

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009 7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Arthur Bustard at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT:

JOHN R. HARRIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STEPHEN C. QUIGLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ARTHUR C. BUSTARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Chairman Arthur Bustard announced the Heyser Field settlement was scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009.
- Mr. Bustard announced Ms. Elizabeth Emlen representing the Montgomery County Farm Land Preservation Program was present to address the Board and public. Ms. Emlen explained the make-up of the Farm Board and commented on Worcester Township's participation in the program and the preservation of seven farms within Worcester Township. Mr. Jonathan E. Rinde, President of the Farm Board, read a resolution recognizing, thanking and commending the recent service of Mr. John R. Harris on the Montgomery County Farm Board which concluded in February 2009. Mr. Harris thanked Mr. Rinde and the Farm Board and shared comments regarding the farming history of the Township and a desire to continue to see farm land preserved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

In Summary:

Mr. James Mollick, (address removed for privacy), commented on the first public comment period within the April 15<sup>th</sup> minutes stating his displeasure that his comments are reported in more detail in the minutes. Mr. Mollick commented on the second comment period within the April 15<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding an email he had handed to the Board and the issue of deliberation. Mr. Mollick commented on the electronic media policy and noted he had been recording prior to the meeting in conflict with the policy and questioned enforcement.

Being no additional public comments, the regular meeting resumed.

**1. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

A motion by Mr. Quigley and seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as written. (Copies were available for review.)

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report for April, 2009 net change on cash basis:

**March 2009 Report:**

General Fund	\$161,250.33
State	\$177,614.22
Capital Reserve	\$ 829.52

A motion by Mr. Quigley seconded by Mr. Harris and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report for April, 2009 net change on a cash basis.

**3. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS OF THE TOWNSHIP**

A motion by Mr. Quigley seconded by Mr. Harris and approved by all to pay the bills of the Township in the amount of \$549,675.17

**4. MANAGERS'S REPORT**

**a. Park & Recreation Task Force Report Presentation**

Mr. Rob Steuer, Chairman of the Task Force, and Julie Lanzillo, Park & Recreation Director, presented an overview of the Task Force report and provided recommendations for future use and development of the Heebner Park, Sunnybrook Park, Nike Park and Mt. Kirk Park including the DYKA property. Following the slide presentation, there was a time for questions and discussion. No formal action was taken.

**b. Zoning Hearing Board Report**

Mr. Cornell announced the next zoning hearing was scheduled May 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Community Hall. Mr. Cornell reported the following applications:

#08-14, 3250 Hedwig Lane, #09-03, 3406 Skippack Pike, #09-05, 1044 Nicole Drive, 09-07, 1477 Kriebel Mill Road, #09-08, 1686 Wood Bridge Lane and withdraw of Application #09-06 by MJE Builders.

**c. Road & Parks Report**

Mr. Cornell noted there was a report available for the Roads and Parks activities for the benefit of the Board in their packets.

## **5. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- a. Mr. Joseph Nolan, township engineer, provided the public bidding results for the proposed traffic light at Valley Forge Road and Water Street Road. Mr. Nolan noted the bids were opened and read aloud on May 12, 2009 at 2:00 pm By McMahon Associates Inc., the Township Traffic Engineer. Mr. Nolan reported six bids were received and recommended the Board award the project to the lowest qualified bidder, Wyoming Electric & Signal Inc. in the amount of \$93,641.50 with the alternatives as per the May 19, 2009 McMahon Associates letter. By way of motion by Mr. Harris, second by Mr. Quigley, vote all in favor the Board awarded the bid as recommended.

## **6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- a. Mr. Garrity stated he had nothing to report, no executive sessions had been held since the last meeting, but requested a brief executive session to discuss litigation; Worcester Township vs. John Cassel regarding sewer connections.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Quigley shared comments regarding his discussion with Mr. Garrity in reference to an email requested by a resident.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (ANY TOPIC)**

In Summary:

Mr. Jim Mollick, (address removed for privacy), commented on an email he had previously provided to the Board regarding deliberation versus discussion. Mr. Garrity advised the Board to not answer the question because of pending litigation. Mr. Mollick commented regarding the Susan Caughlan campaign web site, and the cost of Right To Know litigation costs for the month of April. Mr. Mollick presented a copy the Pa Rules of Conduct to the Board.

Mrs. Chris David commented she appreciates the efforts of the Park & Recreation Task Force Committee.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before this Board, Mr. Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:23 p.m. into executive session at requested by the Township Solicitor for litigation. Following the Session, the evening concluded with no formal action.

Respectfully submitted,

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John V Cornell/Recording Secretary