

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
Monday, December 5, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.**

WORK SESSION CANCELLED

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 FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Bustard read the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2011, net change on cash basis:

General Fund	\$248,073.02
State Fund	\$144,928.72
Capital Reserve Fund	\$506,076.88

James Mollick, Worcester, commented on lack of reports on the website, surplus at year end, and Army Reserve Base proposed expense.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

2. PAYMENT OF BILLS OF THE TOWNSHIP

James Mollick, Worcester, commented on expenses for road projects and invoice review procedures.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pay the bills of the Township in the amount of \$589,248.58. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Zoning Hearing Board Update – Tiffany Jacqmin provided update

Last Meeting Dates: November 22, 2011 & December 20, 2011
 Application #11-12: Application withdrawn by applicant on 11/11/11
 Application #11-08: Application withdrawn by applicant on 11/21/11
 Application #11-10: Application withdrawn by applicant on 12/15/11
 Application #11-11: Application GRANTED on 11/22/11
 Application #11-13: Application GRANTED on 12/20/11

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b. Ordinance 2011-233 to increase the sewer rate payable for each private dwelling unit to \$352.00 per annum payable at a rate of \$88.00 per quarter

F. Lee Mangan described the ordinance explaining it is a 12% increase but first increase in eighteen years.

A Public Hearing was open at 7:48 by James Garrity, Solicitor.

Dorothea Knight, Worcester, commented on funds being used for improvements to decrease odors.

Public Hearing closed at 7:50.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pass Ordinance 2011-233. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Motion to approve 2012 Budget

F. Lee Mangan, Manager, provided introduction noting a 2.8% reduction in income and expenses, pointed out the total real estate taxes of \$42,000, being one of the lowest in Montgomery County and majority of tax revenue it from Earned Income tax.

Mark Landis, Worcester, commented on the use of the revolving fund money.

Nicholas Imperial, Worcester, commented on code enforcement, Pa One Call expense, proposed new chipper, gator and zoning hearing board expense.

James Mollick commented on sound system, real estate tax, legal fees, computer expense, engineering and code enforcement expenses and trail expenses.

Dorothea Knight commented on the Meadowood and Center Point expense categories.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve the 2012 Budget as presented. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Consideration and Authorization of Real Estate Tax Levy

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pass the real estate tax levy with no increase for 2012. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Motion to accept Mandracchia Subdivision Extension of Time

Tiffany Jacqmin acknowledged written request was received from the applicant granting extension of time until March 30, 2012. The applicant previously refused to sign the blanket extension of time.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pass the extension of time for approval on the subdivision until March 30, 2012. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

f. Motion to Approve TreeVitalize Grant

Julie Lanzillo, Director of Park and Recreation presented the grant summarizing that it's for 48 trees to be planted along the Zacharias Trail to minimize flooding. It is in the amount of \$9,700 with a required 25% match by the township. Susan Caughlan inquired if the match can be in-kind services and if this will eliminate some of the mowing. Dr. Lanzillo responded that staff time can be utilized for the match in

addition to cash but if the trail remains in natural state, a six foot mowing right of way will still be necessary.

Stephen Quigley commented on the feasibility of high school students performing the work.

Florence Thaler, Worcester, commented on location of some trees being along Green Hill Road parking lot area.

Dorothea Knight commented on the natural trail with \$45,000 in budget for paving.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve the TreeVitalize Grant. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

g. Authorization for Chairman of Board of Supervisors to sign documentation for International City/County Management Association for F. Lee Mangan, Township Manager, for contribution to pension plan

Supervisor Caughlan moved to authorize Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign documents for International City/County Management Association for F. Lee Mangan, Township Manager's pension contribution. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

h. Resolution 2011-19: DePhillippo Land Development, 1075 N Grange Avenue - Preliminary/Final Approval

Mr. Mangan introduced Anthony Hibblen who presented the proposed land development plan and provided a background of the site. This item was tabled from the last meeting. Mr. Hibblen explained changes in the plan based on comments from the board at the last meeting. He further addressed the landscaping and storage of equipment.

Phillip Burke, Worcester, commented on time frame, prior court hearing, violations and use of proposed shed and inspections. He further commented on a violation letter from CKS Engineers and storage of unlicensed equipment.

James Mollick commented on lack of enforcement of zoning issues through out the Township and the Right to Know process.

Nicholas Imperial, Worcester, commented on bamboo use for buffering and drive-by compliance.

F. Lee Mangan, suggested deadline for planting of trees and issuance of the building permit be conditional upon completion of tree plantings and that the township have the right to inspect the planting. Mr. Garrity commented that it must be completed within one year.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve Resolution 2011-19 DePhillippo Land Development, 1075 Grange Avenue for Preliminary/Final approval conditioned on additional two trees shall be planted before issuance of building permit. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

4. ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. Monthly Update

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an update on the 2011 Road Improvement Project which is complete. He informed the Board that the Kriebel Mill Road bridge replacement is complete with exception to the guard rail which is custom made and has delayed the installation.

b. Resolution 2011-11, Flanagan Subdivision, Preliminary/Final approval

Mr. Nolan explained that it is a 27 acre parcel proposing a two lot subdivision with both being flag lots. One has the existing house and the other is vacant. Waivers are being requested for public improvements and the testing for on lot sewer system.

James Garrity noted that "Not a Building Lot" should be printed on the final plans.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pass Resolution 2011-11 with the additional language suggested by Solicitor Garrity. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

5. SOLICITORS REPORT

Mr. Garrity announced an executive session was held, Wednesday, January 21, 2012 to discuss litigation on Right to Know issues.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Quigley inquired about the \$500,000 in the budget for BRAC and the proposed use of the facilities needing to have planning started now. Chairman Bustard noted that the Township Manager will make a detailed presentation on the site in January, 2012.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011

James Mollick commented on lack of detail regarding distribution of open space money to Lands Trust, DePhillippo land development plan and bamboo planting, and Township officials having business transactions with applicants.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Plague, Worcester, commented on the U.S. Army Base and future planning, noting that the Park and Recreation Task Force provided recommendations.

Nicholas Imperial provided pictures and commented on investigation of his neighbor's purported violations.

James Mollick commented on driveway issues, non uniform enforcement, the need to bid for solicitor and legal counsel, and state police presence at meetings.

Supervisor Quigley inquired about the status of the canopy at the Exxon Gas Station.

Lois Imperial, Worcester, commented on imposed fines would generate money for Township to offset zoning costs.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Bustard moved to adjourn the meeting. There were no comments from the Board or the public and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



F. Lee Mangan, Secretary

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