

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Caughlan at 6:07 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Chair Caughlan commented on Township communication efforts and the new meeting format and schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, the use of materials at the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, and ownership of the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant.

PRESENTATIONS

- a) Hickory Hill Sewer Project funding – Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, commented on how assessments are to be paid under the standing ordinance. Mr. Ryan provided an overview as to how assessments would be paid if the Township were to issue a bond for the improvements recently installed, or if the Township were to extend the term of the Township payment plan from its existing five-year term.

Denise Walsh, Worcester, inquired as to the bond’s interest rate. Mike Wolf, underwriter, Boening & Scattergood, Inc., noted this is set at the time the bonds are transacted, but he noted the interest rate in the current market is approximately 3.7%.

Steve Rock, Worcester, thanked Township staff for their assistance in presenting additional funding options.

Wini Hayes, Worcester, commented on the bond borrowing, bond borrowing tax implications, and Township communication efforts.

Charles Watson, Worcester, commented on the assumption of sewer payments by subsequent property owners, and connections to the sanitary sewer system.

Jane Palto, Worcester, commented on the requirement to lien properties, and the prepayment of the assessment. Mr. Wolf commented on the bond structure and the Township's ability to call the note, and Mr. Garrity commented on the requirement to lien properties.

John Diesel, Worcester, thanked Township staff for their assistance in presenting additional funding options. Mr. Diesel commented on the requirement to lien properties, and the monthly payment amount if the Township were to issue a bond for the improvements recently installed.

Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the wastewater treatment system recapturing fee.

Richard Earley, Worcester, commented on the prepayment of the assessment.

Dr. Mollick commented on the tapping fee, infrastructure costs and payments, the bond payment by the Township, and municipality taxing power.

Rick Opperman, Worcester, commented on the sewer rate disclosure to prospective purchasers of a property, and the refinance requirement to connect to the sanitary sewer system.

Steve Mumford, Worcester, commented on the borrowing's fixed-cost impact if the existing wastewater plant improvement loan is included in the bond issue. Mr. Wolf commented on the loan's current interest rate and future resets.

Ken Licwinko, Worcester, commented on the assessment notice.

Scott Misus, Worcester, thanked the Board of Supervisors for considering other funding options, including the extension of the term of the Township payment plan. Mr. Misus commented on the tapping fee.

- b) Planning Commission Alternate Members – Mr. Ryan noted a recent State Law that permits municipalities to appoint up to three alternate members to the Planning Commission. Jim Garrity, Township Solicitor, noted the governing body appoints this position by resolution, and Mr. Garrity commented on other provisions of the law.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed at this evening's Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair Caughlan adjourned the Work Session at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager