

**Board of Supervisors
Work Session Meeting
April 14, 2010
7:30 p.m.**

Present:

Daniel M. Littley, Jr., 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
Joseph Leis, Director of Community Planning
P. Tim Dickinson, Chief of Police
William Dingman, Sanitary Sewer Engineer

Chairman Littley called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments

5 Chairman Littley announced the Township has mailed out the 2010 Tax and Sewer bills. The 2% discount period will be ending April 30, 2010. The sewer rental for 2010 is included with the real estate tax bill that you should have already received. The sewer and tax bills are sent in the same envelope and labeled: TAX and SEWER BILLS ENCLOSED. If you have not
10 received the Tax and Sewer bill, please notify the Township Administration.

Chairman Littley stated that as of this morning, Towamencin Township has had an 82% response rate for the 2010 Census. He encouraged all residents to respond back to the Census.

15 Chairman Littley announced that the International Spring Festival is being held this Saturday, April 17th at the North Penn High School.

Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2010

20 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved the minutes of March 24, 2010 as written.

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

25 **Voting No:** N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Application: Clear Wireless LLC

5 Solicitor John Dooley summarized the application and process.

The applicant was represented by Mike Grab, Esquire.

10 A court recorder was present to make a detailed transcript of the hearing which will be kept on file at the Township Office.

The hearing was closed and the Township Solicitor advised that the Board would render a decision within forty-five days.

15 **Request for Hook up to Public Sewer - 2090 Old Morris Road**

Chairman Littley stated the administration has received a request to tie into the public sewer system.

20 Township Sanitary Sewer Engineer, Bill Dingman, summarized the issue and identified the property in question. He noted that focus of the issue was whether the Township wished to extend the public sewer service in to a “non-growth” area as designated in the Township’s Act 537 Plan.

25 Chairman Littley asked if the Township and Authority had capacity to accept these flows. Mr. Dingman advised that they do.

Dr. Hollenbeck asked if anyone could confirm that the nearby property was deed restricted.

30 Joe Leis, Director of Community Planning, advised that the nearby Kulp Farm was in discussions with Montgomery County to preserve a portion of the farm.

Mr. Gottschall opined that it might be best to handle the application such as this on a case by case basis.

35 Chairman Littley indicated that the Board would take it under advisement.

Park Facility Reservation – Policy for Non-Township Residents

40 Chairman Littley stated it has always been the policy of the Township to reserve the rental of park facilities to strictly residents. Non-residents are welcome to use the park, however, they cannot reserve pavilions strictly for their use. Should someone that is not a resident wish to reserve the pavilions, we would require a resident from their party fill out the permit and submit the appropriate fees.

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Chairman Littley noted that the Administration has received a request from a non-resident who is claiming that she was allowed to reserve the pavilions at Fischer's Park for the last two years for a higher rental fee. She has been informed of the Township's existing policy and is requesting the Board reconsider amending the policy to allow non-residents to reserve the park facilities.

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After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow a onetime approval for Jennifer Engart of Lower Salford Township to allow a reservation for the event on May 23, 2010 since a three year old was involved and she had been allowed to reserve it before.

10 However, the Board directed Mr. Ford to prepare a draft amendment to Chapter 107 (Parks) of the Code of Towamencin Township that specifies that only Township residents or businesses may reserve a Township park facility.

Additional Business

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Boat House Pavilion at Fischer's Park

20 Dr. Hollenbeck summarized a proposed improvement of the existing Boat House pavilion at Fischer's Park. Dr. Hollenbeck asked for the consensus of the Board to retain this older pavilion and to possibly have an area for special needs residents.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward on this issue.

25 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

30 Robert A. Ford
Township Manager

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