

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 7:31 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: RICK DELELLO [X]
SUSAN CAUGHLAN [X]
STEVE QUIGLEY [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- There were no informational items announced at this evening's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tom McGinley, Worcester, commented on the Township noise assessment at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Ryan provided an update on this matter.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the cost of the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise assessment, a representation letter from Susan Caughlan to a Township property owner and correspondence from this property owner regarding the sale of Transfer Development Rights, Transfer Development Right certificates issued to this property owner, and the adoption of the Transfer Development Rights ordinance.
- Donna Hade, Worcester, commented on noise and odor at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, commented on wastewater treatment processes, and on proposed additional connections to this facility. Supervisor Quigley commented on odor regulations at wastewater treatment plants.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair DeLello 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 Caughlan made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for January 2018, (b) bill payment for January 2018 in the amount of \$505,714.82; (c) the January 17, 2018 Work Session minutes; and (d) the January 17, 2018 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on the Township Solicitor invoice, Sewer Fund receipts and expenditures to date, Sewer Fund reserves, and the Township's sewer service fees.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Resolution 2018-10 – Catherine Harper, Counsel for the Applicant, provided an overview of The Grove at Meadowood, a 52-unit development at Meadowood Senior Living, Skippack Pike. Ms. Harper commented on a variance granted by the Zoning Hearing Board to allow building height in excess of 35 feet, and on a condition to the Zoning Hearing Board Order that requires the Applicant to install additional landscaping near the boundary to neighboring residential properties.

Ms. Harper stated the Applicant is agreeable to all conditions included in the proposed resolution.

Chair DeLello commented on stormwater management. Mr. Nolan provided an overview of the proposed stormwater management system. Mr. Nolan noted he is not opposed to the stormwater-related waivers requested by the Applicant.

Chair DeLello commented on the traffic impact fee. Mr. Ryan confirmed the Township Traffic Engineer was presently reviewing data required to calculate this fee.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the access way at Valley Forge Road. Ms. Harper noted use of this access way is restricted to emergency vehicles only.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on the cemetery adjacent to the proposed development. Marlon Back, Meadowood Senior Living, noted that, absent the provision of an additional parking area for cemetery visitors, the cemetery will not be affected by the proposed development. Supervisor Quigley commented on cemetery maintenance. Mr. Back noted the cemetery is maintained by Meadowood.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-10, to grant Preliminary Plan approval to The Grove at Meadowood, a 52-unit development at Meadowood Senior Living, Skippack Pike. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2018-11 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development PA Small Water and Sewer Program. Mr. Ryan noted the application seeks \$112,500 for various improvements to the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Berwick Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Ryan noted the required local match, at 15%, totals \$20,266.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on noise-related improvements at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Nolan noted the inclusion of these items was not related to the current noise assessment, but rather addressed needs identified by the plant operator.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-11, to authorize submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development PA Small Water and Sewer Program. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) Resolutions 2018-12, 2018-13 & 2018-14 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of three resolutions to approve the submission of Traffic Signal Approval applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for improvements to existing traffic signals at three locations – Valley Forge Road and Skippack Pike; Valley Forge Road, Township Line Road and Stump Hall Road; and, Valley Forge Road and Germantown Pike. Mr. Ryan noted the improvements are funded in part by two Green Light Go grants.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the improvements to be installed at each location. Supervisor Caughlan commented on future improvements at the intersections.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-12, Resolution 2018-13 and Resolution 2018-14, to approve the submission of Traffic Signal Approval applications to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for improvements to existing traffic signals at three locations – Valley Forge Road and Skippack Pike; Valley Forge Road, Township Line Road and Stump Hall Road; and Valley Forge Road and Germantown Pike. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Supervisor Quigley commented on the ability to establish a sewer service fee specific to an area served by a wastewater treatment plant.
- Dr. Mollick commented on the noise and odor complaints at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the sale of property and disclosures required to be made by the seller.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager