

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Caughlan at 7:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: SUSAN G. CAUGHLAN [X]
 STEPHEN C. QUIGLEY [X]
 ARTHUR C. BUSTARD [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on June 14 to discuss a matter of litigation, in specific Mollick v. the Worcester Township Board of Supervisors and individual Board members, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, docket number #15-13760; and, a matter of real estate, in specific the consideration of an offer received to purchase a conservation easement. Mr. Ryan noted no decision on either matter was made in Executive Session, and no decision on either matter is expected to be made at this evening's Business Meeting.
- Mr. Ryan noted Resolution 2017-05, regarding the designation of a depository for Township funds, will not be considered at this evening's Business Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kim McClintock, Worcester, commented on deer crossing and speed limit signage at North Wales Road. Mr. Ryan will address the former, and Mr. Ryan will contact his counterpart in Whitpain Township regarding the latter.
- Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on use of the Community Hall sound system, public comment on the parks and trails presentation, and Township businesses profiled in the Township newsletter and on the Township website.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on site conditions at the North Penn Army Reserve Base property, Phase I and Phase II environmental studies for the North Penn Army Reserve Base property, remediation measures for contaminants found at the North Penn Army Reserve Base property, budgeted funds for the possible acquisition of the North Penn Army Reserve Base property, and possible future expenditures regarding the possible acquisition of the North Penn Army Reserve Base property.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair Caughlan asked if any Member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. There were no requests to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for May 2017, (b) bill payment for May 2017 in the amount of \$175,318.71; (c) the May 17, 2017 Work Session minutes; and, (d) the May 17, 2017 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on year-to-date Right-to-Know legal expenditures, the Township's current Right-to-Know request procedures, and the Township's past Right-to-Know request procedures.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Public Hearing – At 7:50 PM Chair Caughlan opened a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 2017-267, to establish regulations for athletic field signage.

Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, noted the ordinance had been submitted to the *Times Herald* and to the Montgomery County Law Library, and posted in the Township Building lobby and on the Township website, on May 22, and advertised in the *Times Herald* on June 1 and on June 8.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the Ordinance, including provisions for scoreboard, dugout, spectator stand and field fencing signage.

Chair Caughlan called for public comment, and there was none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:53 PM.

- c) Ordinance 2017-267 – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-267, to establish regulations for athletic field signage. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) Public Hearing – At 7:55 PM Chair Caughlan opened a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 2017-269, to regulate the growth of Bamboo.

Mr. Brant noted the ordinance had been submitted to the *Times Herald* and to the Montgomery County Law Library, and posted in the Township Building lobby and on the Township website, on May 18, and advertised in the *Times Herald* on June 1 and on June 8.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the Ordinance, which prohibits Bamboo within forty feet of a public road, trail or sidewalk.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the growth of other vegetation within the right-of-way. Mr. Ryan noted regulations included in the Second Class Township Code.

Mr. Andorn commented on the prohibition of other vegetation within the right-of-way.

Chair Caughlan called for additional public comment, and there was none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:05 PM.

- e) Ordinance 2017-269 – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-269, to regulate the growth of Bamboo. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on Bamboo in the right-of-way, locations of Bamboo stands in the right-of-way, past problems experienced regarding Bamboo in the right-of-way, and Township efforts to address the growth of Bamboo in the right-of-way. Mr. Andorn commented on the regulation of vegetation that falls into the right-of-way.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- f) Public Hearing – At 8:18 PM Chair Caughlan opened a Public Hearing to consider Resolution 2017-14, to approve the addition of a property at 3110 Heebner Road to the Worcester Township Agricultural Security Area.

Mr. Brant noted the ordinance had been submitted to the *Times Herald* and to the Montgomery County Law Library, and posted in the Township Building lobby and on the Township website, on May 22, and advertised in the *Times Herald* on June 2 and on June 9.

Dr. Mollick commented on political contributions made by the property owner and by others to the Members.

Chair Caughlan called for additional public comment, and there was none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:26 PM.

- g) Resolution 2017-14 – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-14, to add a property at 3110 Heebner Road to the Worcester Township Agricultural Security Area. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- h) bid award – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of bids received for the construction of a parking lot at Heebner Park. Mr. Nolan noted the lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Polaris Construction Company.

Chair Caughlan commented on deferring construction to a later date. Mr. Nolan noted that if the work was completed now, the project could be done under the NPDES permit that was issued for the soccer field. Mr. Ryan commented on the potential use of the abutting soccer field in 2018.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to award a bid for construction of a parking lot at Heebner Park to Polaris Construction Company, in the amount of \$84,860.50. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Andorn commented on parking needs at Heebner Park.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- i) proposal award – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a request for proposals issued for professional planning services for the Center Point Village Zoning Ordinance project. Mr. Ryan noted six proposals were received by the Township.

Supervisor Quigley noted the Township recently received a subdivision plan for the Palmer property. Mr. Brant commented on the submission of this plan, and in specific its status as to existing and proposed ordinances.

Chair Caughlan commented on development in Center Point Village under the existing and proposed ordinances.

There was discussion as to whether to proceed with a proposal award at this time. Consensus of the Members was to defer the matter to the July 19 Business Meeting. Mr. Ryan will forward a copy of the Palmer subdivision plan to the six firms, and ask each to incorporate this possible subdivision in the study to be completed, and confirm any required change to the proposal and fee.

- j) resignation – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to accept the resignation of Jake Ferguson, Public Works Laborer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- k) ratification of hire – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to ratify the hire of Andrew Raquet, Public Works Laborer, a full-time employee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- l) Public Hearing – At 8:45 PM Chair Caughlan opened a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 2017-268, regarding stormwater management regulations.

Mr. Brant noted the ordinance had been submitted to the *Times Herald* and to the Montgomery County Law Library, and posted in the Township Building lobby and on the Township website, on May 18, and advertised in the *Times Herald* on June 1 and on June 8.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the regulations' impact on a single family residential property. Mr. Nolan noted the extent of area disturbed determines which stormwater management measures and facilities that must be provided.

Chair Caughlan noted the stormwater regulations are mostly a function of Federal and State Law. Mr. Nolan noted the Ordinance is modeled on language approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and is similar to that enacted by other municipalities.

Supervisor Bustard noted the stormwater regulations were developed by non-elected staff at various government agencies.

Chair Caughlan commented on fees that may be assessed by the Township so to monitor and manage stormwater facilities dedicated to the Township. Mr. Brant will review that allowed by law.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:07 PM.

- m) Ordinance 2017-268 – The Board of Supervisors did not consider Ordinance 2017-268 at this evening's Business Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed at this evening's Business Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair Caughlan adjourned the Business Meeting at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager