

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Caughlan at 7:32 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Chair Caughlan noted a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on February 29, 2016 will be held to consider two proposed ordinances.
- Chair Caughlan noted the Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce recently recognized two Township residents and a Township business as “Star Award” recipients: Steve Rock, Humanitarian of the Year; Craig Markle, Distinguished Service Person of the Year; and, Merrymead Farm, Medium Business of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Harry Williams, Worcester, commented on the tapping fee inclusion in the bond issue.
- Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, a waiver of the tapping fee for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, sewer service rates and the Sewer Fund balance.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the Executive Session announcement, legal filings and withdrawals by the Township Solicitor, recent orders issued by the courts and court proceedings as to certain open record appeals.
- Thomas Zapalac, Worcester, commented on a waiver of the tapping fee for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project.
- Charles Watson, Worcester, commented on assessment funding options and sewer system connectivity.
- Ann Rock, Worcester, commented on the Township provision of public documents.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair Caughlan asked if any Member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. There were no requests to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for January 2016, (b) bill payment for January 2016 in the amount of \$381,293.74, (c) the January 20, 2016 Work Session minutes, and (d) the January 20 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on requests made under the Right-to-Know Law, public comment on the consent agenda, the review of invoices for payment by the Township, legal services billed by the Township Solicitor, and charges included on an invoice issued by the Township Solicitor.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Hickory Hill Sewer Project – Supervisor Quigley made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-11, to authorize Township staff to proceed with the bond issue, and to appoint Bond Counsel and a Bond Underwriter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Caughlan.

Tim Creelman, Worcester, commented on the Township borrowing funds, or using capital or developer funds, for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, and on the permitted tapping fee. Dr. Mollick commented on Hickory Hill Sewer Project costs and the tabling of the motion made. Steve Rock, Worcester, commented on draft resolution availability. Mr. Dreher commented on Board consideration of resident comments at public meetings. Mr. Watson commented on the inclusion on the tapping fee in the bond issue, and the connection permitting process. Richard Earley, Worcester, commented on the payment of the assessment and the sewer bill amount.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2016-08 – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of ongoing intergovernmental efforts to address certain Federal and State stormwater mandates, in specific the development of an alternate plan for the permitted Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Wissahickon Creek watershed.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-08, to authorize the Township support of intergovernmental efforts to develop an alternate plan for TMDL for the Wissahickon Creek watershed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Richard Earley, Worcester, commented on the TMDL alternate plan, and on erosion concerns at Berks Road.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) Resolution 2016-09 – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-09, to set the Township Manager salary for 2016 at \$135,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) Resolution 2016-10 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of efforts to recover reimbursement for a portion of Township expenses incurred in response to Winter Storm Jonas.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-10, to ratify an emergency declaration made for Winter Storm Jonas. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- f) ratification of hire – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to ratify the hire of Jeff Kratz, Jr. to the full-time position of Public Works Laborer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Supervisor Bustard noted recently-adopted State Law permits municipalities to appoint Alternate Members to the Planning Commission.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to appoint Rick DeLello as Alternate Member to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on the proposed appointment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- Chair Caughlan noted persons interested in serving on a Township committee may complete and submit the volunteer application posted to the Township website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair Caughlan adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager