adding Stop Signs on Wheatland Road at Bridle Path Drive (North and South). Motion to Adopt - Mr. Troy opened the public hearing. Mr. McFadden indicated the Ordinance had been properly advertised for consideration this evening. He reported that in response to a number of residents complaints regarding the "dangerous" intersection of Bridle Path and Wheatland Roads, Chief Amann had conducted a site inspection and had recommended the addition of two stop signs. Mr. McFadden apologized for having the stop signs installed prior to the passage of the Ordinance - in response to a resident's complaint, the signs were removed pending the outcome of tonight's hearing. Four letters were introduced into the record. Mr. Bragunier offered his observations as a resident of the Wheatland Pointe Plan, noting increased traffic on Wheatland Road and his opinion that the intersection is unsafe. Mr. Candek stated that he has observed speeding on Wheatland Road and also noted that the road has become a 'cut through' from the Red Belt to Shenot Road. Mr. Edwards stated that he is comfortable with the Chief's recommendation.

Mr. Troy asked for public comment.

Ron Eggert of 135 Hilltop Lane stated that the proposed stop signs are "absolutely ridiculous" as there is adequate sight distance at this intersection and the problem is due to speeding and only speeding. Francios Bitz asked if a traffic study had been done. (No.) He stated he is against the proliferation of stop signs. He requested that a "No Through Road" sign be posted instead of stop signs. Robert Walsh suggested that installation of illuminated signs that flash the travelling speed would be a more effective measure. In his opinion, additional stop signs are not necessary. Ron Baling of Vander Road agreed that speed control is the issue. He favored a single stop sign on southbound Wheatland at Bridle Path, which he felt would allow for safer left turns into the Wheatland Pointe Plan. He stated that speed patrol is needed and that the Vander/Wheatland intersection is more dangerous than Bridle Path/Wheatland. Ron Eggert suggested posting a "no left turn" sign at the Ascent entrance onto Wheatland Road. Sandra Harvey stated that drivers exiting the Wheatland Pointe Plan often make dangerous turns onto Wheatland Road, sometimes ignoring

the existing stop sign. She agreed with Mr. Baling that the Wheatland/Vander intersection was a more dangerous location. Francios Bitz suggested that the Township follow the same procedure as PennDOT when assessing the installation of traffic controls. Mr. Eggert requested that an engineering study be completed prior to a decision on this matter.

Mr. Troy suggested that a study by Trans Associates may be appropriate. Mr. McFadden estimated the cost of such a study at two to three thousand dollars.

Mr. Bragunier stated that past practice in such matters had been to rely on the opinion of the Chief of Police, insisting on a study in this intersection could establish a precedent.

Mr. Bragunier moved to adopt Ordinance 436 to approve the installation of two stop signs on Wheatland Road. Mr. Candek seconded the motion; vote in favor of the motion was [3-1] with Mr. Troy dissenting.

2. Expenditures , Month of July 2015, Motion to Approve - Mr. McFadden gave a brief overview of the July expenditures. Mr. Candek moved to approve the expenditures as posted, seconded by Mr. Bragunier; vote in favor was unanimous [4-0].

3. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of Malbec Lane and Certain Stormwater Management Facilities. Motion to Adopt - The resolution and related Deed of Dedication were approved without discussion. Motion by Mr. Bragunier, seconded by Mr. Candek; vote in favor was unanimous [4-0]. Resolution No. 884.

4. Status of Thorn Hill Road Turning Lane Installation - Mr. McFadden reported that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will consider approval of the Township's project at their meeting on 9/1/15. If approved, the turning lane will be installed by Fay Construction under a change order issued b the P.T.C. using the contracts unit values. The Township will reimburse the P.T.C. via a Cooperation Agreement. The GEDF grant funds which the Township received for the Thorn Hill project would then be diverted to the Brush Creek Road turn lane project.

5. Review and Approval of Proposed September 14, 2015 Agenda - The attached agenda was approved for a single meeting on September 14, 2015.

6. Discussion Items:

a) Deer Population Control - Mr. McFadden distributed and briefly discussed the Deer Management Program that was recently adopted by Franklin Park Borough. The Borough intends to utilize a controlled archery hunt managed by the Whitetail Management Organization as a primary method of controlling deer population.

Mr. McFadden offered his opinion that Marshall Township has a number of archery hunters who are active in the Township and that property owners that are concerned with an over population of deer should consider permitting archery hunters access to their property. Mr. Edwards asked about costs of a program such as Franklin Parks. It appears that cost to the municipality is minimal, however, Mr. Candek advised that Whitetail Management does charge a fee to hunters who wish to qualify.

Mr. Bitz complained about residents feeding deer. Mr. Candek stated he would like the Township to consider an Ordinance to prohibit such feeding. Mr. McFadden will work with the Solicitor's office to locate or prepare a draft Ordinance for consideration. Sandra Harvey suggested a posting on the Township website to educate the public on this matter.

b) Fire Company Proposal for Expansion of Station 2 (Knob Road) - Mr. McFadden briefed the Board on the Company's proposal for expansion of Station Two (Knob Road). The expansion would include additional storage bays, a training tower and a bunk room to accommodate five live-in firefighters. Preliminary cost estimate is \$875,000.00. The Company is requesting that the Township fund the project in its entirety. The Company is seeking approval in 2016 and construction in 2017. The Board had questions about the effectiveness of live-in programs in Marshall and surrounding companies and asked that fire company representation join the Board for discussion at the upcoming September 28 Agenda meeting.

7. Executive Session: One Personnel Matter - The Board went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing two personnel matters.

Upon return to public session, the Board directed that a vacancy for the Planning Commission be posted on the Township website and that interviews be scheduled for Monday, September 28, prior to the Agenda meeting.

8. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Troy moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bragunier; vote in favor was unanimous [4 -0].

Respectfully submitted,

Neil D. McFadden, Manager