

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
Tuesday, September 6, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.**

WORK SESSION CANCELLED

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
 FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
 Wednesday, September 14, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M.
 SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

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Chairman Bustard announced that the special meeting was held to award the contract for the 2011 Road Project. Mr. Nolan previously reported that bids were opened for the 2011 road improvement project but only one bid was received. He recommended the Board reject the bid and re-advertise the bid for opening on August 24, 2011, in anticipation of receiving more bids.

Engineers Report

A second advertisement was placed and five bids were received and opened on August 24, 2011. Five bids were received; Mr. Nolan reviewed them and made a recommendation to the Board to accept the lowest bid from Reid Paving Contractors, Inc. of Gilbertsville Pa. in the amount of \$319,990. An option to repave North Wales Road was deferred due to the ongoing construction on North Wales Road. The project must be completed by October 31, 2011 to utilize State Highway liquid fuel money. To provide the contractor the extra week to begin the project, the Board called a special meeting.

Rick DeLello, Worcester, commented on the bidding process.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to award the bid for the 2011 Road Improvement Project to Reid Paving Contractors, Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mauve Vogan, Worcester, commented on completion of the Kriebel Mill Road Bridge.

Adjournment

There being no further business or comments from the public, Chairman Bustard adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



 Eunice C Kriebel, Assistant Secretary

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
 WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
 FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER by Arthur Bustard at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. The Latest edition of the Worcester Crier was mailed on Monday.
2. The Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for September 27th has been cancelled. There are no new or continued applications scheduled.
3. Susan Caughlan announced that a transfer of development rights ordinance (TDRs) is on the agenda for the Township Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2011.

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chairman Bustard read the Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 2011 – net change on cash basis

General Fund	\$726,627.18
State Fund	\$153,625.76
Capital Reserve Fund	\$4,387.74

Supervisor Caughlan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. James Mollick, Worcester, commented on a public safety item and William Kazimer, Worcester, commented on the Community Hall repairs. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

2. PAYMENT OF BILLS OF THE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Caughlan moved to pay the bills of the Township in the amount of \$245,582.13. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. James Mollick commented on his right to know request for a bills list. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. **Zoning Hearing Board Update**-Tiffany Jacqmin, Zoning Officer, reported the last meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board took place on August 23rd and two applications were heard.

Application 11-08: Greener Partners / Willow Creek Farms was heard at the August 23rd meeting and the record was closed. The applicant waived the MPC time requirement for rendering a decision.

Application 11-09: 3122 Water Street Road was granted.

Mr. McCauley announced that the draft ordinance for the sign revisions, Chapter 150, will be posted on the Township website for review.

- b. All updates of Zoning Hearing Board and Subdivisions and Land Development applications are listed on the Township website.**

Subdivision and Land Development Update – The DePhillippo Land Development plan is on the WTPC agenda for 9/22/2011 for preliminary/ final plan approval for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

- c. Minimum Municipal Obligation – Actuarial Amount to be budgeted for Calendar Year 2012**

Mr. McCauley announced that the MMO for 2012 will be in the amount of \$50,145.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to authorize the MMO for 2012. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the public and Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

4. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- a. Award Bid: Mount Kirk Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project**

Having been duly advertised, bids for the project were opened on 8/24/2011. 7 bids were received, ranging in price from \$15,333 to \$23,000. The low bid was submitted by Bailey Bridge, Inc. of Fort Payne, AL. for the amount of \$15,333. \$25,000 was budgeted for this improvement. The installation will be completed by the park maintenance staff at the Mount Kirk Park.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to authorize awarding the bid contract to Bailey Bridge, Inc. in the amount of \$15,333. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the low bid being from out of state. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Preliminary and Final Approval Consideration – Morris Road Investors, LP located at 2750 Morris Rd.**

One-Lot Land Development Plan located in the Limited Industrial Zoning District. The landowner proposes 6-foot additions to the existing loading docks that serve Buildings D and E, and 69 additional parking spaces for Building B. Andy Detterline and Bob Irick represented Morris Road Investors, LP. They presented the proposed improvements and commented on the Planning Commission and Engineer review letters. They noted that the improvements are not planned to be constructed unless a tenant wishes them.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on proposed landscaping, walking trails, and height of loading docks. Bob Irick responded by showing plans of improvements.

Supervisor Quigley inquired about public walking trails, nighttime deliveries and left turns on Schultz Road, a County Road. Andy Detterline responded about trails being a security issue and addressed night time deliveries to be determined by future tenants. She also addressed the left turn issue by suggesting the addition of concrete barriers at the exit to eliminate left hand turns.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve Preliminary /Final Land Development for Morris Road Investors, LP, with the applicant installing barriers to prohibit left hand turns with permission from the County. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. Mark Landis and Gordon Todd, both of Worcester, commented on the proposed improvements. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

c. Mandracchia Subdivision: Consideration of extension of time request

Mr. Nolan reported that the applicant has granted the Township an extension until December 30, 2011 to address the issue of easements. He recommend acceptance of the proposed extension.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to accept the extension of time. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. William Kazimer, Worcester, commented on the extension of time. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley requested an update on the Kriebel Mill Road Bridge replacement. Mr. Nolan responded that the bridge is ready for delivery but the contractor is awaiting electric line relocation. Due to recent storms, PECO is behind schedule but will move the lines this Saturday.

5. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- a. Executive Session Report** – Mr. Garrity reported there was one Executive session held September 14th, 2011 to discuss candidates for the position of Roadmaster.
- b. Ordinance No 2011-231 –Public Hearing – Parks & Recreation Areas Ordinance (amending the current rules and regulations)**

Mr. Garrity opened the public hearing and provided a summary of the ordinance stating that it provides common sense rules for Township Parks regarding pets, vehicles, littering, dumping, soliciting, fireworks, golf, and posting of notices.

There were no comments from the Board or the public.
The hearing was closed.

Supervisor Caughlan moved to adopt Ordinance No 2011-231-Parks & Recreation Areas. Chairman Bustard called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Quigley inquired about the status of the Special Meeting that was held regarding the 2011 Road Program. Chairman Bustard stated that to utilize liquid fuels funds from the state, the project must be completed by October 31, 2011. The project had to be bid a second time because no acceptable bids were received on the first round. The Township engineer requested a special meeting to award the contract to allow the contractor to begin as early as possible after bids were received.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Letter from Timothy J. Quinn, Superintendent of Methacton Schools

The Township received a letter from Timothy J. Quinn, Superintendent of Schools, dated September 7, 2011 regarding a request for relief to go above the 12' height restriction for lights on Methacton athletic fields. Chairman Bustard read the letter to the public.

Grant Schanbacher, Vice President of the School Board, addressed the Board of Supervisors as to why the request was made on behalf of the athletes, proposed fields and secure parking lots.

Joyce Petrauskas, Member of the School Board, commented on the direction the Administration was given at the School Board meeting to address capital needs to include the transportation department and athletic fields.

Chairman Bustard commented that this has been an on-going issue and referred the issue to the township solicitor. Mr. Garrity stated the Board has no authority to overturn the zoning ordinance and the only recourse for the School District is to appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance which has been done before. The other alternative is for an application to the Township for a text amendment to the zoning ordinance. Each avenue would require plans to be designed.

b. Proposed amendment to Fence Ordinance to allow higher fences along PA Turnpike -- Status and discussion

Supervisor Caughlan introduced an amendment to allow higher screening fences to be constructed on properties adjacent to the Pennsylvania Turnpike to address the problem created by the Turnpike refusing to construct sound barriers. Supervisor Quigley inquired whether the amendment was spot zoning and inquired whether it could pertain to residents experiencing PECO substation noise. Chairman Bustard also commented on possible spot zoning and suggested the Turnpike who is creating the problem, install sound barriers. A discussion ensued.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2011

Supervisor Caughlan moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2011. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board. James Mollick, Worcester, commented on the minutes, bills of the Township, discussion of Worcester Golf course. The motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Kazimer, Worcester, commented on the special meeting for the road improvement contract.

Mark Landis, Worcester, commented on the cancelled work session and sound barriers along the turnpike causing additional problems.

David Plager, Worcester, commented on the handicap door entrance to the Community Hall and the ordinance regulating ownership of farm markets.

Wini Hayes, Worcester, commented on the timing of the School Board representatives voting on the light issue and on the needs of athletes.

Frank Senk commented on money saved and highway right of way for building fences and future planning for lights at athletic fields.

Caren Segal, Worcester, commented on notifying residents about meetings by email.

William Kazimer, Worcester, commented on the Community Hall door and cost of School lights.

Candy Allebach, Lower Providence, commented on lights on football fields.

David Ballistic, Lower Providence, requested information on the history of lights at the football field.

Jim Garrity, Township Solicitor, responded with chronological events of the football lights issue to date.

James Beam, Worcester, commented on Mr. Garrity's comments and email communications.

Rick DeLello, Worcester, commented on TDR ordinance on website, position of Roadmaster and manager search, and Board's position on school lights.

Ron Evans, Worcester, commented on school lights history and surrounding communities with lights.

John Harris, Worcester, commented on school lights history and quality of life for school neighbors.

Supervisor Quigley moved to authorize the staff and Planning Commission to review the Township Land Development Ordinance and draft an ordinance to update the football stadium lights. Board discussion ensued. Hearing no second, the motion was abandoned.

George Smith, Worcester, commented on the Board's opinion regarding lights at the school.

Grant Schanbacher, Worcester, commented on tax remarks, working relationship with Worcester Board of Supervisors, and school building costs.

Michelle Libor, Worcester, commented on rising school taxes, cost of football lights, potential congestion and light pollution.

Frank Senk, Worcester, commented on putting school lights on a ballot.

James Mollick, Worcester, commented on lights at school and proposed ordinance change.

Charles Venezia, Worcester, commented on lights at Upper Perkiomen School District.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Bustard moved to adjourn the meeting. There were no comments from the Board or the public and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Eunice C. Kriebel, Assistant Secretary