

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
WORCESTER, PA
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015 AT 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 9:00 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Supervisor Caughlan, seconded by Supervisor Quigley, and approved by all to dispense with the reading of and approve as written the minutes of February 2, 2015.

A motion was made by Supervisor Caughlan, seconded by Supervisor Quigley, and approved by all to dispense with the reading of and approve as written the minutes of November 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Supervisor Quigley, seconded by Supervisor Caughlan, and approved by all to appoint Edwin Hill as the Interim Manager. Chairman Bustard stated that Mr. Hill will be working three days each week as the search for the new manager is underway

A motion was made by Supervisor Caughlan, seconded by Supervisor Quigley to adopt Resolution 15-16, appointing Eunice C. Kriebel as Acting Township Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Caughlan, seconded by Supervisor Quigley to adopt Resolution 15-17, appointing Erica L. Lucey as Acting Right to Know Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Kriebel gave the report. She stated that there are no updates for the Zoning Hearing Board, as no new applications have been received. The June meeting has been cancelled.

There are no updates for Subdivision and Land Development. The Township is in receipt of a sketch plan for "Our Farm," that is currently under review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Shefley Lane

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, discussed Shefley Lane and his primary evaluation to connect to public sewer. He stated that there is additional capacity for the 23 homes, and that the cost will be similar to the Hickory Hill project cost.

Chairman Bustard inquired if there's an advantage to doing both the Hickory Hill Sewer Project at the same time of the Shefley Lane project

Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for revising Act 537 for Shefley Lane and submitting to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Joseph Pacholski, Worcester, stated that the purpose of submitting his letter requesting public sewer was so residents on Shefley Lane could eventually tie into public sewer once the pipe was installed.

Mr. Nolan confirmed that Hickory Hill was designated to have public sewers in the Act 537 Plan but Shefley Lane is not designed for public sewers. The 23 homes have capacity at the treatment plant, but in the future will need to address the capacity of the plant..

Discussion ensued about the Act 537 plan including an area in Center Point Village that is on private septic systems and if DEP wants the Township to install public sewer in that area first.

Meadowood Pumping Station

Mr. Nolan provided the report that the emergency generator at Meadowood pump station is 30 years old and in need of continuing repairs.. He is getting preliminary cost estimates, but thinks the Board needs to be aware of maintenance issues of this nature. Discussion ensued about the turnaround time for installation. Mr. Nolan indicated a couple of days once the new generator arrives.

Supervisor Caughlan asked if this could wait until the 2016 budget. Mr. Nolan replied that the specifications and prep sheet should be completed and put to bid this year since DEP requires a backup emergency generator.

Road Information

Mr. Nolan noted the bid has a base of (\$700,000), and two other optional levels. Bidding is proceeding in two weeks. A decision on the alternatives will need to be made.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

Chairman Bustard did state that an Executive Session was held on May 22, 2015 with Mr. Hill to meet with the company conducting the search for the new manager.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Workman, Director of Maintenance at Meadowood Retire Community, confirmed that were already two failures of the generator at Meadowood pump station resulting in costs in excess of \$20,000 He is requesting something sooner than later be done to help, due to the nature of the facility.

Mr. Pacholski clarified statements about Shefley Lane, noting that none of the systems are failing at this time, but they do have a limited life expectancy.

Rick DeLello, Worcester, suggested the Board send certified mail letters to the Shefley Lane residents.

Tom Imperato, Toll Bros., discussed the excess top soil at the Preserve at Worcester. Toll Bros is willing to offer the top soil to the Township via dump truck, but he is seeking direction. Discussion ensued regarding extending the berm. Mr. Imperato said that Toll Bros. would load the dirt into dump trucks provided by the Township.

Mr. Nolan advised the Board to accept the top soil. He clarified that Stony Creek Farms developer has indicated they are going to provide additional top soil. He does not know if they need to bring in top soil or if they have their own stock pile.

Supervisor Quigley indicated Methacton School District may have a need for top soil. Mr. Nolan said that he will send them an email with Mr. Imperato's contact information. Mr. Nolan inquired how pressed for time Toll Bros. was to have this dirt removed.

Michael Motto, Worcester, commented on the top soil and stated that Stony Creek Farms is in desperate need of it. He doesn't understand why Stony Creek Developer did not take the soil from Toll Bros.

Charles Sowers, Worcester, stated he saw top soil being spread behind his house but would rather it be in front of his house on the lawn.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or comments from the public, Chairman Bustard adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Eunice C. Kriebel, Assistant Secretary