

**Towamencin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Work Session Meeting  
August 12, 2009  
7:30 p.m.**

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**Present:**

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

15 **Staff:**

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

Chairman Littley called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

25 **Commendation – Jeremy Edwards Eagle Scout**

The Board made a presentation to Jeremy Edwards recognizing his achievements of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

30 **Opening Comments**

Chairman Littley announced the Board held an executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel issues and matters of potential litigation.

35 Chairman Littley stated that the Township will hold a Flick and Float on August 23 at the pool. Entrance is free to all Township residents and current pool members.

Chairman Littley stated there will be a second open house to discuss the proposed sewer line from Merck to the UGTMA plant. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Chairman Littley noted the Township received correspondence from the Montgomery County Commissioners' Solicitor regarding the condition of Sumneytown Pike and associated litigation.

45 Chairman Littley announced that TD Bank made a donation of \$1,000 to sponsor the Township's Turkey Trot.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Starkweather, 1503 Kriebel Road asked questions about the condition of Sumneytown Pike.

5 Dr. Oberst, 105 Westminster Court, had questions regarding his Dr. Drill program.

Chairman Littley stated he offered to meet with Dr. Oberst and the Township Manager on two separate occasions to discuss the specifics and to see if an amicable solution could be reached. However, Dr. Oberst declined both invitations.

10 Karen Anthony, 102 Revere Drive, noted she supports the Dr. Drill program.

Diane Banchi, 435 Candlewood Drive, is also in support of the Dr. Drill program at Fischer’s Park.

15 Robert and Karen Bausman, 1357 Michael Way noted they support the Dr. Drill program.

Valerie Skripek, 2021 Kriebel Road, also supports the program.

20 George Park, 401 Candlewood Way thinks we need a better process for scheduling recreation events.

Chairman Littley again invited Dr. Oberst to meet with him and the Township Manager at the end of next week. Dr. Oberst agreed to do so.

25 Dave Mosesso, 1929 Old Forty Foot Road, wanted to clear up the statement that he was a detractor of the program.

**Approval of Minutes – July 22, 2009**

30 On motion of Dr. Hollenbeck, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved the minutes of July 22, 2009 as written.

35 **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

40 **Resolution 09-31: CFC Towamencin Properties, Inc., (Wawa) Final Plan Approval**

Chairman Littley noted the Resolution before the Board of Supervisors is to grant final plan approval for this land development.

The site is located on Forty Foot Road near Welsh Road, and is zoned “C” Commercial. The applicant is seeking approval of phase 1, which includes a proposed Wawa and the construction of the improvements on the Township open space.

5 Mr. Gottschall asked about the offer by Wawa to provide the A-frame or a new “innovative style” roof over the gas pumps. Dave Woelkers of CFC advised that Wawa would be pleased to come back when the project is underway and let the Board decide which roof they prefer.

10 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 09-31 granting final plan approval for the CFC Towamencin Properties, Inc. land development.

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

**Voting No:** N/A

15 **Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

**Resolution 09-32: PSDC Town Square Stage II-A Preliminary Plan Approval**

20 Chairman Littley stated the project is located at the intersection of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue. It is for a proposed Hotel, Restaurant and Office Building.

25 Mr. Gottschall advised that he proposes an amendment to the resolution that if in the future the Township determines that additional through lanes are required on Towamencin Avenue the developer shall provide off-street parking equal to the number lost from the removal of on-street parking and pay for any improvements on Towamencin Avenue including the removal of any concrete islands.

30 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 09-32 granting preliminary plan approval for the PSDC Town Square Stage II-A as amended by Mr. Gottschall.

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

**Voting No:** N/A

35 **Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

**Resolution 09-33: PSDC Town Square Stage II-C Preliminary Plan Approval**

40 Chairman Littley stated that the project is located at the intersection of Forty Foot Road and Towamencin Avenue. It is for a proposed three story 41,850 sq. ft. Retail/Office Building.

45 Mr. Gottschall advised that he proposes an amendment to the resolution that if in the future the Township determines that additional through lanes are required on Towamencin Avenue the developer shall provide off-street parking equal to the number lost from the removal of on-street

parking and pay for any improvements on Towamencin Avenue including the removal of any concrete islands.

5 On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Dr. Hollenbeck, the Board adopted Resolution 09-32 granting preliminary plan approval for the PSDC Town Square Stage II-A as amended by Mr. Gottschall.

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

10 **Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

**Zoning Hearing Board Application 2009-07: Clearwire: 1501 Delp Drive**

15 Chairman Littley noted the applicant is proposing a modification and change to an existing cell tower. The property is within the Limited Industrial Zoning District. The existing tower was approved under application No. 93-16.

20 It was the consensus of the Board not to send the Township Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board to oppose the applicant.

**Univest Grand Prix – Permit Request**

25 Chairman Littley stated this issue was tabled by the Board at their July 22, 2009 meeting.

Chairman Littley noted Univest has contacted area municipalities, including Towamencin Township, to express their interest in again scheduling their Grand Prix bicycle race on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The Grand Prix is an internationally recognized cycling race that focuses on developing amateurs into professional cyclists.

30 The race had been run in previous years, but was been centered on Souderton Borough and points north. In 2006, the route was altered to include Towamencin Township and other municipalities in the North Penn and Indian Valley regions. The proposed route for this year will remain the same as was used in the last two years and include a portion of Forty Foot Road, Welch Road, Allentown Road, and a short section of Wambold Road. As last year, it is anticipated that all bicyclists would be in and through Towamencin Township during a 16-minute period from 10:51 am to 11:07 am. All of these are state roads.

35 The organizer of the event, “Sparta Cycling, Inc.” has advised that PennDOT has changed their procedures for permitting the race. The form from the past that requested the Townships/Boroughs take responsibility for the race has been eliminated. Municipalities, however, need to contact PennDOT to let them know whether the Township approves of the race coming through.

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Each of the previous year's events has cost the Township in unreimbursed overtime in order to provide police traffic control at various intersections.

5 Mr. Littley advised the Board that he had met with Sparta and Univest representatives last week and learned that they do not reimburse police overtime costs for any municipalities, but that they agreed to support other township functions in park and recreation. Additionally, Univest advised that they were interested in supporting special events such as Towamencin Township Day.

10 Mr. Gottschall noted that Univest had been past supporters of Township events.

On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board authorized the permit request from Univest.

15 **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

20 **Request for Fire Police – Whitpain Township**

Chairman Littley noted that Whitpain Township has requested the assistance of Fire Police from various Montgomery County municipalities, including Towamencin Township, to assist in providing coverage for the Lance Armstrong Foundation event scheduled on August 23, 2009. The event, which starts and terminates at the Montgomery County Community College, is expected to draw 2,500 bike riders and 2,500 runners.

25 On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized Fire Police assistance to Whitpain Township on August 23, 2009.

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

**Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

35 **Absent:** N/A

**Acceptance of Proposal – Fischer's Park Parking Lot Design & Bid Services**

40 Chairman Littley explained the Township Engineer had prepared a proposal for plan preparation, permitting, contract administration, and construction inspection services associated with the parking lot expansion for Fischer's Park that is to be funded through the \$281,964 grant the Township recently received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The total amount of the Township Engineer's proposal is \$20,000. This proposal was discussed at a Board meeting in June, but was not accepted as the Township did not know at the time whether  
45 our grant application had been approved.

Mr. Ford noted that his memo was incorrect and that the correct amount of the proposal was \$40,000, which included construction services by CMX.

5 Mr. John Gottschall questioned if the Township had sought bids for the proposal. Mr. Ford advised that bids were not sought due to the very tight time constraints of the grant application process for the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act” funding.

10 On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Dr. Hollenbeck, the Board accepted the proposal for CMX for the design and bid services of the Fischer’s Park parking lot.

**Voting Yes:** Daniel M. Littley, Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson,  
John V. Gottschall  
**Voting No:** N/A  
**Abstaining:** N/A  
15 **Absent:** N/A

**Authorization to Seek Bids: Fischer’s Park Parking Lot / PENNVEST Grant**

20 Chairman Littley stated the Township was notified in mid-July that it had been awarded a \$281,964 grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to construct a 35,910 square foot pervious parking lot with an infiltration bed and bioretention basins at Fischer’s Park to reduce the runoff of suspended solids, nitrates and phosphorous into Towamencin Creek. Staff is seeking approval to release bids for the construction of this project with an anticipated bid opening date of September 16, 2009.

25 On motion of Dr. Tom Hollenbeck, seconded by Mr. Gottschall, the Board authorized the administration to release bids for the Fischer’s Park parking lot project.

**Voting Yes:** Daniel M. Littley, Dr. Thomas Hollenbeck, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson,  
30 John V. Gottschall  
**Voting No:** N/A  
**Abstaining:** N/A  
**Absent:** N/A

35 **2009 Paving Program Amendment – Additional of Quarry Road and Keeler Road (Troxel Road to Quarry Road)**

40 Chairman Littley stated at their July 22, 2009 meeting, the Board awarded the 2009 road paving contract to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for the amount of \$334,250. As the amount budgeted for this work was \$458,000, the Public Works Director has recommended that Quarry Road and Keeler Road (from Troxel Road to Quarry Road) be added to the list of roads to be paved. This would increase the contract cost with Blooming Glen by \$85,000.

45 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized the amendment to the 2009 Road Program to include the additional roads recommended by the Public Works Director.

The Board also passed on “kudos” to Dave Hillmantel and the entire Public Works Department.

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

5 **Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

### **Transportation Improvements Update**

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Chairman Littley introduced Matt Johnston, P.E. of Pennoni Associates, Towamencin Township Traffic Engineers, who provided a status summary of transportation improvements currently under construction, or anticipated to commence in the near future.

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Mr. Johnston recommended that the Township submit the same two projects for the Transportation Improvement Plan consideration that were done two years ago – Valley Forge Road and Sumneytown Pike intersection improvements, and the bridge at Bustard Road and Kriebel Road.

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The Board agreed with the recommendation of Mr. Johnston for the Transportation Improvement Plan submission.

### **Additional Business**

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Pictures of the Boorse House Historical Story boards that were to be part of the Walgreen’s Drug Store development on Forty Foot Road were shown to the Board.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Robert A. Ford  
Township Manager

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