

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 8:00 A.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled work session of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mr. Harris at 8:00 A.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**

Mr. Harris reported the following:

- PennDot had installed the all-way stop signs at Greenhill and Stump Hall Roads.
- The Montgomery County Lands Trust had reached an agreement with the Moran family on Kriebel Mill Road to sell the development rights for their 81 acre property and the trust requested the township partner in the purchase.
- The 2008 Comprehensive Plan revision was scheduled for a public hearing on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT – JIM GARRITY**

Township solicitor Jim Garrity reported the Board of Supervisors convened on October 30, 2008 with the intent of holding a personnel meeting, however he reported the intended personnel matter did not materialize.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Susan Caughlan (addressed removed for privacy) commented on item #3 that it is not good planning to close Woodlyn Avenue and the Township should consider making it one-way instead. Also, Ms. Caughlan expressed her opposition to item #5, the concept of amending the AQRC district to reduce or eliminate the age provisions and expressed concerns in violating the Fair Housing Act provisions.

Mr. Doug Rotundo (addressed removed for privacy) commented on item #3 and agreed with making Woodlyn Avenue one-way.

Mr. David Brooks (addressed removed for privacy) commented on item #5 and his support for not amending the AQRC ordinance for the developer of Stony Creek Farms.

Mr. Michael Simione (addressed removed for privacy) commented on item #5 and his support for not amending the AQRC ordinance as it related to taxation and the impact on the school district taxes.

Mr. Kim David commented on item #5 and expressed his support for not amending the ordinance.

Mr. Jim Mollick (addressed removed for privacy) questioned if there was any other business on item #8 and also commented regarding Mr. Garrity's executive session report.

Mrs. Winnie Hayes (addressed removed for privacy) commented on item #5 and shared her support for not amending the AQRC ordinance and expressed concern over the effects on the school district placing children in the school system and burdening tax payers.

**1. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION  
October 6, 2008**

A motion by Mr. Bustard, seconded by Mr. Steve Quigley, and approved by all to dispense with the reading of, and approve as written, the minutes of the work session October 6, 2008. (Copies were available for review).

**2. PADOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL RESOLUTION FOR VALLEY FORGE ROAD &  
WATER STREET**

Joe Nolan reported that in order to proceed with permitting of the traffic signal for Water Street and Valley Forge Road PennDOT requires a resolution as part of the application authorizing the application process.

A motion by Mr. Bustard, second by Mr. Quigley, approved by all to pass resolution 2008-19.

**3. DISCUSSION: WOODLYN ROAD CLOSURE**

Joe Nolan reminded the Board of the prior discussions and options for Woodlyn Road. Following discussion it was agreed Joe Nolan would contact McMahon Associates with regard to the feasibility of making it one-way versus closure.

**4. DISCUSSION: PARTICPATION IN THE PROPOSED JOINT SKIPPACK CREEK WATERSHED TMDL RELATED TO THE MS-4 PROGRAM AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

Joe Nolan presented an explanation of the MS-4 program and the proposed joint municipal effort to deal with the D. E.P. and the pending regulations. Following discussion it was agreed, by way of motion, vote all in favor to participate with the proposed TMDL joint effort not to exceed \$5,000.00.

**5. DISCUSSION: REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR STONY CREEK FARMS AQRC**

Attorney Richard McBride appeared on behalf of the David Cutler Group to discuss the concept of amending the AQRC zoning provisions to reduce or eliminate the age 55 provision. Mr. McBride shared that the developer has had difficulty selling the units due to the current economic and real estate climate and further shared such changes could “broaden the base of the purchasing public”. It was agreed the owner of the remaining phases should participate in the discussion, and the Board took no formal action on the request.

**6. DISCUSSION: 2009 DRAFT BUDGET**

Mr. Cornell reported the township staff was working on the draft 2009 budget which would be on the agenda for the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Cornell noted the anticipated reduction in revenues in light of the current economic climate and subsequent anticipated reduction in expenditures, and further highlighted some anticipated purchases.

**7. DISCUSSION: PARK & RECREATION TASK FORCE SURVEY**

Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with a township wide survey within a future newsletter as suggested by the township’s newly formed park and recreation task force.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Quigley shared comments regarding the need to watch expenses during difficult times and encouraged the Board and staff to make wise decisions regarding using the tax payers money.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (ANY TOPIC, 2-MINUTE LIMIT)**

Mr. Rob Hayes shared that he does not support the AQRC change request.

Mr. Kim McClintock as a neighbor of the Stony Creek Farms project noted he agreed with Mr. Hayes’ position on the AQRC.

Mr. Dave Plager (addressed removed for privacy) shared his thoughts on the proposed light at Water Street & Valley Forge Road and the potential effects on Crest View Way.

Mr. Michael Simeone commented on the developer's AQRC ordinance change request.

Mr. David Brooks shared that the developer was a privately held company and the township should not make the change.

Ms. Winnie Hayes noted the developer's request was not the township's problem, and noted she believes the project would not be abandoned.

Jim Phillips (addressed removed for privacy) commented on the AQRC project and lack of support for the proposed change.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before this Board, Mr. Harris adjourned the regularly scheduled work session meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arthur C. Bustard, Secretary