

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2009

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

Others Present: Gail Weniger, Township Manager
Dave Connell, Township Engineer
Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor
Linda Grant, Recording Secretary

■ **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' June 1, 2009 public meeting, held at Warwick Township Administration Office, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA., was called to order at 7:04 p.m., by Chair, Judith Algeo who then led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

■ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

⇒ May 18, 2009 Board of Supervisors' public meeting minutes. (exhibit)

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Board of Supervisors' public meeting minutes for May 18, 2009, as submitted.

Second to motion by Ms. Algeo.

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

Motion passed.

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

■ **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 Board of Supervisors and Warwick Water and Sewer Authority meeting scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2009, has been cancelled.

■ **CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

There were no citizens' comments this evening.

■ **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- ⇒ Brothers Pizza – Corridor Overlay Sign Approval (tabled from May 18) (exhibit)

Ms. Weniger noted that Mr. Cox will abstain from discussion or decision on this issue since Mr. Cox has an interest in the property.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to grant approval for Brothers Pizza Corridor Overlay Sign. Second to motion by Ms. Algeo.

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

Motion passed.

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

- ⇒ Resolution N^o. 2009-15 – Creation of Reserve Account Policy (exhibit)

Mr. Cox asked if there was a clause to require reimbursement of funds used within a certain time period and Mr. Thompson asked about the suggested 5% to 15% reserve. Ms. Weniger noted the recommendation is 15% of the revenues and will fluctuate with each years financial statement. She based the recommendation on the build up of the community and the security of the bonds and borrowing of the Township. Also, Ms. Weniger noted that the budget will require that the 15% reserve account will always be maintained, even if taxes have to be raised to replace the reserve.

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Resolution N^o. 2009-15 – Creation of Reserve Account Policy, as presented. 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. 2009-16 – Intergovernmental Cooperation (exhibit)

Gail Weniger reported that this is a cooperative project with Northampton Township to apply for a grant from the DEP for the installation of energy saving LED traffic and street lights. Warwick's contribution is to be in the amount of \$18,500. The total amount applied for is \$375,000, half of which would be used by Warwick Township to purchase and install LED lights.

Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Resolution N^o. 2009-16 – Intergovernmental Cooperation grant application to the DEP for the installation of LED lights in the amount of \$18,500. Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒	Bill Payments June 1, 2009 (exhibit)		
	General Fund		
	Check N ^o : 16624 through 16656	\$	92,734.74
	Park & Recreation		
	Check N ^o : 5041 through 5068	\$	18,496.16
	Capital Projects Fund		
	Check N ^o : 1124 through 1125	\$	5,274.30
	Highway Aid Fund		
	Check N ^o : 2541	\$	<u>1,765.50</u>
	Total -	\$	<u>118,270.70</u>

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve the June 1, 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.

■ **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

⇒ Resolution N^o. 2009-17 – Financial Default Resolution LD 04-04 Warwick Office Park (Commonwydds) (exhibit)

Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, explained that Dave Connell, Township Engineer, has done a punch list for Warwick Office Park and the Township will pull letter of credit for unfinished items before the next Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Mr. Thompson inquired about the line striping at the Route 263 and Kendarbren intersection. Dave Connell, Township Engineer, explained that some line painting that was done by PennDOT, not the applicant, and things are improved, but it is not yet 100%.

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Resolution N^o. 2009-17, Financial Default regarding LD 04-04, Warwick Office Park, as presented by the Township Solicitor.
Second to motion by Mr. Thompson.**

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

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **ENGINEER REPORT:**

⇒ Stormwater Requirements

Dave Connell, Township Engineer, reported that stormwater requirements will be changing after the current extensions expire in March 2010. Mr. Connell explained that the new rules will need to be adopted and recommends that the Bucks Consortium should consider piggybacking with the Montgomery County so their voices will be heard by the DEP regarding the upcoming regulations, which will be costly to Warwick Township to implement.

Mr. Thompson asked if water runoff will be tied in with the regulations. Mr. Connell said yes and also spoke of non-source point pollutants which are the debris, car oils and such that flow from road surfaces during heavy rains. Mr. Cox asked about the requirements for rain gardens. Mr. Connell noted that the Township can choose two of seven measures to meet regulations. This could be a two acre rain garden this year, and then possibly plant 1,000 saplings next year. Mr. Connell also noted the new rules will require a map of the entire Township's sewerage system. Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, reports that there was litigation for a Township that failed to meet this requirement.

⇒ LD 07-02 Shanahan Land Development (1775 Stout Drive) , Escrow Release N^o. 5 (exhibit)

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve LD 07-02 Shanahan Land Development (1775 Stout Drive) , Escrow Release N^o. 5, in the amount of \$24,830.00 (leaving a balance of \$36,321.00) 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.

⇒ LD 07-01 Warwick Meadows III, Escrow Release N^o. 11 (exhibit)

**Motion by Mr. Cox to approve Warwick Meadows III, Escrow Release N^o. 11, in the amount of \$8,655.00 (leaving a balance of \$271,221.85), 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:** There was no Old Business to discuss.

■ **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Weniger noted that the Township, in addition to the LED lights, is applying for grants for other energy efficient items, such as green screens, an energy efficient HVAC system, and solar panels.

■ **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

➤ John Meyer is asking to be informed of what is going on with the Warwick Office Park. Ms. Weniger suggested that Mr. Meyer submit a request for information and if he has an email, items can be emailed to him at no cost. Ms. Eberle will send Mr. Meyer the default resolution that was approved this evening.

■ **ADJOURNMENT:**

The June 1, 2009, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail V. Weniger,
Township Manager/Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held: **June 15, 2009**