

**Towamencin Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Meeting  
April 28, 2010  
7:30 pm**

**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

Chairman Littley called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The Boy Scouts led the group in the singing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Recognition of 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting**

Chairman Littley announced that Towamencin Township is recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America this evening to note respect for the organization and the individuals who have achieved Eagle Scout.

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The floor was turned over to Supervisor Hollenbeck who provided a presentation of the history of the Boy Scouts and the projects completed in Towamencin by Eagle Scouts.

Supervisor Hollenbeck introduced State Representative Kate Harper who presented a proclamation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to the Boy Scouts and Towamencin recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouts.

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**Commendation**

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Chairman Littley noted the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, is recognizing three local workmen for their actions while assisting a victim involved in a serious motor vehicle crash on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The accident occurred on Sunday, November 8, 2009, 7:47 AM, in the southbound lanes of the PA Turnpike at mile marker 24.4.

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Chairman Littley introduced Chief Dean Miller of the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Department.

5 Chief Miller summarized the events of the November 8, 2009 accident and introduced William Capone of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Chief Miller presented “Living Saving Recognition Awards” to Joseph McAlary, John Hood and David Korn who rescued Mrs. Nancy Witko following her accident.

### **Opening Comments**

10 Chairman Littley announced the Board met in executive session prior to this evening’s meeting to discuss personnel issues, real estate matters, and issues of potential litigation.

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

20 Chairman Littley stated the Ladies Auxiliary of the Towamencin Fire Company is holding a flower sale, hoagie sale and shredder event along with a Girl Scout car wash on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bustard Road Fire Station. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue until all flowers are sold.

25 Chairman Littley noted that this Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Morgan Log House will be holding a craft fair from 11 am to 4 pm.

30 Chairman Littley stated that PennDOT was to begin paving Welsh Road between Forty Foot Road and Orvilla Road next week.

### **Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2010**

35 On motion of Dr. Hollenbeck, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the minutes of April 14, 2010 as written.

**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

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## Committee Reports

### Finance Committee

5 Supervisor Wilson reported to the Board the Finance Committee's findings from their last meeting on April 22, 2010.

He noted there were three issues for the Board to consider tonight:

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1. I & I Work that will be discussed later in tonight's agenda.
  2. Public Work's request to hire two summer helpers to assist in the mowing.
  3. The administration's request to codify the ordinances from the last two years in the amount of \$4,000 to \$6,000.

15 On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Dr. Hollenbeck, the Board authorized the hiring of two summer employees for the Public Works Department as well as the codification of the Township Ordinances.

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

**Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

25 Environmental Advisory Committee

Mr. Ford reported that the Environmental Advisory Council had met on March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup> and addressed the following:

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1. Environmental Awareness Day has been rescheduled from April to Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
  2. Crystal Gilchrist, Executive Director of the Perkiomen Watershed, attended the April meeting and presented recommendations on how to address the recent concerns with  
35 standing water at Drinnon Park. It was suggested that any work done at Drinnon Park could serve as a model on how residents might resolve water drainage issues on their own property.
  3. The Council continues to monitor the expected update to the MS4 requirements that the  
40 Pennsylvania DEP should be releasing in the very near future.

Technology Committee

45 Chairman Littlely noted the Committee was working to identify automated systems to improve efficiency.

He stated the IT Director is preparing an updated list of hardware and software for the Committee to review and make recommendations to the Strategic Planning Committee at a later date.

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**Request for Hook up to Public Sewer**

2090 Old Morris Road

10 Mr. Ford stated at the Board's meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board was presented with the request from the resident of 2090 Morris Road to connect to the Public Sewer System. The resident proposes to service his property with a grinder pump with the connection to the public system in Spring Mill Way. Per the current Towamencin Act 537 Plan, the subject property is not in the Township's sewer growth area.

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1901 Old Forty Foot Rd.

Mr. Ford stated the Township received a request from the resident of 1901 Old Forty Foot Road to connect to the Public Sewer System. This property is near the other property (2090 Old Morris Rd.) that made a similar request in recent weeks. Per the current Towamencin Act 537 Plan, the subject property is also not in the Township's sewer growth area. The Township's Sanitary Sewer Engineer has recommended that should both properties be allowed to connect to the public sewer, that there be one force main in the Spring Mill Way portion in lieu of two.

25 On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mr. Gottschall, the Board approved the connection of both properties and directed the administration to work out the technical details.

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

30 **Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

**Warrant List**

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On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Hollenbeck, the Board approved payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$204,398.96.

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

40 **Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

**Absent:** N/A

45 **Resolution 10-15: Infrastructure Authority Warrant List**

On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved payment of bills for the Infrastructure Authority in the amount of \$217,183.08 as presented.

- 5 **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

10 **Authorization to Prepare / Release Bid Specifications – Sewer I & I Repairs**

Chairman Littley noted Staff is seeking approval to prepare and release bid specifications for investigative and repair work associated with the abatement of “inflow and infiltration” of ground water in to the Township’s sanitary sewer system. The 2010 Budget provided for 15 \$220,000 in sewer capital improvements and I & I work for the year. The estimated cost is \$100,000 for preparation of bid specifications and subsequent work.

The Township’s Sanitary Sewer Engineer has recommended that we target the Inglewood section of the Township west of Allentown Road. This area has the oldest sewers and is tributary to two 20 main interceptors.

Chairman Littley noted that Supervisor Wilson had reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed this request and recommended approval.

25 On motion of Dr. Hollenbeck, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized the administration to prepare and release bid specifications.

- 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
- Absent:** N/A

35 **Promulgation for Emergency Operations Plan**

Chairman Littley stated Montgomery County has requested an updated promulgation sheet to reflect the change in Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan that was adopted by the Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors under Resolution 08-47 on September 24, 2008. 40

On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board authorized the update to the promulgation sheet.

- 45 **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

**Opening Burning Ordinance**

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Chairman Littley stated recently the Township received a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection indicating that a resident had filed a complaint that his neighbors were burning leaves and brush. The Department has advised that burning is a method of disposal, and not considered recycling/composting, and therefore specified that the Township  
10 is not in compliance with Act 101 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Chairman Littley opened the discussion to the other Board members.

15 The Board expressed frustration with the “faceless” bureaucrats at DEP who interpreted that burning of leaves is not in compliance with the Act 101 recycling regulations.

Chairman Littley commented that the law should be clarified by the legislators not the bureaucrats.

20 Supervisor Gottschall commented that while he agrees with the other Board members, he questions whether it is really to the benefit of the health and welfare of the community in today’s day and age.

25 The Board directed the administration to arrange a meeting with DEP, three State Representatives and State Senator Bob Minch to discuss this issue.

**Park Facility Use Request - Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services**

30 Chairman Littley stated the senior centers of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services have sponsored a Prime Time Health Walk at Fischer’s Park for the last 5 years. Prime Time Health is a statewide program started in 1994 to promote the health and wellness of older adults. The date of the walk is September 14, 2010 from 9:00 am-1:30 pm. A request has been made to waive the rental fee for the Stable Pavilion and to allow a reservation  
35 by an agency that is neither a Township resident nor business.

It was the consensus of the Board to deny the request.

**Request for Fire Police Assistance in Lower Salford Township**

40 Chairman Littley noted the Board had received a request for Lower Salford Police Department for assistance of the Towamencin Fire Police on Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for their annual “Country Fair Days” fireworks and parade.

45 On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved the request.

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

**Voting No:** N/A

**Abstaining:** N/A

5 **Absent:** N/A

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert A. Ford  
Township Manager

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