

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016 – 7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Caughlan at 7:31 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Chair Caughlan noted Supervisor Quigley, Supervisor Bustard and Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, recently attended the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department annual banquet, at which event Department officials thanked the Township for its support of their all-volunteer organization.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the Community Hall audio system and Members use of the microphones, approvals for group homes on Township Line Road and Quarry Hall Road, litigation for the group home on Quarry Hall Road, the withdrawal of two matters of litigation, and the cost to construct the salt storage building.
- 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.

Supervisor Bustard noted the litigation for the group home on Quarry Hall Road predated him, Cahir Caughlan and Supervisor Quigley.

**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 February 2016, (b) bill payment for February 2016 in the amount of \$570,042.92, (c) the February 17, 2016 Work Session minutes, (d) February 17, 2016 Business Meeting minutes, and (e) the February 29, 2016 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

John Diesel, Worcester, commented on the Pennsylvania State Police Report and speed limit postings at local roads. Dr. Mollick commented on an Executive Session announcement, legal services billed by the Township Solicitor, and the audit of legal services billed by the Township Solicitor.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Resolution 2016-13 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed resolution to amend the 2016 Fee Schedule to decrease the sanitary sewer tapping to \$1,900 per EDU from \$3,500 per EDU. Chair Caughlan noted that Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, has reviewed the proposed EDU charge.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13, to amend the 2016 Fee Schedule to decrease the sanitary sewer tapping fee to \$1,900 per EDU from \$3,500 per EDU. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Dreher thanked the Board for lowering the tapping fee, and he requested the Board to waive the fee for connections made at the Hickory Hill Project area. Mr. Diesel thanked the Board for lowering the tapping fee, and he requested the Board to waive the fee for connections made at the Hickory Hill Project area. Dr. Mollick commented on the review of the tapping fee amount, the calculation of the tapping fee amount, and he requested the Board to waive the fee for connections made at the Hickory Hill Project area. Dr. Mollick also commented on the history of the Hickory Hill Sewer Project and sewer rates, and the Second Class Township Code provisions regarding tapping fees.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2016-14 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund improvements to Defford Road Park. Amanda Zimmerman, Assistant Township Manager, commented on proposed improvements, which include a pedestrian trail and bridge, basin upgrade, and amenities.

Supervisor Bustard noted the proposed trail addresses a Township and Montgomery County goal to connect the Zacharias Creek trail to the Peter Wentz Farmstead. Supervisor Bustard also commented on the stormwater management benefit of the basin upgrade.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-14, to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund improvements to Defford Road Park. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) bid award – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to award a bid for the sale of a used pick-up truck to Darryl Fitts, for the amount of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) bid award – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to award a bid for the lease of a residential property at 1622 Hollow Road to Jordan and Theresa Atkins, in the amount of \$1,400 per month. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- f) Waiver of Land Development – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to waive the requirement to impose the formal land development process upon a proposed agriculture building at Merrymead Farm, 2222 Valley Forge Road. The motion was seconded by Chair Caughlan.

There was no public comment.

The Board adopted the motion to approve, with Chair Caughlan and Supervisor Bustard voting aye, and Supervisor Quigley abstaining from the vote, noting he had a conflict of interest in the matter, as he is an owner of the subject property.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed at this evening's meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair Caughlan adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tommy Ryan  
Township Manager