

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP
 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
 WORCESTER, PA
 MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 - 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 9:00am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Chairman Bustard announced the following informational item:

- The next Methacton High School Conditional Use Hearing is April 8, 2014 from 7-10pm

Motions & Resolutions

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2014

A motion by Supervisor Quigley seconded by Chairman Bustard and approved by both to dispense with the reading of, and approve as written the minutes of January 6, 2014.

James Mollick, Worcester, commented that the minutes do not accurately reflect what happened in the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Zoning Hearing Board Update

Tiffany Loomis, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided the report.

Two new applications have been received for the April 22, 2014 meeting.

Application # 14-01 – 1201 N Trooper Road, located in the R175 zoning district. Applicants requesting side yard setback relief for the installation of a garage and demolition of a shed.

Application # 14-02 – corner of Germanton Pike and Adair Drive. The property has no address, since there is no residence. It is located in the R-100 district. Applicant is requesting numerous reliefs from setback due to the fact that it is an undersized lot. A variance was received by the applicant in 2000 to build a home.

Subdivision Update

Tiffany Loomis, Director of Planning and Zoning, said there were no new items to report.

Mr. Mangan said he will be providing the Board with some options on the televising of board meetings at the next business meeting.

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He also reported that as of today, PK Moyer Inc. is working in the Township and 10-14 days of work are anticipated on emergency road repair.

Supervisor Quigley said that he noticed numerous cars damaged by a pothole on Valley Forge Road. He further asked about branches and if the Township charges residents for that pick up.

Mr. Mangan said it is not an assumption that all communities do pickup and chipping. It depends on the community, and then the question of if the resultant chips should be made available free of charge to the residents needs to be addressed. Currently Worcester Township does not provide this service. It is the responsibility of individual trash haulers for leaf and branch pickup.

Chairman Bustard thanked Mr. Mangan for the recent email sent to residents concerning the ongoing road repairs, and the explanation on the timing, and why it could not be done until temperatures reached a certain level.

Chairman Bustard asked about the third item under the Manager's Report, the 1239 Valley Forge Road waiver request. Mr. Mangan deferred to Tiffany Loomis. She requested Mr. Nolan respond.

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, said his only comment was that he wanted to ensure the Township had a final grading inspection to make sure there were no drainage issues. Supervisor Quigley asked how close the property is to public sewer. He said he had no problem with it, but said that public sewer may be there in the future with the development of the Village.

A motion by Supervisor Quigley, seconded by Chairman Bustard and approved by both to approve the waiver request for 1239 Valley Forge Road, subject to Mr. Nolan's inspection request.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Monthly Activity

Joseph Nolan gave updates on:

1. Construction on Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and expansion. Electrical contractor is working and General Contractor is in the submittal phase.
2. Emergency winter road repairs are being done by PK Moyer Inc, our equipment rental contractor. At least a dozen places were marked where more extensive repair was needed than simple pothole filling. The Township still needs to proceed with the annual road program. Chairman Bustard commented that this year's road program would probably be more than it has in recent years. Mr. Nolan said that after these emergency repairs are complete, the budget will have to be considered in planning for the annual road improvement program.
3. The Hollow Road Bridge has been opened but final paving is still needed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

James Garrity had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Landis, Worcester, asked about the Kibblehouse Development. He said that it appeared when the utilities were installed underground, it created bumps in the road, and he asked who would be liable.

Mr. Nolan responded it was the developer's responsibility. Monies are escrowed and the Township has financial security.

James Mollick said he asked at the last meeting about an appeal that was filed by Mr. Garrity, and that Chairman Bustard said he was going to get information. Chairman Bustard apologized and said he has not done it and will need to still look into it.

Dr. Mollick further said he sent an email to Mr. Mangan about the recent rabies news in Worcester and wanted to know about the process of picking up dead animals.

Dr. Mollick also commented on a motion previously passed to destroy records on the Valley Green and Berwick plants. Chairman Bustard said that the Township follows state regulations on record destruction. Dr. Mollick asked if he can get a listing of what was destroyed.

Supervisor Quigley said that in reference to the lawsuit appeal concerning personal emails of Board members, he knew many other organizations were watching the outcome but didn't think anyone had contributed to the Worcester defense fund. He said years ago he was not in favor of defending this, and especially in light of recent news he is still against it. Dr. Mollick said that the majority of these emails are on the computer of former Supervisor Harris, dealing with the two-minute rule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Chairman Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:28am.

Respectfully submitted:



F. Lee Mangan, Secretary

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 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 7:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Joseph Blackburn, Esq. of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP was in attendance, in place of solicitor James Garrity.

Chairman Bustard announced several informational items:

- The next Methacton High School conditional use hearing is April 28, 2014 from 7-10pm
- Several staff members attended the PSATS conference this week.
- He read a prepared statement related to an email received by the Board of Supervisors and Township Manager from James Mollick. He responded to the question posed in the email.

Presentations

Status Report: Ms. Mimi Doyle, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

She is the Public Information Manager from the Turnpike Eastern Regional Office. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide information on the Northern portion widening. She introduced the construction team, Ira Luke (Engineer Project Manager) and Bill Muzika of Allan A. Myers Inc. Project Manager, and Greg Lobko.

James Au, P.E. Construction Project Manager from McTish Kunkel & Associates, Construction Project management, spoke about the overall project timeline.

Bill Muzika of Allan Myers spoke about where the project will begin and the progression. He reported Bustard Road will be closed this summer until approximately May of 2015, for a total replacement of the bridge over the turnpike. A posted detour will be in place.

Supervisor Quigley asked about traffic impacts and informing the neighbors.

Dave Plager, Worcester, asked if a map can be made available online.

Supervisor Caughlan inquired about the traffic due to the detour on Bustard Road and asked if the Township can contact the Turnpike for a quick Traffic Study to address unanticipated impacts. Ms. Doyle said the Township would need to police it directly.

William Kazimer, Worcester, asked about the specific location of the detour.

Ms. Doyle announced that on May 14, the Commission will have a construction kickoff in Kulpville, PA. that is open to everyone. She further invited everyone to visit the Commission web site and sign up for construction email updates.

Chairman Bustard asked how far behind schedule the southern section reconstruction is currently. He asked for clarification on the upcoming closure of North Wales Road.

Mr. Bill Messerschmidt, Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Messerschmidt presented a certificate to John Kelly, Worcester's Emergency Management Coordinator. He reported that recent training standards were established and Mr. Kelly has received professional level certification that involves over 45 hours of training.

Motions & Resolutions

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2014

A motion by Supervisor Caughlan seconded by Supervisor Quigley and approved by all to dispense with the reading of, and approve as written the minutes of March 19, 2014.

James Mollick, Worcester, said the minutes do not accurately reflect what was said and what happens at the meetings.

AWARD BID, 2014 EQUIPMENT & MATERIAL CONTRACTS

A motion by Supervisor Caughlan seconded by Supervisor Quigley and approved by all to award the 2014 Equipment Rental Bid to Harris Gramm Contractors, Inc. of Collegeville, PA with a base rate of \$60-\$150 per hour.

A motion by Supervisor Caughlan seconded by Supervisor Quigley and approved by all to award the 2014 Stone Materials Bid to Highway Materials, Inc. of Blue Bell, PA and the Paving Materials Bid to Glasgow, Inc. of Glenside, PA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report for March, net change on cash basis:

March 2014 Report:

General Fund	\$72,625.88
State	\$208,404.47
Capital Reserve	\$191.24
Sewer Fund	(\$59,778.43)

A motion by Supervisor Caughlan, seconded by Supervisor Quigley and passed by all to accept the Treasurer's Report for March, 2014.

James Mollick said that last month, he asked about hydrants and the public safety category. Chairman Bustard commented that it includes contributions to the Fire Company. Dr. Mollick further asked about the figure paid for legal bills.

Eunice Kriebel, Assistant Manager/Treasurer, said she could not comment without knowing what figures Dr. Mollick is referencing.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OF THE TOWNSHIP

A motion by Supervisor Caughlan, seconded by Supervisor Quigley and passed by all to pay the bills of the Township in the amount of \$341,564.48.

James Mollick referenced the bank register from March 20 to April 16 stating there was a \$15,804 check for the solicitor but referenced an annual total of about \$86,000 paid to the solicitor and requested an explanation for the difference.

MANAGER'S REPORT**Zoning Hearing Board Update**

Tiffany Loomis, Zoning Officer, provided the report.

The next hearing is on April 22, 2014 with two new applications.

#14-01, 1201 N. Trooper Road and #14-02 Lot #96, located at the Corner of Adair Drive and Germantown Pike.

Subdivision Update

Tiffany Loomis, Zoning Officer, provided the report.

Two new sketch plans have been received. The applicant paid a \$1000 professional services fee.

The sketch plan for 2131 Bethel Road is a new proposal with 3 building lots.

The former Rhodes subdivision is proposing 4 new lots, off of Berks and Weber Roads.

Lee Mangan commented that he received an invitation from the Methacton School District relative to the dedication for the new baseball field on May 3, 2014.

Supervisor Quigley asked about an email received today on the research on video of Board meetings. Mr. Mangan said that a more detailed presentation will be made at the work session.

ENGINEER'S REPORT**Monthly Activity**

Joseph Nolan gave updates on:

1. Construction on Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade and expansion. Electrical demolition is currently being done with a new generator already installed. A progress meeting was held today and he anticipated that shop drawings will be submitted by the end of next week and fabrication will begin. Demolition work will start next month with old tanks will be removed. There will be a temporary stockpile site across Defford Road that will be restored at project end. He anticipates delivery of new structures sometime in August and if all goes well, the facility should be online early November.
2. Hickory Hill sewer project. DEP submitted another letter with three new comments, which will be addressed in the next week. Design is proceeding and 80% complete. Permit applications to Montgomery County Conservation District, PennDOT and DEP are being completed.

Chairman Bustard asked about laterals coming to the other side of the curb. Mr. Nolan responded. He further asked about the Adair storm water project. Mr. Nolan reported the field survey and aerial photography are being done first. He expected the bid process to be in late summer.

Supervisor Caughlan asked about the zoning application on Germantown and Adair, and any potential impact. Mr. Nolan responded.

Chairman Bustard asked about emergency Spring road repairs. Mr. Mangan responded that the work by PK Moyer has been completed and more was done than originally planned. However, the road improvement project for this summer is still forthcoming. Mr. Nolan is also working on the proposed new salt building in the public works area. He reported that it will include an equipment wash down station, per MS4 requirements.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Joseph Blackburn had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Quigley commented on Chairman Bustard's report on the 2009 appeal. He wanted to go on the record again that he was against the appeal at the time related to the protection of personal emails. He said that he believes everyone is now aware of Mr. John Harris' personal legal issues related to his personal computer and what was found by the state police.

He further did some looking into a purchase that involved \$500,000 of Township money for land preservation, and nothing was in the file, related to an email that was mentioned having been done on personal email by Mr. Harris.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Diesel, Worcester, asked about Supervisor Quigley's comments on the 2009 appeal and asked why the Township is still fighting it. Mr. Blackburn, solicitor, said he believes it is a closed matter. Supervisor Quigley asked him to look into that matter. Mr. Diesel further asked about the newsletter, and the ACT 209 Committee wanting to know who was on the committee. He commented on speed regulation signs and Watts humps in the road.

James Mollick commented about Township business being done through Township servers claiming it is because of his challenge. He commented on Mr. Bustard's prepared statement at the beginning of the meeting and challenged Mr. Bustard on his comments related to the approval of the appeal filed by Mr. Garrity. He asked why the solicitor has to review 3 audio CDs he requested of Board meetings therefore charging the Township for 0.4 hours of time.

Steve Rock, Worcester, commented on right to know and open records costs. He said it should not cost what is budgeted to handle right to know requests. It should not be such a large task for an effort to hand over any public documents. He further referred to fiduciary responsibility citing the lack of the Board to provide a monthly status of the annual budget compared to actual. He further remarked on Miller Environmental and their perceived mismanagement of the sewer plants.

Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on the lack of sufficient documentation available at the meeting. He asked if those documents can be made available online before the meeting.

William Kazimer commented on Supervisor Quigley's comments about John Harris on an open space purchase involving \$500,000 of Township funds. Mr. Kazimer asked if Supervisors are allowed to individually direct the solicitor to do something. Supervisor Quigley said that he believes it is part of the general workings of the Township for the solicitor to look into requests by Board members. Chairman Bustard agreed it is general operation and procedure.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Chairman Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



F. Lee Mangan, Secretary