

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 7:34 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: RICK DELELLO [X]
SUSAN CAUGHLAN [X]
STEVE QUIGLEY [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced that following the June 20 Business Meeting the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of litigation, in specific an appeal made to the Office of Open Records, Mollick v. Worcester Township, AP 2018-1070. Mr. Ryan noted that following this evening's Work Session the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation, regarding a reported violation of the Township Code at private property. No decisions on these matters will be made at this evening's Business Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Maeve Vogan, Worcester, commented on the Township's movie in the park event, and the permitted public comment period at public meetings.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the appeal made to the Office of Open Records, Mollick v. Worcester Township, AP 2018-1070, Supervisor Caughlan's work when serving as the Township Open Space Coordinator, fees paid to Supervisor Caughlan when serving as the Township Open Space Coordinator, and the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study findings and cost. Supervisor Caughlan commented on her work when serving as the Township Open Space Coordinator.
- Rob Hayes, Worcester, commented on the proposed sale of the Meadow Lane building lots, the preservation of open space, past Board of Supervisor actions regarding this property, sale timing, media coverage, and the Township Manager's letter to the editor in response to the article on this topic. Supervisor Quigley noted the Township Manager position is responsible for providing information to the media. Mr. Ryan provided a brief overview of the history of the Meadow Lane building lots.

- Barbara Reed, Worcester, commented on Township park conditions, the demeanor of speakers at public meetings, and building lot and open space terminology.
- Emily Williams, Worcester, commented on the purchase price of the Meadow Lane building lots.
- Kelly Guiler, Worcester, commented on meeting attendees, and the televising of public meetings.
- Jeannie Steigerwalt, Worcester, commented on Members' cooperation and the Township Manager's letter to the editor in response to the article on the Meadow Lane building lots. Chair DeLello and Supervisor Quigley noted the Township Manager position is responsible for providing information to the media.
- Jack Kelly, Worcester, commented on the acquisition of the Meadow Lane building lots.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair DeLello asked if any Member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. Supervisor Caughlan requested the June 20 Business Meeting minutes be removed from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for June 2018; and, (b) bill payment for June 2018 in the amount of \$193,629.35. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) June 20 Business Meeting minutes – Supervisor Caughlan commented on the minutes noting that a consensus of the Board of Supervisors agreed to proceed with consideration of the proposed sale of the Meadow Lane building lots. Chair DeLello noted the Board had discussed the 2006 subdivision plan being revised to include additional buffer landscaping, and on-lot conservation areas.

Chair DeLello commented on meeting minute preparation, and problems with the manner whereby meeting minutes were prepared, reviewed and revised in past years.

Mr. Ryan commented on meeting minute contents required by State Law.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the June 20 Business Meeting minutes, revised to note that no decision was made at this meeting to proceed with the sale of the Meadow Lane building lots. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on objections to Sunshine Act violations.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) agreement – Mr. Ryan reviewed several documents pertaining to the purchase, review and subdivision of the Meadow Lane building lots.

Chair DeLello noted the three building lots would each possess one single-family detached dwelling.

Mr. Ryan commented on the public bidding process.

Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on the acquisition of the Meadow Lane building lots, and the receipt of additional information regarding the Meadow Lane building lots.

Vince Pupillo, Worcester, commented on the Meadow Lane building lots relative to the Worcester Township Open Space Plan and the Worcester Township Comprehensive Plan, and the development of the Zacharias Creek off-road trail.

Wini Hayes, Worcester, presented petitions to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Hayes commented on the history of the Meadow Lane building lots, the utilization of transfer development rights, and on property habitats, stormwater management and viewscape.

Mike Corrigan, Worcester, commented on the marketing of homes built adjacent to the Meadow Lane building lots, and the Township's quality of life.

Debbie Kavanaugh, Worcester, commented on open space preservation and Township finances and reserves.

Carmen Rocco, Worcester, commented on the acquisition of the Meadow Lane building lots.

Natalie Ridek, Worcester, commented on open space preservation and the 2006 subdivision plan for the Meadow Lane building lots.

George Hiltner, Worcester, commented on sewage planning and connections to the public sewer system.

Ciro Tornambe, Worcester, commented on Meadow Lane building lots soil conditions and steep slopes, adjacent development, waterway quality, the Skippack Watershed Alliance and stormwater management best management practices, and Township finances and reserves.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to designate the Meadow Lane building lots as open space. Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, recommended the Board permit the public comment period to continue.

Dave Plager, Worcester, commented on Board of Supervisor responsibilities.

Dr. Mollick commented on the sale of the Meadow Lane building lots, the past sale of a Township-owned residential dwelling at Skippack Pike, potential litigation, and persons contacting the media regarding the Meadow Lane building lots.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to designate the Meadow Lane building lots as open space. There was no second to the motion.

Barbara Reed, Worcester, commented on Township finances and reserves, environmental concerns, and the Township's quality of life.

Ms. Vogan commented on the solicitation of other residents' opinions on the sale of the Meadow Lane building lots.

Dee Dee McGrane, Worcester, commented on the preservation of open space.

Diane Spang, Worcester, commented on the preservation of open space.

Kim David, Worcester, commented on the preservation of open space.

Richard Alter, Worcester, commented on the preservation of open space, and environmental conditions at the Meadow Lane building lots.

Jeannie Maguire, Worcester, commented on development near the Meadow Lane building lots, the preservation of open space, and on Township finances and reserves.

Chair DeLello commented on issues to be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the Township's long-term financial obligations, his ownership of farmlands, and other issues to be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Ryan commented on the Township's long-term financial obligations, including the care of road and bridges, stormwater and sanitary sewer systems, parks and open spaces, buildings and equipment, and support to the community's volunteer fire department. Mr. Ryan also noted existing stormwater management mandates, and proposed legislation that requires municipalities to pay for Pennsylvania State Police services.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on proposed legislation that requires municipalities to pay for Pennsylvania State Police Services.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on the Township's finances and reserves. Mr. Ryan commented on 2018 Budget receipts and expenditures.

Chair DeLello noted documents pertaining to the Meadow Lane building lots will be posted to the Township website.

Chair DeLello recessed the meeting at 10:23pm, and reconvened the meeting at 10:35pm.

- d) Resolution 2018-26 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a Master Casting Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on improvement costs.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve a Master Casting Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) Resolution 2018-27 to Resolution 2018-30 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of four Applications for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, for improvements to the existing traffic signals at Valley Forge Road and Water Street Road, Germantown Pike and Kriebel Mill Road, Germantown Pike and Mount Kirk Road, and Morris Road and North Wales Road. Mr. Ryan noted the modest improvements to the signals are being funded by a State grant awarded in 2015.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-27, Resolution 2018-28, Resolution 2018-29 and Resolution 2018-30, approving the submission of four Applications for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, for improvements to the existing traffic signals at Valley Forge Road and Water Street Road, Germantown Pike and Kriebel Mill Road, Germantown Pike and Mount Kirk Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Brad Tiffany, Worcester, commented on the signal timing at Water Street Road and Valley Forge Road. Ralph Navarrete, Worcester, commented on the scope of improvements.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- f) waiver – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of a request to grant a waiver to install a portion of an on-lot septic system in a setback at 3405 Mill Road.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve a waiver to install a portion of an on-lot septic system in a setback at 3405 Mill Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- g) waiver – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of a request to grant a waiver to install a portion of an on-lot septic system in a setback at 3434 Mill Road.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve a waiver to install a portion of an on-lot septic system in a setback at 3434 Mill Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no additional business conducted at this evening's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Andorn, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, and Supervisor Caughlan comments regarding Township receipts attributable to land development.
- Dr. Mollick commented on the Meadow Lane building lots documentation noted at this evening's meeting, the permitted public comment period at public meetings, Meadow Lane building lots sale timing, and Meadow Lane building lots ownership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 10:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager