

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Meeting
June 10, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

Present:

Daniel M. Littley, Chairman
Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, Vice Chairman
H. Charles Wilson, III
James P. Sinz
John V. Gottschall

Staff:

Robert A. Ford, Township Manager
John T. Dooley, Esquire, Township Solicitor
Russell Benner, P.E., Township Engineer
Joseph Leis, Director of Community Planning
P. Tim Dickinson, Chief of Police

Chairman Littley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 Chairman Littley announced the Board held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and potential legal issues.

10 Chairman Littley stated there will be an “Open House” at the Towamencin Pool this Friday, June 12th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. All are invited to come out and try the pool facility for free during the Open House.

15 Chairman Littley noted the Township Environmental Advisory Committee will be meeting tomorrow, June 11th, at 7:00 pm here in the public meeting room. The Strategic Planning Committee is also meeting tomorrow, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom meeting room. The Technology Assessment and Innovation Committee will hold their first meeting on Tuesday June 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the public meeting room.

20 Chairman Littley announced the “Home Run Derby” will be held at 10:00 am this Saturday June 13th down at Fischer’s Park. The annual competition run by the Towamencin Fire Company and the Phillies is open to all boys and girls ages 8-15. Winning Hitters (three in each division) advance to the next level and are eligible for competing at Citizens Bank Park. Registration takes place the day of the event.

Chairman Littley stated the first “Flick-n-Float” of the Towamencin Pool’s 2009 season is scheduled for Sunday June 21st starting at 8:15 pm. The movie will be “Kung Fu Panda.” He

encouraged everyone to come out and watch the movie from the pool. The event is free to all Pool Members and Township Residents. The snack bar will be open.

Chairman Littley announced that Flag Day will be celebrated on June 14, 2009.

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Schwenckfeld Manor Presentation

Chairman Littley stated that recently the Township’s Special Events Committee initiated a fundraising effort in order to broaden and expand the special events presented to the Community throughout the year. We are pleased to welcome this evening Mr. Bill Brown, the Executive Director of Schwenckfeld Manor, who has most graciously responded to this appeal.

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Mr. Bill Brown presented a \$2,500 check to Dr. Hollenbeck for a contribution to the Special Events Program.

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Public Comment

Joe Silverman, 1315 Reiff Road, had questions on the status of the Township’s Stormwater Management Plan.

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Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2009

On motion of Mr. Gottschall seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved the minutes of May 27, 2009 as written.

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Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, John V. Gottschall

Voting No: N/A

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Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

EGGS Planning Proposal

Chairman Littley noted at the Board’s May 27th meeting, Towamencin Township had been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for a mixed-use park and ride feasibility study on Turnpike owned land in Kulpsville at the Lansdale Interchange. As requested by the Township, the firm of Simone-Collins has submitted a proposed agreement to conduct the study in compliance with the scope-of-work approved by DVRPC. The cost of the study is \$50,000.

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On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Dr. Tom Hollenbeck, the Board accepted the proposal of Simone-Collins to conduct a feasibility study for the park and ride facility.

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Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, John V. Gottschall

Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

5 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized the administration to have the DVRPC \$40,000 Grant application signed by the Chairman and Secretary when it comes in.

10 **Voting Yes:** Daniel M. Littley, Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, John V. Gottschall

Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

15 **Intergovernmental Agreement for Legal Services for Stormwater Regulatory Support**

Chairman Littley stated that Montgomery Township, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities, has approached Towamencin Township and other municipalities suggesting that it is in the best interests of their residents to cooperate in obtaining legal services to assist them in assessing the legal and regulatory impacts and implications of the proposed new MS4 permit and the associated state-generated model storm water management ordinances that are proposed to be adopted this summer.

25 Mr. Greg Hufnagel of CMX Engineering provided a summary of the new NPDES process.

The Board directed Staff to prepare a letter to the State Elected Officials expressing concern of this unfunded mandate.

30 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gottschall, directed the Staff to prepare a resolution and agreement for consideration at the June 24, 2009 meeting to join the Consortium efforts.

Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, John V. Gottschall

35 **Voting No:** N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Final Punch List for PSDC/SKF Land Development

40 The Board acknowledged receipt of the punch list completed by the Township Engineer and directed that it be forwarded to the developer.

Additional Business

45 Debra Meckley, 213 Fernwood Court expressed concerns about their neighbor at 211 Fernwood Court constructing a berm that is blocking a swale on their property.

Chairman Littley advised that he would meet with the Township Engineer, Solicitor and Development Director to gather additional information and will respond to the Meckleys.

5 There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



10 Robert A. Ford
Township Manager

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