

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 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]

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, announced that immediately following the June 15 Business Meeting the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of threatened litigation, in specific the consideration of a consent agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection in lieu of litigation, and it is expected that the Board of Supervisors will take action on this matter this evening's Business Meeting. Mr. Brant also announced that immediately prior to this evening's Business Meeting the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of real estate, in specific the possible acquisition of the North Penn Army Reserve Base, and a personnel matter, in specific potential revisions to the terms of employment and to the benefits provided to Township employees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on ongoing litigation, an order issued by the Court of the Common Pleas, the review of e-mails by the previous Township Solicitor, and studies conducted as to the possible acquisition of the North Penn Army Reserve Base.
- Kim McClintock, Worcester, commented on the status of the Stony Creek Village land development, and sanitary sewer lines installed in this area.
- Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, and the opportunity to ask questions at public meetings.
- Bill Goulding, Worcester, commented on the permitted public comment period at public meetings, and the status of the Stony Creek Village land development.
- Scott Misus, Worcester, commented on assistance provided by Township staff regarding the a matter pertaining to the Hickory Hill Sewer Project, the Township website and the televising of public meetings. Mr. Ryan will contact individual Board Members as to the possible addition of this issue on the agenda of a future meeting.

## OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Proclamation 2016-01 – Chair Caughlan made a motion to approve Proclamation 2016-01, recognizing the Peter Wentz Farmstead. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

The Board thanked Dianne Cram, Peter Wentz Farmstead Site Administrator, for her efforts.

- b) 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 Quigley made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for June 2016, (b) bill payment for June 2016 in the amount of \$352,331.95, and, (c) the June 15, 2016 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chair Caughlan.

Dr. Mollick commented on the invoices of the sanitary sewer operator invoice and previous Township Solicitor, current fees charged by the previous Township Solicitor, and an assessment of past fees charged by the previous Township Solicitor.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2016-25 – Supervisor Quigley made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-25, to submit certain roadways to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for inclusion on the Township's Liquid Fuels Fund inventory. The motion was seconded by Chair Caughlan.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) Resolution 2016-26 – Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, provided an overview of a Green Light-Go grant received by the Township. Mr. Ryan noted the grant assists funding of preventative maintenance services at thirteen traffic signals.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-26, to authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, as to Green Light-Go grant award for traffic signal maintenance. The motion was seconded by Chair Caughlan.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) franchise agreement renewal & franchise fee audit – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a multi-municipal effort to undertake franchise agreement renewal negotiations with Verizon, and to conduct an audit of the current franchise agreement. Mr. Ryan noted Verizon has the option to allow the Township to renegotiate the current franchise agreement, as this agreement is currently outside the renewal period. Mr. Ryan noted if the Township is unable to negotiate the agreement it may stall participate in the audit portion of this project.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion to engage the Cohen Law Group to undertake franchise agreement renewal negotiations with Verizon, and to conduct an audit of the current franchise agreement. The motion was seconded by Chair Caughlan.

Mr. Misus commented on the franchise fee agreement and franchise fees.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- f) consent agreement – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed consent agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the payment of a fine for effluent, overview and other violations pertaining to the Township’s sanitary sewer system.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion to approve the consent agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, as presented. The motion was seconded by Chair Caughlan.

Mr. Misus commented on the consent agreement. Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, commented on violations in the consent agreement, and improvement measures taken by the Township in recent years.

Mr. Dreher commented on sanitary sewer system maintenance responsibilities.

Dr. Mollick commented on the violations, management of the sanitary sewer system, the sanitary sewer system contractor and the contractor’s performance, and past reviews of the sanitary sewer system. Chair Caughlan noted the matter would be reviewed by Mr. Ryan.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

## **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 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tommy Ryan  
Township Manager