

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bustard at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) Township Manager – Chairman Bustard introduced Township Manager Tommy Ryan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dave Plager, Worcester, commented on tax increases in Governor Wolf’s proposed budget, and the affect the increases may have on senior citizens.
- Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings. Mr. Andorn commented on recycling issues, the televising of public meetings, and meeting decorum. Mr. Andorn inquired about the Shefley Lane sewer study, and the Board directed Mr. Ryan to follow-up in this regard.
- Steve Rock, Worcester, commented on the quality of work at the Hickory Hill sewer project, and Township efforts to provide for the well-being of the community.
- Jim Phelan, Worcester, commented on possible revisions to the life care use currently permitted by Township Code.
- Ann Rock, Worcester, commented on the quality of work at the Hickory Hill sewer project.
- John Diesel, Worcester, commented on the quality of work at the Hickory Hill sewer project, and inquired about financial assistance for that portion of the sanitary system installed in the right-of-way.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings. Dr. Mollick commented on the quality of work at the Hickory Hill sewer project, and project oversight. Dr. Mollick commented on matters of ongoing litigation involving the Township, and the cost of this litigation.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- a) Approval of the August 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes – Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to dispense with the reading of, and approve as written the August 19, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on meeting minute contents, and the meeting minute content in other communities. Mr. Rock commented on meeting minute contents, and landscaping at the Valley Green wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Diesel commented on the quality of work at the Hickory Hill sewer project. Bill Goulding, Worcester, commented on meeting minute contents.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report for August 2015 showed the following net change on a cash basis:

General Fund	\$ 725,529.38
State Fund	\$ 236,627.12
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 5,090.79
Sewer Fund	(\$ 200,934.81)

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2015. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick inquired as to the General Fund Zoning Hearing Board expenditure, and legal expenses included in this line item. Mr. Rock inquired as to year-to-date General Fund balance, and projected receipts and expenditures.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) 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 \$277,121.62.

Supervisor Quigley expressed concern with the legal expense incurred to date for the Township-owned property at 2568 Skippack Pike, slated to be sold by auction. Supervisors Quigley and Caughlan discussed restoration standards for the house situated on this property.

Dr. Mollick commented on the Township Solicitor's monthly invoice, and the availability of invoices for review.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Bustard, and the motion was approved by a 2-1 vote, with Supervisor Quigley voting nay.

- d) Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Non-Uniformed Pension Plan – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the calculation of the Township's annual contribution to its pension plan, and the State aid expected to be distributed to the Commonwealth's municipalities.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the Minimal Municipal Obligation payment as calculated by the Mockenhaupt Benefit Group, pension plan actuary. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) Approval of Dedication of Sanitary Sewer at Preserve at Worcester, and Adoption of Resolution No. 2015-25 – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of the sanitary sewer facilities at this community. Mr. Nolan noted the facilities will be owned by Worcester Township, and maintained by Upper Gwynedd Township, as the wastewater will be treated by Upper Gwynedd Township. Mr. Nolan noted the facilities have been installed to applicable specifications, and Mr. Nolan noted that to be considered by the Board at this evening's meeting was agreeable to his office, the Township Solicitor and Upper Gwynedd Township.

Supervisor Caughlan inquired as to certain landscaping, and Mr. Nolan commented on the required maintenance of this landscaping.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-25 as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- f) Approval of Waiver Requests from Side and Rear Yard Setbacks – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of requests to install on-lot septic systems within the thirty-foot setback at two properties – 2251 Berks Road and 2675 Shady Lane. Mr. Nolan noted that soil conditions and lot configurations necessitated that requested.

Supervisor Caughlan inquired as to stormwater run-off to neighboring properties. Mr. Nolan stated he had reviewed the plans submitted, and he had no concerns in this regard.

Supervisor Quigley expressed concern with the Township taking a piecemeal approach to sanitary sewer challenges at properties and in neighborhoods ill-suited to on-lot septic systems. Supervisor Quigley recommended the Township consider more comprehensive perspectives to this issue.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the waiver requests at 2251 Berks Road and 2675 Shady Lane, so to permit the installation of on-lot septic systems within the thirty-foot setback to a property line, as shown on the plans submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Diesel commented on the Hickory Hill sewer project approval.

Frank Wells, 2255 Berks Road, expressed concern regarding stormwater runoff to his property. There was general discussion regarding the topography of 2251 Berks Road and the Township-required grading permit. Mr. Nolan recommended a \$3,000 escrow be posted for the work to be done at 2251 Berks Road so to ensure stormwater management matters are properly addressed.

Supervisor Caughlan restated and revised the motion to approve the waiver request at 2675 Shady Lane as presented, and to approve the waiver request at 2251 Berks Road conditioned upon the posting of a \$3,000 escrow to address any stormwater concerns associated with the improvements. Supervisor Quigley inquired as to the project cost and escrow release, and Mr. Nolan addressed this matter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Rock commented on liability for Township-approved actions.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Zoning Hearing Board update – Mr. Ryan noted no applications to the Zoning Hearing Board had been received by the Township since the September 1 Work Session.
- b) Subdivision and Land Development update – Mr. Ryan noted no applications for subdivision or land development had been received by the Township since the September 1 Work Session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- a) Hickory Hill Sewer Project update – Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Hickory Hill sanitary sewer project. Mr. Nolan stated the contractor has installed approximately 50% of the sanitary main. Mr. Nolan noted the project inspector for the Township was at the site each day the contractor was working. Mr. Nolan commented on the expected restoration schedule, and Township efforts to respond to resident concerns. Chairman Bustard expressed concern with the staging and storage of equipment, and Mr. Nolan stated he will continue to monitor the contractor in this regard.
- b) 2015 Road Program update – Mr. Nolan provided an update on the 2015 Road Program. Mr. Nolan stated a pre-construction meeting was held last week, and the contractor began work today.
- c) Salt Building Project update – Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Salt Building Project. Mr. Nolan stated a pre-construction meeting was held today, and the notice to proceed is expected to be issued by month's end.
- d) Zacharias Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project update – Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Zacharias Creek Pedestrian Bridge project. Mr. Nolan stated the project is complete, and his office will coordinate the paperwork required to receive the final grant reimbursements.

Supervisor Quigley expressed concern with the condition of a portion of Schultz Road, a County-owned roadway, and a portion of Shearer Road.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Jim Garrity, Township Solicitor, had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Quigley inquired as to the project status for 2568 Skippack Pike, and the bid packet for this property. Mr. Ryan will provide addition information on this property to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chairman Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager