WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016 – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Caughlan at 7:35 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, announced that the Board of Supervisors had met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss the following issues: a personnel matter, in specific compensation paid to certain Township employees; a matter of potential litigation, in specific the payment of fees to the Township; and, a matter of potential litigation, in specific the payment of a fine to the Township. Decisions on the matters of potential litigation regarding the payment of fees to the Township and the payment of a fine to the Township will be considered at this evening's Business Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wini Hayes, Worcester, commented on new stormwater regulations, and Zoning Hearing Board procedures. Mr. Brant commented on Zoning Hearing Board procedures, and the relationship between the Township's Board of Supervisors and Zoning Hearing Board.

- Cheryl Brumbaugh, Worcester, wished Happy Holidays to all. Ms. Brumbaugh commented on the ownership of the pump station at the Stony Creek Farms community. Mr. Brant noted Counsel for the developer of Whitehall Estates and Counsel for the Stony Creek Farms HOA were in discussions on this matter.

- Bill Goulding, Worcester, wished Happy Holidays to all. Mr. Goulding commented on the efforts of the developer of Whitehall Estates to address outstanding issues relative to this land development.

- Tim Creelman, Worcester, commented on municipal obligations relative to sanitary sewer systems, and the status of the Whitehall Estates Planning Module. Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an update as to the Whitehall Estates Planning Module status. Mr. Ryan will notify the Stony Creek Farms HOA as to the start of the thirty-day public comment period for the Whitehall Estates Planning Module.

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on Zoning Hearing Board procedures and the cost to the Township of an appeal to the Office of Open Records.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

a) 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 Bustard made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for November 2016, (b) bill payment for November in the amount of $313,463.30; (c) the November 16, 2016 Work Session minutes; and, (d) the November 16, 2016 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on the cost to the Township for legal services pertaining to open record matters, and the recovery of legal fees billed by the former Township Solicitor.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

b) Public Hearing – At 8:10 PM Chair Caughlan opened a Public Hearing as to the 2017 Budget.

Dr. Mollick commented on proposed funds budgeted to the Township's capital reserve fund for the possible acquisition of the North Penn Army Reserve Base. Dr. Mollick commented on the proposed inter-fund transfers. Dr. Mollick commented on proposed salary adjustments for Township employees. Dr. Mollick commented on the budget categories utilized for conditional use legal fees and other legal fees.

Chair Caughlan requested additional public comment, and there was none.

Chair Caughlan closed the Public Hearing at 8:24 PM.

c) 2017 Budget – Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget, as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

d) Resolution 2016-38 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a resolution to authorize submission of a grant application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program. Mr. Ryan noted the application seeks a $10,000 grant to fund a tot-lot and benches at Heyser Field, and a pedestrian trail to connect the Community Hall property to the neighboring shopping center property.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-38, to authorize submission of a grant application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

e) Planning Module – Mr. Nolan provided an overview of a Planning Module application for a proposed on-lot septic system at 3330 Water Street Road.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve submission of a Planning Module application for a proposed on-lot septic system at 3330 Water Street Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

f) settlement – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed agreement to settle outstanding sanitary sewer fees due to the Township from two properties, in lieu of litigation on this issue.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve a proposed agreement to settle the payment of outstanding sanitary sewer fees due to the Township from two properties, in the amount of $2,020.20, in lieu of litigation on this issue. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

g) settlement – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed agreement between the Township and the Township's contracted sanitary sewer operator as to the contractor's payment of a portion of a fine issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in lieu of litigation on this issue.

Supervisor Bustard made a motion to approve a proposed agreement between the Township and the Township's contracted sanitary sewer operator as to the contractor's payment of a portion of a fine issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in the amount of $2,500.00, in lieu of litigation on this issue. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Caughlan noted the Planning Commission will revisit the proposed Center Point Village Zoning Ordinance before this is considered by the Board of Supervisors. Chair Caughlan inquired as to the utilization of another planning consultant on this project. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Planning Commission to revisit the ordinance, and for the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to meet in a joint session to discuss the ordinance, before consideration of the utilization of another planning consultant on this project. The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will meet in a joint session on February 15.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair Caughlan adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tommy Ryan
Township Manager