

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Caughlan at 6:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Jim Garrity, Township Solicitor, announced the Board would meet in Executive Session between this evening’s Work Session and Business Meeting, to discuss a matter of litigation, Mollick v. Worcester Township, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, docket number 15-13760.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, the televising of meetings, and a waiver of the tapping fee for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project.
- Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, and monthly report information.
- Scott Misus, Worcester, commented on the televising of meetings.
- Thomas Zapalac, Worcester, commented on a waiver of the tapping fee for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, Township assessment loan payment terms, the Township funding a portion of the Hickory Hill Sewer Project costs, and on-lot septic system inspections.

PRESENTATIONS

- a) Hickory Hill Sewer Project funding – Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, 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. Mr. Ryan noted the Township Engineer had certified the project cost at \$1.03 million.

Mr. Misus commented on the terms and conditions of the bond, the terms of the Township loan assessment program, on-lot septic system inspections, and a waiver of the tapping fee for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project.

Richard Earley, Worcester, commented on the requirement to lien properties, and the posting of the assessment and connection ordinance to the Township website.

Dave Nave, Worcester, commented on the interest rate paid under the bond option.

Mr. Dreher commented on the debt payment under the bond option, the requirement to lien properties, bond costs and interest rate, bond principal and interest amounts, and a waiver of the tapping fee for the Hickory Hill Sewer Project.

Chair Caughlan noted the Township Manager would be available after the meeting to answer additional questions about this matter, and she noted an additional public comment period would be offered at the outset of this evening's Business Meeting.

- b) Grant Application – Amanda Zimmerman, Assistant Township Manager, provided an overview of proposed improvements at Township-owned open space at Defford Road. The improvements include a basin redesign, so to improve infiltration, and the installation of pedestrian trails, two pedestrian bridges, and various trail amenities. Ms. Zimmerman noted grant funding for a share of the project cost is available from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program.

Supervisor Bustard noted a trail connection between Defford Road and Skippack Pike addresses a long-time Township and County goal to develop a trail that connects Heebner Park to the Peter Wentz Farmstead. Chair Caughlan noted the pipeline right-of-way may be utilized for a portion of the pedestrian trail.

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 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager