

WORCESTER TOWNSHIP
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WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009 8:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled work session 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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

In Summary:

Mr. James Mollick, (address removed for privacy), commented if the April 6, 2009 minutes tabled from the last work session meeting would be acted on at today's meeting. Mr. Mollick questioned addresses being redacted in the minutes and on the right to know requests on the website. Mr. Mollick questioned if the right to know requests on the web are being used for political purposes. Mr. Mollick again commented that he unhappy that his comments were not more fully detailed in the minutes. In the second public comment period Mr. Mollick requested the minutes reflect Mr. Harris did not wish to give him (Mr. Mollick) his private email.

1. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2009

A motion by Mr. Quigley and seconded by Mr. Bustard, approved to dispense with the reading of, and approve the minutes of May 4th, 2009 as written. (Copies were available for review.) The minutes were approved with a vote of two, with Mr. Harris abstaining.

2. MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Pioneer House Window & Door Discussion

Mr. Cornell, Manager, introduced a proposal by 18th Century Restoration to secure the Pioneer House for \$4,300. Mr. Bustard noted at the prior meeting it was agreed to obtain a price to secure the building and have monies in the budget next year for permanent repairs.

Following discussion it was agreed to tabled action until the Wednesday June 17th to obtain other options such as shutters.

b. Request for Fire Police (Towamencin Township)

A letter was received from Towamencin Township requesting assistance of Worcester fire Police for the 5th District Water Battle. By way of motion of Mr. Quigley, seconded by Mr. Harris, the request was unanimously approved.

c. Zoning Hearing Board Report

Mr. Cornell, Manager and Zoning Officer, reported on the cases heard at the last meeting on May 26th, 2009 with the following results:

08-14-Country Building & Design, 3250 Hedwig Lane was granted with conditions
09-01-T-Mobile Northeast LLC – continued
09-03-Charles Caikoski, Cedars Country Store – Denied
09-05-Brian Kilmartin, 1044 Nicole Drive- swimming pool setbacks granted
09-07-1477 Kriebel Mill Road – horse barn & shed enlargement – granted
09-08-1686 Woodbridge Lane – George Schmidt-swimming pool and fence variance granted
09-09 – William Malin & Sharon Smith – 2153 Weber Road – new application requesting set back & height variance for fence

3. ENGINEER’S REPORT

Culvert & Drainage Report

Mr. Joseph Nolan, Township Engineer, presented a report on the inspection of township road’s culverts and drainage pipes. He noted the report prioritized culverts that need to be repaired or cleaned & flushed and some will require replacement that is beyond the public works capabilities. Mr. Harris questioned what constitutes failure and what the average cost would be. Mr. Bustard questioned if State Liquid Fuels money can be utilized for this project and Mr. Quigley asked if all the items on the report indicated by “#1” were emergencies.

4. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. James Garrity, Township solicitor, noted that at settlement, the County requested a resolution condemning the Heyser Property to eliminate transfer tax. By motion of Mr. Harris, Mr. Quigley seconding, the motion was passed approving the resolution to condemn the Heyser Property located in Fairview Village.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ANY TOPIC)

Mr. Craig Eberbach, (address removed for privacy), commented on removal of election signs by the staff and noted that there are still signs up for Pancio.

Mr. Rick DeLello, (address removed for privacy), stated that he was told that there would be discussion on the sign ordinance. Mr. Cornell suggested that he submit an application for the signs and it will be reviewed prior to the next agenda.

Mr. Jim Mollick, (address removed for privacy), distributed a copy of a letter to the Editor signed by Arthur Bustard questioned if he acted as an individual or Board Member. Mr. Mollick questioned how the dollar figure mentioned in the article was obtained. Mr. Mollick stated his understanding under the Right To Know, everything is presumed to be public record and stated the Township was using the Solicitor to prove that it is not public record. He further stated his belief Mr. Bustard is using his public office to write editorial letters to the editor. Mr. Mollick then distributed a copy of an e-mail between Mr. Harris and Mr. Bustard about the electronic media policy and enforcing it. Mr. Mollick questioned if this was a deliberation, Mr. Garrity noted that it is a public comment period and not an interrogation period and advised the Board not to respond because the matter was in litigation. Mr. Mollick refuted the matter was in litigation.

Mr. Mollick then read from the rules of professional conduct and offered comments claiming the lawsuit counterclaim was full of untrue statements.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before this Board, Mr. Bustard adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John V Cornell/Recording Secretary