

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 – 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bustard at 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chairman Bustard noted Andrew Freimuth is attending this morning’s meeting as Township Solicitor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, and the posting of the Shefley Lane Area Sewer Study to the Township website.
- Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, the construction status of the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, the posting of the proposed Hickory Hill Sewer Project ordinance to the Township website, Township funding for a portion of the Hickory Hill Sewer Project cost, the waiver of sewer tapping fees, properties in the Hickory Hill Sewer Project area served by existing on-lot systems, and the proposed Hickory Hill Sewer Project ordinance assessment language.
- Bill Goulding, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) North Penn Water Authority – Tony Bellito, North Penn Water Authority Executive Director, gave a presentation on the possible appointment of the Authority to serve as the Township’s official water supplier. Mr. Bellito noted the Township is a founding member of the Authority, and the Township appoints one resident to serve on the Authority’s Board of Directors. Mr. Bellito commented on the Authority’s water quality and water sources, the Authority’s non-profit model, the Authority’s rates compared to other water providers, and the method by which developers are required to pay for extensions to the Authority’s system.

Supervisor Quigley inquired as to connection costs and hydrant locations. Supervisor Caughlan inquired as to other municipalities that have appointed the Authority as their official water supplier, and ordinance enforcement. Supervisor Quigley commented on possible lower costs from other water suppliers

- b) park improvements – Amanda Zimmerman, Assistant Township Manager, provided an overview of potential granted-funded improvements to Township parks, in specific Heebner Park, Mt. Kirk Park and Sunnybrook Park.

Chairman Bustard recommended staff work with homeowner associations in communities bordering the parks. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the development of neighborhood parks and possible improvements at Heyser Park. Chairman Bustard commented on the installation of trail amenities. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the Nike Park property and parking area upgrades at this location.

- c) Subdivision, Land Development & Zoning update – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of applications now under review by the Planning Commission, and applications pending before the Zoning Hearing Board.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- a) Hickory Hill Sewer Project update – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an update on the Hickory Hill Sewer Project. Mr. Nolan commented on improvement installation status, restoration work to be completed, and the inclusion of roads in this project area on the list of possible roads to be resurfaced in the 2016 Road Program.
- b) Salt Building Project update – Mr. Nolan provided an update on the Salt Building Project. Mr. Nolan commented on improvement installation status and project schedule.

Supervisor Quigley inquired about security for restoration work to be completed at the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, and Mr. Nolan confirmed the Township will retain security until such time as all required work is completed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- a) Executive Session announcement – Mr. Freimuth announced the Board will meet in Executive Session following this morning's meeting to discuss (1) a matter of real estate, in specific the acquisition of the Army Reserve Base, and, (2) a personnel matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chairman Bustard adjourned the Work Session at 9:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager