

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: RICK DELELLO [X]
SUSAN CAUGHLAN [X]
STEVE QUIGLEY [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation regarding an alleged nuisance complaint.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Tom McGinley, Worcester, commented on noise at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant, and on the Township conducting a noise assessment at this location. Chair DeLello noted this matter was under review. Supervisor Quigley noted the Board considers Township-wide implications when considering such requests.
- Heather Ford, Worcester, commented on noise at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant, and on the Township conducting a noise assessment at this location. Mr. Ryan commented on the Township reviews to date.
- Jay McKeever, Worcester, commented on noise at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant, and on the Township conducting a noise assessment at this location.
- Dan Dreher, Worcester, commented on the Board of Supervisors reorganization, and the public comment period permitted at public meetings.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the Township's review of noise complaints at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the involvement of Township Supervisors in the investigation of this complaint. Supervisor Quigley noted Township staff is charged with reviewing such complaints. Dr. Mollick commented on a forensic audit of Township accounts, Township record keeping, testimony given by Township officials during past litigation, a Township Supervisor being paid for work related to official business before the Township, and the Township auditor presenting at a public meeting.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair DeLello 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 Caughlan made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for December 2017, (b) bill payment for December 2017 in the amount of \$253,860.62; (c) the December 20, 2017 Business Meeting minutes; and (d) the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on expenditures for the possible acquisition of the North Penn Army Reserve Base, inter-fund transfers, and budget approval. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the preparation and availability of the Township's financial statements. Chair DeLello commented on the Township auditor scope of services, and on the Township's long-term expenses and obligations. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the Township's long-term expenses and obligations, and mandates.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Resolution 2018-07 – Marc Davis, Counsel for the Hatfield Township Industrial Development Authority, provided an overview of a request for the Township's conditional approval of the issuance of a tax-exempt bond by the Authority to the Church of the Nazarene of Fairview Village. Mr. Davis noted the Board had previously granted approval for the issuance, but this approval had lapsed due to construction delays. Mr. Davis noted final approval would be considered at a Public Hearing to be conducted in the coming days.

Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, noted the approval was a procedural requirement of the Federal Tax Code, and he stated the approval neither obligates the Township to repay the debt nor affects the Township's bond rating or borrowing capacity.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-07, to grant conditional approval of the issuance of a tax-exempt bond by the Hatfield Township Industrial Development Authority to the Church of the Nazarene of Fairview Village. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2018-08 – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of a Planning Module submission for a proposed development at the Center Square Golf Course. Mr. Nolan noted the application includes public sewer service for 250 proposed dwelling units, and for 22 existing properties that abut the Center Square Golf Course, with sewer service to all to be provided by the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Nolan noted sufficient capacity exists at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chair DeLello inquired as to noise at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Nolan stated this facility presently runs on a continuous basis, and he noted the proposed connections will not generate additional noise.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on noise and odor at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Nolan commented on blower operations and sludge treatment.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on alternate septic options for the proposed development at the Center Square Golf Course. Mr. Nolan commented on on-site systems, and on the Upper Gwynedd wastewater collection and treatment system.

Mr. Nolan commented on wastewater treatment plant operations and efficiencies when operating near or at capacity.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on on-site package plants, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection view of same.

Chair DeLello noted the Stipulation Agreement calls for sanitary sewer service to be provided by the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Brant commented on the public sewer planning process.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-08, to authorize submission of the Center Square Golf Course Planning Module to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Ms. Ford commented on the Township conducting a noise assessment at the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant, and on developer responsibility to address any issues subsequent connection to this facility. Dr. Mollick commented on public sewer service for future development in the Village of Center Point, and on Township Supervisor positions on the provision of public sewer service in the community.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) Resolution 2018-09 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a resolution to designate signatories on Township bank accounts. Mr. Ryan noted approval in the form of a resolution was a requirement of the financial institution, and the subject account is the payroll account.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-09, to designate signatories on Township bank accounts. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) motion – Mr. Ryan noted the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief had recommended 35 volunteers be approved as Act 172 qualified volunteers for their service in 2017. Mr. Ryan noted the list includes personnel who attained a 23% or greater participation

rate, and/or held certain command positions, during this calendar year, in accordance with Township Code.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to certify as qualified volunteers for the Act 172 Earned Income Tax Credit for 2017 those volunteers listed on the Township Manager memo dated January 12, 2018. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mr. Brant noted the proposed sign ordinance was in a form to be considered by the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Caughlan commented on temporary sign and political sign enforcement efforts, and on temporary sign allowances for commercial uses. The Members will continue discussion on the ordinance at the February 21 Work Session.
- Supervisor Caughlan commented on revising Township Code as to the definition of a continuing care facility. Mr. Brant noted his office is reviewing this matter.
- Supervisor Quigley commented on the appointment process for volunteer candidates to Township commissions and boards. The Members will continue discussion on the matter at the February 21 Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager