

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Members Present: Judith A. Algeo, Esq., Chair
John W. Cox, Vice Chairman
Edward P. Thompson, Member

Others Present: Gail Weniger, Township Manager
Bryan M^cAdam, Township Engineer
Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor
Linda Grant, Recording Secretary

■ **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' September 8, 2009 public meeting, held at Warwick Township Administration Office, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA., was called to order at 7:03 p.m., by Chair, Judith Algeo who then led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

■ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

⇒ August 3, 2009 Board of Supervisors' public meeting minutes. (exhibit)

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Board of Supervisors' public meeting minutes for August 3, 2009, as submitted.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Algeo reported that the Board of Supervisors' had met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss matters of litigation.

■ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Algeo announced that the Warwick Day and the Moland Re-Enactment will be held on September 26th, and that the free day for residents to view the Moland House will be October 11th. Ms. Algeo also announced that the bids for the signal at York and Deer Run will be considered at the Board of Supervisors' meeting to be held on September 21, 2009.

■ **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

⇒ Dave Hoover, 1433 Bentley Drive, reported that he found a bullet hole at his window and believes it is from a shooting range on a nearby property on Stony Road. Mr. Hoover distributed photos to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Hoover noted that this complaint was filed with and responded to by police officer E. Loux, but he indicated that it was a Township matter.

Ms. Weniger, Township Manger, recommended to the board that she investigate the matter. Mr. Hoover agreed that he would email the photos at which time he could give his contact information for a response.

Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, suggested that while the Township is investigating the matter, it would be wise for Mr. Hoover to consult an attorney to see about options that may be available to Mr. Hoover.

■ **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

⇒ CBSD – Letter Opposing Tax Collectors Resolution (exhibit)

Ms. Weniger presented for signature, letters written to the Central Bucks School District board members, opposing procedure 3 of the Tax Collectors Resolution.

**Motion by Mr. Cox to sign and send the letter opposing tax collectors resolution to the CBSD, as presented by the Township Manager.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Park and Rec. Board Appointment – Bill Dalessandro (exhibit)

**Motion by Mr. Cox to appoint Bill Dalessandro to the position left by the resignation of Joe Gable from the Parks and Recreation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2010.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Resolution N^o. 2009- 22 – Disposition of Records (exhibit)

Ms. Weniger presented a resolution for disposition of records, per the Municipal Records Manual, adopted December 2008.

**Motion by Mr. Cox to adopt Resolution N^o. 2009- 22, as presented by the Township Manager.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Water and Sewer Authority – Special Study Presentation for Areas Including Eddowes Road, Stony Road and Breton Hill (exhibit)

Present for this matter were Ken Heydt, Carroll Engineers, Lane Bodley, Carroll Engineers, Ed Rudolph, Solicitor and Mike Sullivan, Executive Director Warwick Water and Sewer Authority.

Mr. Heydt presented a powerpoint highlighting possible sewerage of the Eddowes Road, Stony Road, and Breton Hills areas. There were five alternatives for extending sewer service:

- o Alternative #1 – Gravity Sewer to Warminster Authority Collection System
- o Alternative #2 – Combination Gravity & Low Pressure Sewer to Sweetbriar Drive
- o Alternative #3 – Combination Gravity & Low Pressure Sewer to intersection of Stony and Turkey Trot Roads.
- o Alternative #4 – Combination Gravity & Low Pressure Sewer to intersection of Stony & Turkey Trot Roads.
- o Alternative #5 – Regional Pump Station with Discharge to Heritage Creek Sewer.

Breton Hills / Stony Road

- o Alternative #1 – Low pressure to Sewer in Stony Road
- o Breton Hills pump station and force main to gravity sewer in Stony Road
- o Low pressure Service to Hidden Ponds east pump station

Mr. Thompson noted that Mr. Heydt did not talk about specific phasing in terms of years. Mr. Heydt stated Eddowes Road – phase I in the next two years; and Phase II in the next twenty years. He also noted the project was for only public sewer, not water.

There was discussion regarding the additional costs which included tap in fees and the cost of grinder pumps for properties that would require them.

Discussion took place regarding how the project was phased, what the variances in the costs represented, and the cost and use of the lines installed with a prior joint Authority and Township project in 2004. The specifics of the projects were discussed further with some emphasis on whether or not an agreement existed with Warminster Water and Sewer Authority allowing for that option. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Rudolph believed this was close to being completed and would be further pursued if this option was done.

Joanne Mullen, Old York Road, asked what is provided for the tapping fee. Mr. Rudolph explained that the tapping fee is a cost for buying into the existing system. Cost sharing by EDU's was clarified to mean the cost of the potential use of each lot.

Mr. Mullen said he was under the impression that no public work project can cast a homeowner more than the increased value of his property. Mr. Rudolph addressed this concern and opined that the actual cost will be borne by the individual beneficiaries via tapping fees. Mr. Heydt clarified that this project assumes that the individual lot owners would be responsible for 100% of the cost of the project.

Mr. Cox asked why alternative #1, gravity to Warminster, is so much more expensive than alternative #2. Mr. Heydt said the depth of excavation, including likely blasting and crossing the bridge factored into this.

Mr. Mullen asked what happens if someone simply cannot afford this. Mr. Heydt believes the collection process would not allow someone to lose their home. Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, notes most Water and Sewer Authorities have alternatives, such as low interest loans or liens.

A resident asked if there is grant money that can be applied for. Mr. Sullivan noted that there is not yet a definitive project.

Mr. Mullen asked if a copy of the report is available. Ms. Weniger said that anyone who wishes to have a copy of the report may fill out a right to know form to request it.

Ms. Algeo notes this was an information discussion and no decisions would be made this evening.

⇒ Bill Payments August 17, 2009 (exhibit)

General Fund Check N ^o : 16831 through 16879	\$	98,704.55
Park & Recreation Check N ^o : 5181 through 5202	\$	11,374.42
Park & Recreation Capital Projects Fund Check N ^o : 1013	\$	135.00
Capital Projects Fund Check N ^o : 1129	\$	<u>260.00</u>
Total -	\$	<u>110,473.97</u>

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve the August 17, 2009 Bill Payments, subject to audit.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Bill Payments September 8, 2009 (exhibit)

General Fund Check N ^o : 16880 through 16939	\$	177,120.58
Park & Recreation Check N ^o : 5230 through 5233	\$	10,794.58
Park & Recreation Capital Projects Fund Check N ^o : 1014	\$	1,943.00
Capital Projects Fund Check N ^o : 1130-1131	\$	3,525.00
Highway Aid Fund Check N ^o : 2544	\$	<u>76,346.12</u>
Total -	\$	<u>269,729.28</u>

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve the September 8, 2009 Bill Payments, subject to audit.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Treasurer's Report – July 2009 (exhibit)

General Fund	\$	4,561,712
Firehouse and Equipment		1,245,995
Road Machinery Fund		206,818
General Obligation / Sinking Fund		889,977
Open Space Fund		122,374
Capital Projects Fund		61,524
Highway Aid Fund		376,637
Parks and Recreation		582,627
Parks and Recreation Capital Fund		1,463,853
Capital Reserve		<u>544,963</u>
Total	\$	<u>10,056,480</u>

**Motion by Mr. Cox to accept the July 2009 Treasurer's Report, as prepared by Rose Christie, Finance Director, subject to audit.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

⇒ No report this evening.

■ **ENGINEER REPORT:**

⇒ LD 07-02 - Shanahan - Certify Project as Complete (exhibit)

Bryan M^cAdam, Township Engineer, presented certification of completion for Shanahan (LD 07-02).

**Motion by Mr. Cox to accept Certification of Completion of the Shanahan project, (LD 07-02) 1775 Stout Drive, as presented by the Township Engineer.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Warwick Meadows III (LD 07-01), Escrow Release N^o. 13 (exhibit)

Bryan M^cAdam, Township Engineer, presented Warwick Meadows III (LD 07-01), Escrow Release N^o. 13 in the amount of \$29,130.00 for approval.

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Warwick Meadows III (LD 07-01), Escrow Release N^o. 13, in the amount of \$29,130.00 (leaving a balance of \$221,531.85), as presented by the Township Engineer.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **OLD BUSINESS:**

➤ Ms. Weniger spoke of the pedestrian bridge abandonment, and said PennDOT has been requested to re-stake the property since the survey flags were immediately removed. Ms. Weniger noted that Buckingham has not yet moved forward with this project.

➤ The Board members noted that there were no obvious residents from Breton Hills present. Discussion took place regarding the importance of including them in an initial survey and giving them the information available tonight. The Board directed the manager to contact the WTWSA and ask that a mailing and meeting be held with these residents to assess immediate response.

➤ Mr. Thompson asked if there is news from Mignatti. Ms. Weniger said when Mignatti sells more houses, they will put additional three holes.

⇒ There was no new business to discuss.

■ **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

➤ Pat McCarty asked, regarding the Water and Sewer project, if the Township oversees the costs or just takes the pricing presented to us. Ms. Algeo said we do not oversee the Water and Sewer Authority but the project goes out for a public bid.

Mr. McCarty says he has asked about a discrepancy with Water and Sewer in December and still has not gotten an answer. Ms. Algeo reminded that the Water and Sewer Authority meeting is a public meeting and that Mr. McCarty should attend.

■ **ADJOURNMENT:**

The September 8, 2009, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail V. Weniger,
Township Manager/Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held: **September 21, 2009**