

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2008

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

Others Present: Gail Weniger, Township Manager
Dave Connell, Township Engineer
Steve Moyer, Township Solicitor
Tom Scott, Assistant Manager
Linda Grant, Recording Secretary

■ **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' December 15, 2008 public meeting, held at Warwick Township Administration Office, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA., was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Chair, Judith Algeo who then led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

■ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. December 1, 2008 (exhibit)

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the Board of Supervisors' December 1, 2008 public meeting minutes, as submitted.
Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

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 personnel.

■ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Ms. Algeo announced that the Township Administrative offices will be closed on December 24th, December 25th and January 1st, 2009.
2. Ms. Algeo also announced that the Board of Supervisors' Reorganization for 2009 will be held on Monday, January 5, 2009.

■ **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

➤ Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm, 2106 Wynn Way, are present to follow up on the matter involving his neighbor's farm animals and some other issues. Ms. Weniger said the only change in the issues is that the rooster is gone. Ms. Weniger said the Township is working with the

homeowner to get compliance. Tom Scott said the lot owner contacted Mike Imperial about scheduling an inspection, but is not sure the inspection has taken place. Mr. Wilhelm noted that Main Street has yet to replace the dead tree. Mr. Scott explained that the communication from Sharon Fidele is that Main Street had someone look at it and they believed they should wait until Spring to see if the tree is viable. Ms. Weniger noted that the tree is quite large reminded it would be hard to replace with the same and it is also not planting season. Mr. Wilhelm asked if we could inquire who Main Street hired to look at the tree. Ms. Weniger notes that the project is under the 18 month maintenance period and spring will be well within the maintenance period.

■ **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

⇒ Certificate of Appreciation - SPC Douglas C. Firely (exhibit)

Chair Algeo invited Mr. and Mrs. Firely to accept a certificate of appreciation for their son, SPC Douglas C. Firely, on behalf of the Board and all citizens of the United States.

⇒ 2009 Budget – Adoption (no exhibit)

Ms. Weniger reminded that the budget has been presented in November and after much discussion and work, the budget is as lean as possible. This budget anticipates a two mill increase in taxes and the addition of the Local Service Tax.

Ms. Algeo reported to the audience that the Board and staff have had five meetings regarding the budget and worked very hard, line by line. We have cut everything that possibly could be cut and are disappointed that we have a need to raise millage in order to cover some of our expenses.

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the adoption of the 2009 Budget, as presented by the Township Manager.
Second to motion by Mr. Cox.**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Resolution N^o. 2008-31 (exhibit)

Mr. Thompson read Resolution N^o. 2008-31 establishing the Real Estate Tax Rates for 2009:

Tax rate for general fund	6.25 mils
Tax rate for fire protection	1.25 mils
Tax rate for parks, playground and recreation	3.0 mils
Tax rate for payment of indebtedness on General obligations	4.0 mils
Tax rate for Road Machinery	.25 mils

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Resolution N^o. 2008-31, Establishing Real Estate Taxes for 2009.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Bill Payments – December 15, 2008 (exhibit)

General Fund check N ^o . 16011 – 16065	\$ 151,846.75
Parks & Recreation check N ^o . 4865 – 4879	\$ 219,356.81
Capital Projects Fund check N ^o . 1106	\$ 4,475.00
Open Space Fund check N ^o . 365 - 366	\$ 925.61
Firehouse & Equipment Fund check N ^o . 224	\$ 7,166.27
Road Machinery Fund check N ^o . 143	\$ <u>1,413.76</u>
Total	\$ <u>385,202.20</u>

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Bill Payments for December 15, 2008, subject to audit.
Second to Second to motion by Mr. Cox.**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **ASSISTANT MANAGER:**

Ms. Weniger noted there is no item under the Assistant Manager Report, but announced that the Tom Scott, Assistant Manager will be leaving Warwick Township after five years of service and he will be missed.

■ **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

⇒ Moland House Trail Easement and Plan (PennDOT HOP) (exhibit)

Steve Moyer, Township Solicitor, presented the matter for execution. Mr. Moyer noted the State will not sign the agreement until the Board of Supervisors has signed. Mr. Thompson asked about any time frame with this document, reminding that the trail may not be in for another five years. Ms. Algeo and Mr. Cox had the same question. Mr. Moyer explained that this is a permanent agreement. Mr. Connell said that he believes an easement is forever and is not aware of any time clause.

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the Moland House Trail Easement.
Second to motion by Mr. Cox.**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Berkheimer Resolutions for LST (Local Service Tax) (exhibit)

Resolution N^o. 2008-32 – Authorize Agreement with Berkheimer
Resolution N^o. 2008-33 – Appoint Berkheimer as Tax Hearing Officer
Resolution N^o. 2008-34 – Authorize Berkheimer to Impose and Collect Delinquent Taxes
Resolution N^o. 2008-35 – Appoint Township Finance Director as Liaison to Berkheimer

Steve Moyer, Township Solicitor, presented resolutions regarding the Local Service Tax.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve:

Resolution N^o. 2008-32 – Authorize Agreement with Berkheimer

Resolution N^o. 2008-33 – Appoint Berkheimer as Tax Hearing Officer

**Resolution N^o. 2008-34 – Authorize Berkheimer to Impose and Collect
Delinquent Taxes**

**Resolution N^o. 2008-35 – Appoint Township Finance Director as Liaison to
Berkheimer.**

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Fry Easement Agreement (exhibit)

Steve Moyer, Township Solicitor, presented a signed first amendment for the conservation easement from Mrs. Fry.

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the Fry Easement Agreement, as presented by
the Township Solicitor.**

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Dovidio Stormwater Management – Maintenance Agreement (exhibit)

Steve Moyer, Township Solicitor, presented the Dovidio Stormwater Management Maintenance Agreement, noting that this is a standard agreement that the Township requires for all developers.

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the Dovidio Stormwater Management
Maintenance Agreement, as presented by the Township Solicitor.**

Second to motion by Ms. Algeo.

Mr. Cox stated that he would abstain from this vote since the matter is from prior to Mr. Cox being on the Board.

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

Motion passed.

(E. Thompson, J. Algeo – in favor; J. Cox – abstained)

- ⇒ Hatboro Federal Development Agreement and Memorandum of Development Agreement (exhibit)

Mr. Thomas, attorney for Hatboro Federal and Mr. Tryon, President of Hatboro Federal were present should there be any questions. Mr. Thomas delivered the check for the financial security and noted that they will pick up signed mylars tomorrow.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Hatboro Federal Savings Development Agreement/Memorandum of Development Agreement, as presented by the Township Solicitor.

Second to agreement by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **ENGINEER REPORT:**

- ⇒ Shanahan Land Development - Escrow Release N^o. 3 (exhibit)

Dave Connell, Township Engineer, presented Shanahan Land Development - Escrow Release N^o. 3, in the amount of \$81,685.00, for approval.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Shanahan Land Development - Escrow Release N^o. 3, in the amount of \$81,685.00 (leaving a balance of \$113,246.00).

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss this evening.

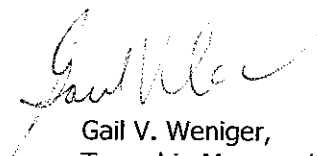
■ **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss this evening.

■ **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment this evening.

■ **ADJOURNMENT:**

The December 15, 2008, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail V. Weniger,
Township Manager/Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held: **January 20, 2009**

