
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA - Regular Meeting

Closed Session

June 2, 2010

The Closed Session portion of the W.T.M.U.A. Meeting began on June 2, 2010 at 8:15 pm.

Members Present:	Messrs.	Akin, Strawn, Napolitano, Cullen, Peters
Alt. Members Present:	Messrs.	Kramer, Popper
Township Liaison Absent	Messrs.	Harmon*
Members Absent:	Messrs.	None
Alt. Members Absent:	Messrs.	None

*out at 9:20 pm

Staff Members Present: Executive Director (E.D.) Costic, Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory

ZION CHURCH

The Board reviewed Mr. Costic's memo regarding Zion Church's request for modification of the Connection Fees. It was agreed to offer eight EDU's minus one if the house on the property is disconnected from the Sewer System as a result of the re-zoning of this building to storage through the WT Planning Board.

It was agreed to share the cost of any restoration of the new driveway in case of a repair, at 50% by the MUA and 50% by the Church with the understanding that the area of restoration will be limited to the disturbed area only. Any repair required to the cobblestone walkway cost will be paid at 100% by the Church and any repair to the old parking lot will remain 100% paid by the MUA.

EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

The largest item in negotiations appears to be the post-retirement health care benefits up to age 65. The consensus of the Board was to not offer retirement healthcare. The amount the MUA is willing to pay toward dependant and employee health care was discussed. The current MUA cost for each employee was requested. This information will be emailed to the Board at a later date.

Swing shifts were discussed with the Association Representatives and was received well if the hourly rates were increased to compensate for the lack of overtime. It was recommended to remove this item since a good amount of overtime should be reduced with the SCADA systems that are being installed.

Christie's legislation immediately impacts the employee's healthcare contribution. The MUA is prepared to institute the legislation. The holiday requirement has not been passed and can be adjusted if and when it is. The bonus requirement will mean an increase of \$200-300 additional MUA cost due to the fact that the longevity, license adjustments, and WEB bonuses will need to be incorporated into the hourly rate and will increase overtime costs.

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A discussion of the recommendation to present the Employee Association with a copy of the contract changes will be discussed at the next meeting.

AG BOARD

A meeting has been set for Paul Costic and Jim Gregory with the Ag Board on Friday, June 4th as recommended by Margaret Nordstrom. Mr. Gregory's settlement strategy memo was discussed with the following outcome per item:

1. Agreed to offer up to a maximum of \$14,000 per acre.
2. Agreed to restrict and define the easement use to farmland and public well use only to address the concern of other types of pollutants on the preserved farm.
3. Rejected any postponement of the use of the well
4. Agreed to reduce MUA usage if the farm requires a well but has capacity issues as a result of the MUA well

It was agreed to address the Ag Board's concern regarding the acreage needed for well-head protection.

Motion was made by Mr. Popper, and seconded by Mr. Cullen that the closed session portion of this meeting be adjourned.

AYES: Messrs: Akin, Cullen, Peters, Popper, Napolitano

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Closed Session Meeting adjourned: 10:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jill Waller