

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Caughlan at 6:33 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced the Board of Supervisors will meet in Executive Session following this evening's Work Session to discuss a matter of litigation, in specific Mollick v. the Worcester Township Board of Supervisors and individual Board members, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, docket number #15-13760; and, a matter of litigation, in specific Heck v. the Worcester Township Zoning Hearing Board, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, docket number #17-04387. Mr. Ryan noted no decision on these matters is expected to be made at this evening's Business Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the Township's litigation with The Cutler Group, and a legal opinion of Township Counsel.

PRESENTATIONS

MS4 permit application – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, presented an overview of a proposed ordinance to amend the Township's stormwater management regulations.

Supervisor Bustard commented on the genesis of the proposed ordinance, and Mr. Nolan noted Federal and State law requires certain municipalities, including Worcester Township, to adopt the measures.

Mr. Nolan noted the Township is utilizing a model ordinance that has been reviewed and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Mr. Nolan stated the Township had worked with DEP to include language favorable to property owners, where this was possible.

Supervisor Bustard commented on the ordinance approval schedule.

Mr. Nolan commented on Federal clean water laws, and the expansion of these laws to include non-point sources of stormwater runoff and stormwater pollution.

Supervisor Bustard commented on the potential impact of the proposed stormwater regulations on Township property owners.

Chair Caughlan commented on agricultural uses and stormwater management. Mr. Nolan noted the proposed ordinance exempted certain agricultural uses.

Chair Caughlan commented on grading issues, stormwater drainage across neighboring properties, and possible easements needed to allow stormwater drainage across neighboring properties.

Chair Caughlan commented on the installation of curbing at new roads. Mr. Nolan recommended curbing be installed along new roads, as this better protects the roadway from damage caused by stormwater.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed at this evening's Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair Caughlan adjourned the Work Session at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager