

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP
 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
 FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010 ~ 8:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER Arthur Bustard at 8:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

ARTHUR C. BUSTARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SUSAN CAUGHLAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STEPHEN C. QUIGLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

On Tuesday, July 6, 2010, two of the public works employees noticed smoke behind a house and upon further investigation found a fire, called 911 and alerted the residents. Peter Praczek and Andrew Curtis were recognized for their actions. The source of the fire was thought to be a mulch pile close to the house. Mr. Burman cautioned residents about the proximity of mulch piles to homes, particularly in view of the excessive heat that the area is experiencing.

1. Manager's Report:

a. Sanitary Sewer connection for Municipal building – Contract Award

Three bids were received, ranging from \$4,300 to \$5,470 to connect the administration building into the sanitary sewer line. Pete Russo Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$4,300.

James Mollick, Country View Lane, commented on bidding the job.

A motion by Steve Quigley and seconded by Susan Caughlan and approved by all to award the bid to Pete Russo Inc.

b. Morris Road Detour – Traffic Concerns

David Burman, Township Manager, and the Roadmaster reviewed the signage on Landis and Shearer Roads. Changes will be made to make the speed enforceable and Trooper Holstein and Lt Buckley, State Police in Skippack, will investigate.

Because Schultz Road is a County road, the Township will work in conjunction with the County to control speed.

c. Noise Ordinance – Status

The Staff is finalizing the ordinance and is close to presenting it to the Board for review. It will be drafted from the Rutgers University standards.

d. Zoning Hearing Board Report

The last meeting was June 22, 2010.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2010

There were no new applications during the month of June.

Conclusions/ Decisions of applications:

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NEW applications to be heard on July 27, 2010:

None

e. Subdivision & Land Development Report

David Burman presented a status report on the activity of active subdivisions and land developments.

2. Engineer's Report

a. Engineering Report, Project Status.

Arthur Bustard inquired about drainage and paving on Woodland Avenue.

b. 2010 Road Improvement Program – Contract Award

Nine bids were received and opened on June 23, 2010. The bid included two portions, a base amount, and an alternate add on for base repair work on Kriebel Mill Road

A. H. Cornell of Jamison, Pa was the low base bid. This contract includes milling and overlay on Mill, Berks, and portions of Green Hill Roads and three cross pipes in the amount of \$326,044. The price for the alternate add on for Kriebel Mill Road between Fawn and Stump Hall Roads was \$38,900 for a total of \$364,0944, which is over the 2010 approved budget amount.

Arthur Bustard inquired about the Kriebel Mill portion of the bid and whether it would deteriorate if not paved.

Joseph Nolan responded and Stephen Quigley noted possible add on costs of maintenance and repairs if paving is postponed.

A motion by Steve Quigley and seconded by Susan Caughlan and approved by all to award the 2010 Roadway Improvement Program to A.H. Cornell in the amount of \$364,944.

3. Solicitor's Report

a. Executive Session report

None

b. Resolution 2010-15 – Agreement of Sale of Property to PA Turnpike Commission

James Garrity noted that this is in lieu of condemnation. The property is located off Bethel Road and will be used as a detention basin for the Pennsylvania Turnpike widening. The approved amount is \$127,800.

A motion by Susan Caughlan and seconded by Steve Quigley and approved by all to approve Resolution 2010-15 – Agreement of Sale of Property to Pa Turnpike Commission

c. Ordinance No. 2010-226-Mill road Stop signs and speed Ordinance.

Public Hearing opened at 8:20 a.m.

Mr. Garrity explained that this is for 25 MPH on Mill Road and for the installation of stop signs in both the east and west directions at Anvil Drive.

The public hearing was closed at 8:21 having no questions or comments.

A motion by Steve Quigley and seconded by Susan Caughlan and approved by all to pass Ordinance 2010-226, Mill road Stop Signs and speed Ordinance.

d. Authorization to Advertise AQRC Ordinance

This is a change to the existing ordinance. It will require 80% of the units to have one occupant age of 55 or older and will allow 20% of the units to have one occupant, age 45 or older. This is in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Standards exemption.

Stephen Quigley inquired if the existing owners will receive a letter notifying them of the change.

Susan Caughlan clarified that this is an authorization to advertise the amended AQRC ordinance only. There will be a public hearing in September.

A motion by Steve Quigley and seconded by Susan Caughlan and approved by all to approve the advertisement of the revised AQRC Ordinance.

4. Other Business

a. Memorial Benches

This is a discussion to receive a consensus from the Board to expend time and staff effort to develop policy on benches.

Susan Caughlan commented that the township is in the process of developing three additional parks and the program would be timely.

Stephen Quigley requested the Staff research other surrounding Township's policies and noted that now is the time to look at resident's donations of all kinds.

David Burman reminded the Board that this policy will involve additional expenses and maintenance costs and a firm policy must be established.

The Board all agreed to have the Township staff research policies.

b. Methacton School District Presentation: school resource officer.

Dr. Timothy Quinn, Superintendent of the Methacton School District, Bud Carroll, Lower Providence Chief of Police, Joseph Dunbar, Lower Providence Township Manager, Mark Stead, School Resource Officer, and Janeen Marzewski, Safety Coordinator for Methacton School District, along with School Board member Herbert Rothe, were all in attendance.

Bud Carroll provided a presentation on the current School Resource Office program being implemented at Methacton School District buildings in Lower Providence Township. He indicated the Methacton School Board and Lower Providence Board of Supervisors are behind the program 100%. The officer provides security, educational support, and relationships with the students. They are requesting a similar post in the Methacton High School, located within Worcester Township.

Bud Carroll's presentation indicated that the program was initially funded by a grant, started at Arcola Middle School, which is the largest middle school in Montgomery County.

Steve Quigley asked if there was a reduction in Lower Providence Township incidents. Susan Caughlan asked about the 2008-09 bomb threats, was the SRO involved.

James Mollick, Country View Lane, inquired about Lower Providence Board of Supervisors reception of the SRO program.

Rick DeLello, Stoney Creek Road, commented about the continuity at the middle school and anticipated reductions at high school.

Sue Gabriel, Hawks Nest Lane, commented on support for the program.

Susan Caughlan asked Dr. Quinn if they were looking for financial support. Dr. Quinn indicated he would provide the Board with a proposal.

Mark Landis, Schultz Road, inquired about the School District moving ahead with or without Worcester Board of Supervisor support.

Joseph Dunbar remarked there is an expense to Lower Providence Township, and they will provide costs to Worcester.

Maeve Vogan, Dell Road, inquired if the same officer will be at the middle and high school.

Dave Plager, Fieldcrest Way, supports the idea.

Chase Kneeland, Berks Road, inquired how many hours the SRO is at the middle school.

Susan Caughlan remarked that the high school currently employs security officers.

Dr. Quinn indicated there is a security protection service, without the same training or results as the SRO.

Arthur Bustard asked what they Lower Providence representatives wanted at this time, and requested a hard copy of their presentation for review.

Dr. Quinn responded that they would like to extend the SRO program into the high school.

Susan Caughlan inquired if the state police could offer the same service.

Dr. Quinn said they do not have a full time officer, and it would be a rotating shift therefore not building relationships with the students and more costly.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2010

A motion by Susan Caughlan and seconded by Steve Quigley and approved by all to dispense with the reading and approve as amended the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2010 (copies were available for review).

Jim Mollick commented on several items he felt should have been included in the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Bustard opened the public comment period, requesting that speakers keep to no more than five minutes.

Mark Landis commented on \$2 million contribution of the township to the fire department, and suggested the Township hold meetings in their new air conditioned building. He also remarked favorably on the new manager.

Rick DeLello asked for an update on the speed limit sign on Stoney Creek Road

Chase Kneeland supported the memorial bench program.

James Mollick commented on three separate Right to Know requests, emails, and letters from the solicitor.

Lois Imperial, Fisher Road, thanked Dave Burman for the job he is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Board, Mr. Bustard, adjourned the regularly scheduled work session of the Board of Supervisor's Meeting at 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:


 Eunice Kriebel, Assistant Recording Secretary

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The Township Manager has been working to correct the microphone system so everyone can hear the discussion during the meeting.

1. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Treasurer's reports for May, 2010 net change on cash basis:

June 2010 Report:

General Fund	\$ 263,825.41
State	\$ 166,791.20
Capital Reserve	\$152,652.17

A motion by Susan Caughlan, seconded by Stephen Quigley and passed by all to accept the Treasurer's Report for May, 2010 net change on cash basis.

2. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OF THE TOWNSHIP

A motion by Susan Caughlan, seconded by Stephen Quigley and passed by all to pay the bills of the Township in the amount of \$222,574.47.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Morris Road Detour and Update on Traffic Conditions

Communications have improved between the Turnpike commission, the Contractor and the Township. There has been night work but the township has not received any complaints. The manager is still working on speed and excess traffic issues on Landis, Schultz, and Shearer Roads.

Arthur Bustard inquired if they are on schedule.

The manager will confirm the schedule and report back to the board.

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4. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

a. Executive Session Report

There were no executive sessions held since the last meeting. There will be an executive session held at the end of tonight's meeting tonight to discuss the following three items: 1.) Litigation for Office of Open Records, Docket #0557; 2.) Real estate easement for the Graham Property. 3.) Potential purchase of additional property.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. Project Status

Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, submitted his monthly status report to the Board of Supervisors.

Arthur Bustard requested an update on the Wentz Church Road Bridge.

Joseph Nolan responded that they are on schedule and the road should be opened by the end of July, 2010.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 19, 2010

James Mollick commented on the solicitor's report, Preserve at Worcester, potential conflict of interest and dormant projects were incorrect in his opinion. He further commented on items omitted from the minutes. He further commented on the posting of a RTK request and a campaign mailer.

Mark Landis, Schultz Road, commented on the motion that was withdrawn by Susan Caughlan and inquired what it was.

A motion by Susan Caughlan and seconded by Stephen Quigley and approved by all to dispense with the reading of, and approve as amended to reflect the motion to approve a speed study for Landis Road, in the minutes of June 16, 2010. (Copies were available for review.)

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Oliver Smith, Fisher Road commented on the noise ordinance.

Maeve Vogan, Dell Road, commented about the timing of the noise ordinance and PECO compliance.

Lois Imperial, Fisher Road, commented on a landscaping business, campaign platforms and involvement in environmental issues.

Nicholas Imperial, Fisher Road, commented on Supervisor Caughlan's remarks and a web site.

William Kazimer, Germantown Pike, commented on the amended minutes, discrimination, and course of actions.

Stephen Quigley commented on researching video taping the meetings.

Caren Siegel, Green Hill Road, commented on returning phone calls to residents and equal treatment.

James Mollick commented on an affidavit from Mr. Garrity and its accuracy, e-mails, status of driveway issues, attorney client privilege, Office of Open Records ruling, and Montgomery County watching RTK outcome.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Arthur Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Submitted:



Eunice C. Kriebel, Recording Secretary

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