

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
June 22, 2011
7:30 pm**

Present:

John V. Gottschall, Vice Chairman
James P. Sinz, Secretary
H. Charles Wilson, III, Treasurer
Patricia Younce

Staff:

Robert A. Ford, Township Manager
Kyle Sommers, Esquire, Township Solicitor
Monica Wall, P.E., Township Engineer
Joseph Leis, Director of Community Development
P. Tim Dickinson, Chief of Police

Absent:

Daniel M. Littley, Chairman

Vice Chairman Gottschall called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 Vice Chairman Gottschall noted the Board met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss personnel issues, real estate matters, and issues of potential litigation.

10 Vice Chairman Gottschall announced the first "Flick & Float" of the season will be held this Sunday June 26 at the Towamencin Pool complex on Weikel Road. The movie will begin at dusk (around 8:30 pm). He encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy a movie while floating in the pool. This event is free to all Township residents even without a pool membership. The June 26th movie is "Megamind."

Public Comments

15 Joe Silverman asked questions regarding the closed loop system at Quarry Road and Forty Foot Road.

Mr. Ford stated he would have the Public Works Department check it.

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Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2011

On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mrs. Younce, the minutes of June 8, 2011 was approved as written.

- 5 **Voting Yes:** John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce
- Voting No:** N/A
- Abstaining:** N/A
- Absent:** Daniel M. Littley

10 **Warrant List**

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$1,040,402.84.

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

20 **Authorization to Release Bid Specifications: Rittenhouse Road Culvert**

Vice Chairman Gottschall stated the Rittenhouse Road culvert near Ridgewood Way was identified in the Towamencin Township Strategic Stormwater Management Plan dated September 24, 2007. Identified as a “high priority” the culvert replacement has been deferred the past few years due to other unexpected projects that arose (i.e., Pheasant Hill Drive drainage) as well as challenging budgetary issues. The 2011 Budget has provided \$80,000 for this project.

Mr. Ford noted that the Township Engineer has prepared survey / base plans, design plans, construction documents and bid specifications so that the project can be placed out to bid.

Mr. Ford provided the Board with a Power Point presentation.

On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mrs. Younce, the Board authorized the administration to release the bid documents.

- 35 **Voting Yes:** John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce
- Voting No:** N/A
- Abstaining:** N/A
- Absent:** Daniel M. Littley

40 **Work License Agreement – 2030 Rittenhouse Road**

Mr. Gottschall stated that this agreement grants temporary permission for Township employees and contractors to enter on to a portion of the owners’ property in order to complete the Rittenhouse Road Culvert project. Upon completion of the project, the Township bears no further responsibility for any of the work or improvements made within the Work License area.

On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mrs. Younce, the Board authorized the administration to enter into a Work License Agreement with 2030 Rittenhouse Road.

- 5 **Voting Yes:** John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce
- Voting No:** N/A
- Abstaining:** N/A
- Absent:** Daniel M. Littlely

10 **Permanent Easement Agreement – 2030 Rittenhouse Road**

Vice Chairman Gottschall stated this agreement provides permanent access for the Township to enter the property and use the land within the easement for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating underground pipelines and open channels for the conveyance of stormwater associated with the Rittenhouse Road Culvert project.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized the administration to enter into a permanent Easement Agreement for 2030 Rittenhouse Road.

- 20 **Voting Yes:** John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce
- Voting No:** N/A
- Abstaining:** N/A
- Absent:** Daniel M. Littlely

25 **Ordinance 11-06: Amendment to Burning Ordinance**

Vice Chairman Gottschall noted that in 2010, 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 advised that burning is a method of disposal, and not considered recycling/composting, and therefore specified that the Township is not in compliance with Act 101 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although the Township recently adopted a revised ordinance in April 2011, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has advised that it does not comply with their directives. Consequently, the Township has prepared another amendment to include language prohibiting the burning of leaves as directed by DEP.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Younce, the Board adopted Ordinance 11-06 amending the burning ordinance.

- 40 **Voting Yes:** John V. Gottschall, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce
- Voting No:** James P. Sinz
- Abstaining:** N/A
- Absent:** Daniel M. Littlely

Request to Hold Special Event at Fischer’s Park – Calvary Baptist Church

Mr. Ford briefed the Board on a recent request from Calvary Baptist Church (“CBC”) to a hold a community picnic and concert at Fischer’s Park on October 9th with an anticipated attendance of several hundred people. He noted that a similar request was made in 2010 by CBC to hold an event on July 4th. Since it was a much larger event than is allowed by policy (i.e., no greater than 100 people), the request was taken to the Board of Supervisors. The Board approved the 2010 event request with the conditions noted below:

- CBC needs to provide several port-a-potties at the event due to the very limited bathroom facilities at the site.
- CBC will be limited to one section of the parking lot to allow for available parking to other park visitors that day.
- Per the attached resolution, rental fees cannot be waived. The fee schedule requires \$30 per 25 people per group.

Mr. Ford further advised that CBC eventually canceled the 2010 event.

Vice Chairman Gottschall noted that although Calvary Baptist has been fine in the past, he had concerns that such a big event should have a safety plan in place. He would like to see a plan like what the Township did for Towamencin Day.

Mrs. Younce would like to see additional security hired since it is such a large event.

Mr. Ford stated he would set up a meeting with the Emergency Management Coordinator, police and Calvary Baptist Church members and return to the Board in July with additional information.

Consider Appointment to UGTMA

Vice Chairman Gottschall noted that after many years of dedicated service to the community, Mr. Ed Gillette has submitted his resignation from his seat on the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority. The Authority is a joint venture comprised of six members with three appointed by Upper Gwynedd Township and three appointed by Towamencin Township. Mr. Gillette’s current term runs to December 31, 2013 and the Board may consider appointing a representative to fill the term.

On motion of Mrs. Younce, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board appointed Jeff Shoppe to fill the position vacated by Mr. Gillette on the UGTMA Board for a term ending December 31, 2013.

Voting Yes: John V. Gottschall, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

Voting No: James P. Sinz

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: Daniel M. Littlely

New Cingular Zoning Hearing Board Application

Mr. Ford summarized the application.

5 Vice Chairman Gottschall noted he would like to see the Judge’s written decree before making a decision.

Mr. Kyle Sommers noted that an appeal could be rescinded at any time, but that there was a deadline to file.

10 On motion of Mrs. Younce, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized the administration to file a notice of appeal for the Cingular application.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce, James P. Sinz

15 **Voting No:** John V. Gottschall

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: Daniel M. Littlely

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

20 Respectfully submitted,

25 Robert A. Ford
Township Manager

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