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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda February 27, 2019 6:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION WILL BE HELD IN THE INNER-OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM.

6:00 p.m. W.B. Homes, Inc.

3178 York Road, 12.55 acres, TMP 06-008-032

Barbara Sternlieb, Susan Muller

6:15 p.m. Midway Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Hugh Hager

Manager's Items

Executive Session

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors Work Session Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held February 27, 2019 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:

Jon Forest

Chairman

Maggie Rash

Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio

Member

Dana S. Cozza

Township Manager

Daniel Gray

Township Engineer

Not Present:

John Ives

Bucks County Planning Commission

Tom Kelso

Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

Craig A. Smith, Esquire

Township Solicitor

The work session commenced at 6:00 p.m.

W.B. Homes, Inc. / Barbara Sternlieb, York Road, 12.55 acres, TMP 06-008-032

Ms. Barbara Sternlieb, property owner, and Mr. Christopher Canavan, W.B. Homes, Inc., were present to discuss development possibilities for Ms. Sternlieb's property on York Road. Mr. Canavan provided a brief introduction, saying he is the senior vice-president for W.B. Homes, Inc., a privately held homebuilding and land development company headquartered in North Wales.

Mr. Canavan said the primary reason for their presence at the work session is to complete an initial evaluation of the property before moving forward with a concept. He said they are aware of the zoning, and are not requesting a change in density.

Mr. Canavan asked if there were any sewer EDU's available from the neighboring developments that may be available to this property for development, or if the wastewater plant could be re-rated for additional capacity. Mr. Canavan said he understands that onsite treatment is the priority of the township wastewater plan, however he thought due to the high density and public sewer pumping station near this property, he would inquire as to capacity.

Mr. Gray pointed out that under SALDO section 9.27 D the development must show it can stand by itself without outside wastewater support. Mrs. Rash added if there are any EDU's available, they are reserved in case needed for failing systems of existing homeowners.

Ms. Sternlieb said the original soil analysis by Del Val stated the parcel could accommodate 17 units with an onsite system. Mr. Forest asked how many acres was the original plan? Ms. Sternlieb said the original plan included the neighboring parcel, and

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was 18 acres total. Ms. Sternlieb confirmed the current project contains only her parcel, which she said is 13.06 acres.

Mr. Canavan said they understood the township's direction and may request to return when they have other questions.

Midway Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Hugh Hager, and Lee Forsyth, President, were present to discuss items related to Midway Volunteer Fire Company.

The first item was a request for an alternative to Act 172, regarding providing incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies. Mr. Forest said after considering this he proposes providing each active firefighter who resides in Buckingham Township a \$500 annual stipend. Mr. Forest said this is a simplified way to distribute the stipend fairly, as opposed to tax credits. Chief Hager said their fire department currently has 27 active firefighters who reside in Buckingham Township, with "active" defined as attending at least 30% of calls, meetings and drills. Mr. Calderaio and Mrs. Rash agreed with Mr. Forest's proposal. Chief Hager and Mr. Forsyth were also happy with it.

Chief Hager provided the Board with a printout of all apparatus used in the last year, along with the average response time from dispatch to arrival on the scene. He asked if the Board was pleased with their results, and they were.

The next item was staffing issues. Chief Hager was concerned about their aging work force. He said the younger people who join have limited time to volunteer due to sports and other activities. Chief Hager said one possibility would be to increase the fire tax. He said another possibility would be to contract firefighters who would be managed and paid by Central Bucks Emergency Medical Services (CBEMS), along with providing insurance and worker's compensation. Chief Hager said some fire companies in Montgomery County do it this way. Chief Hager said the firefighters would continue to report to the fire house. The Board agreed to think about this matter. Mrs. Rash proposed the township include an article in the upcoming newsletter about the fire companies who serve Buckingham Township and their need for volunteers.

7:00 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

9:20 p.m. The Work Session resumed.

Water & Sewer Commission's Annual Tour

Mrs. Cozza said the Water & Sewer Commission has set May 16th as the date for the annual tour of facilities and as always, invites the Board to attend.

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Board of Supervisor's March Meeting Schedule

The Board agreed to cancel the March 13th Work Session and Regular Business Meeting. The next meetings will take place on March 27th, 2019.

9:41 p.m. The Board retired into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

10:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 27th day of March, 2019.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Jon Forest, Chairban

Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio, Member

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.