

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Meeting
September 9, 2009**

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
Gary Wacker, Police Sergeant
Peter Simone, Planning Consultant

Chairman Littley called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Advanced Community Living

5 Mr. Bill Brown, Executive Director, of Advanced Living Community presented a check for \$5,913 to the Volunteer Fire Company.

Opening Comments

10 Chairman Littley stated the Board held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

15 Chairman Littley stated everyone should come out to Fischer's Park to the Kids Pumpkin Fest on October 2nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Paint your pumpkin with a scary face or anyway you want. Enjoy free cider and cookies and get your face painted. There will also be an interactive scary story told. Afterwards stay and check out a view of the sky at our star watching party. Cost is \$1 per pumpkin. Pumpkins available while supplies last.

20 Chairman Littley noted that the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a Chicken Bar-B-Que on this Saturday, September 12th.

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Public Comment

Gus Pedicone, 43 Westhampton Way, expressed concern about the traffic issues associated with the Troxel Road alignment.

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Approval of Minutes – August 26, 2009

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved the minutes of August 26, 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

Abstaining: N/A

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Absent: N/A

Alderfer Subdivision – Request for an Extension

Chairman Littley stated the project is located on Orvilla Road near Weikel. The applicant is proposing a three-lot subdivision. There are two new lots proposed that will be flag lots. The existing dwelling will remain. The applicant received plan approval from the Board on August 13, 2008 and is requesting an extension to September 24, 2010.

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On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Dr. Hollenbeck, the Board authorized the applicant’s request for an extension until September 24, 2010.

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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

PSDC Town Square Phase IIA and IIC – Consider Amending Preliminary Plan Resolution

Chairman Littley stated the applicant has requested to appear before the Board to request amending the conditions in the resolutions that granted Preliminary Plan approval to PSDC Town Square Stage II-A and II-C specifying 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.”*

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Marc Davis, Esquire, representing the applicant, stated the lender would not provide funding for the project with the conditions in the Resolutions pertaining to on street parking.

Mr. Gottschall expressed his concern that Towamencin Avenue is owned by taxpayers of Towamencin Township and that the developer should be required to provide adequate reserve parking.

5 Dr. Hollenbeck noted that it was his understanding that Towamencin Avenue was never to be a travel lane road, but a 2- lane travel, parking on the sides, and “pedestrian friendly” and asked Peter Simone, Township Planning Consultant to comment on the issue.

Mr. Simone summarized several concerns.

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Mr. Dooley suggested that he and Mr. Davis work together to draft a revised resolution that is acceptable to both the Township and the developer’s lender.

The Board directed the issue to be tabled until the September 23 meeting.

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Resolution 09-35: Police Pension MMO

Chairman Littley stated the required municipal contribution, referred to as the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), is calculated annually. The MMO represents the Township’s annual funding requirement. The calculation must be prepared for the upcoming calendar year, certified by the Administration, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors by the last business day of September.

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On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 09-35 approving the MMO for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$511,140.00.

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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

Resolution 09-36: Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan MMO

Chairman Littley stated the required municipal contribution, referred to as the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), and is calculated annually. The MMO represents the Township’s annual funding requirement. The calculation must be prepared for the upcoming calendar year, certified by the Administration, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors by the last business day of September.

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On motion of Dr. Hollenbeck, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 09-36 approving the MMO for the Non-Uniform Employee Pension Plan in the amount of \$104,702.00.

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

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Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Resolution 09-37: Appointment to the County’s Tax Collection Committee

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Chairman Littley noted that under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act 32 that was enacted
in July 2008 the current earned income tax collection process will be restructured to create
county-wide Tax Collection Districts. These new districts will have boundaries that are
congruent geographically with current county lines. The new earned income tax collection
10 system for each Tax Collection District will be organized under a Tax Collection Committee
(TCC), which will be the governing body for each District. TCC membership will be composed
of one voting delegate from the governing body of each municipality and school district within
the county that levies the Earned Income Tax. Each taxing jurisdiction that imposes an Earned
Income Tax is required to appoint one voting delegate and one or more alternates prior to
15 September 15, 2009. The delegates and alternates serve at the pleasure of the appointing body.

At their May 13, 2009 meeting, the Towamencin Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor H.
Charles Wilson, III as the Township’s delegate. The County has since advised that the
appointment must be made through a formal resolution, and that an alternate delegate must also
20 be identified.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Hollenbeck, the Board appointed Jim Sinz as the
alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Committee.

25 **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

30 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 09-37 appointing
H. Charles Wilson, III as delegate and James P. Sinz as alternate to the District’s Tax Collection
Committee.

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 09-38: Amendment to Resolution 09-26 – PENNVEST Application / Fischer’s
Park Best Management Stormwater Improvements**

Chairman Littley The Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 09-26 on May 27, 2009
45 affirming its authorization to submit a Financial Assistance Application to the Pennsylvania
Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) in the amount of \$281,963.70 for the

purpose of financing the construction of and improvement of the storm water collection and treatment facilities and pervious parking at Fischer’s Park. The actual grant amount awarded was \$281,964.00. PENNVEST has requested that the Township provide an amended resolution reflecting the actual amount of the grant.

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On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 09-38 amending Resolution 09-26 for the PENNVEST grant application.

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 – North Penn Traffic Signal (with Upper Gwynedd Township)**

20 Chairman Littley stated this agreement provides for the shared maintenance cost of the new traffic signal at the North Penn High School driveway and McAuliffe Drive with Upper Gwynedd Township. Towamencin Township would ensure the maintenance and repair of this signal with Upper Gwynedd Township paying for 50% of the costs.

25 It was the consensus of the Board to table this agreement until Staff could explore a three way agreement with the Townships and the North Penn High School.

Request for Fire Police Assistance – Upper Merion Township – 130th Convention of Fireman’s Association of the State of PA

30 Chairman Littley noted that Upper Merion Township is requesting assistance of Fire Police for Traffic Control and pedestrian safety during the parade to celebrate the 130th Convention of the Fireman’s Association on Saturday September 26, 2009.

35 On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved the request for assistance of the Fire Police on September 26, 2009.

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

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

40 **Absent:** N/A

Request for Fire Police Assistance – Upper Gwynedd Township

45 Chairman Littley noted that Upper Gwynedd Township is requesting assistance of Fire Police for Traffic Control and pedestrian safety during their annual Township Carnival that is to be held from Thursday September 24th through Sunday September 27th 2009.

