

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 – 7:30 P.M**

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bustard at 7:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Chairman Bustard announced that those making public comments to please write their names clearly in order for it to be accurately transcribed in the minutes.

1. **Adoption of Resolution 15-22** – Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-22 regarding the Board of Supervisors meeting public comments revision. A motion was made by Supervisor Caughlan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley. By unanimous vote the board adopted the motion to approve. The following raised questions or made public comments regarding this issue: Dan Dreher, Dr. James Mollick, Steve Rock, Robert Andorn, William Kazimer, and Dr. Winifred Hayes.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the procedure for the public comment format is to help residents address their concerns earlier in the meeting.

Supervisor Caughlan announced that a PennVest grant program is available to individual homeowners which may be helpful to residents of Hickory Hill regarding the public sewer project. A link will be provided on the Township website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Kazimer, Worcester, commented on the Zoning Hearing Board agenda and hearings.

Mark Landis, Worcester, commented on the Turnpike Commission and the condition of the road and turnpike sound barriers.

Dr. Winifred Hayes, Worcester, commented on the Turnpike regarding noise issues, how to best address the politicians in Harrisburg, and move forward on this kind of issue.

Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the public comment procedure and the format of the agenda.

Scott Misus, Worcester, commented the Township website, voting procedure pursuant to the sunshine laws, the sunshine act, and the Township Solicitor.

James Garrity, Township Solicitor, clarified that this matter is in litigation.

Dr. James Mollick, Worcester, commented on the sunshine laws, filing court procedure process, Methacton versus Worcester case in the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, and the Township's legal bills.

John Diesel, Worcester, commented on transparency concerning government and Methacton School District lighting.

William Goulding, Worcester, commented on Stony Creek Farms site procedures and processes, the developer, the Township processes and procedures regarding the subdivision and land development process, and the HOA.

Steve Rock, Worcester, commented on the Township Manager hiring process and Township roads.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **Act 209 Report** – The Transportation Advisory Committee Hearing was scheduled to take place this evening at 6:30 P.M. and was cancelled for lack of quorum. The Board of Supervisors' discussion and review of the Act 209 report will be tabled until the hearing takes place.

2. **Adoption of Resolution 15-21:** Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-21 Willow Creek Farms, LP located at 3220 Heebner Road for Preliminary/ Final Approval of Willow Creek Farms three-lot subdivision. Ed Hughes, Esquire, representing the applicant, presented information about this subdivision and has accepted all conditions. Supervisor Caughlan clarified that one additional home is allowed pursuant to the agricultural conservation easement on approximately 103 acres of the subject property. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley. Dr. Mollick and Mr. Landis made public comments on the resolution. Edwin Hill, Interim Township Manager, clarified the resolution procedure. By unanimous vote the Board adopted Resolution 15-21.

3. **Approval of Minutes from June 17, 2015:** Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and approve as written the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting. Motion was second by Supervisor Quigley. Mr. Dreher and Dr. Mollick made public comments on the minutes. By unanimous vote the board adopted the motion to approve.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report for June, 2015 showed the following net change on cash basis:

General Fund	\$ 555,989.86
State	\$ 236,619.41
Capital Reserve	\$ 3,337.91
Sewer Fund	(199,835.54)

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2015. The motion was second by Supervisor Quigley. There were no public comments. By unanimous vote the board adopted the motion to approve.

5. Payment of the Bills of the Township

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the payment of the Township's bills in the amount of \$248,425.98. The motion was second by Supervisor Quigley. Public comments on the bills were made by Dr. Mollick. By unanimous vote the board adopted the motion to approve.

6. 2568 Skippack Pike Sale Type - The Solicitor's office has been directed to prepare bid documents. Mr. Hill has spoken to auctioneers regarding this process. Supervisor Caughlan clarified that the bidder must abide by the facade easement to be recorded on the property and suggested a timeline for the completion of the project. This motion was tabled to be discussed at the work session on August 3, 2015.

William Pocklington, Worcester, commented on the facade easement, septic system, historic preservation, timeline of preservation, the Toll Brothers development, transferable development rights, and mowing the property.

Mr. Diesel commented on the zoning use of the property.

Dr. Mollick commented on the use of the property, demolition, renovation of this historic home, and the prior Township Manager.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Ed Hill reported:

- a) Zoning Hearing Board Update - No Current Activity
- b) Subdivision and Land Development Update - No Current Activity
- c) Adair Drive Stormwater – A status update was given on the easements obtained, however there have been some new negotiations that may prolong the project.
- d) Park/ Field Usage Follow up – There was a question brought up at the June Business Meeting regarding field usage and pavilion/ park rental fees. Mr. Hill investigated and determined that the Township did not receive any communication from Worcester Elementary School regarding the use of the pavilion, and there is currently no charge for the use of the playing fields by any group.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 1. **Update of Act 537 Special Sewer Study** – Mr. Nolan reported on the progress of study for the sewer connection of four Germantown Pike properties to Lower Providence Township Sewer Authority

2. **Update on Zacharias Trail Bridge** – Mr. Nolan reported on the progress of the foot bridge installation, including that construction began today. The pylons are being installed, and will take approximately three weeks to complete.
3. **Update of Public Works Salt Building** – Mr. Nolan reported on the status of the design and bid process, and stated that the project is currently out for bid. The bid has been advertised and the bid opening will be on August 12, 2015.
4. **Update on 2015 Road Project Bid** – Mr. Nolan reported that there were no bids received, and the project will be rebid. The Bids will be reopened on August 12, 2015. Mr. Nolan stated that other Townships are having the same issues, and that the project is projected for October.
5. **Hickory Hill Sewer Project** – The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 17. Supervisor Caughlan has directed that a timeline be provided on the website upon the construction schedule being established.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Garrity announced that there have been three executive sessions since the last Board of Supervisors meeting. Two of the executive sessions have been comprised of interviews for the managerial candidates. The other executive session pertained to legal advice from Mr. Garrity regarding his meeting with Judge Del Ricci, in which Methacton School District has made a motion to present additional evidence.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Chairman Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Eunice C. Kriebel, Acting Secretary