

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
July 27, 2011
7:30 pm**

Present:

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

Staff:

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

Chairman Littley called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5 Chairman Littley noted the Calvary Baptist Church agenda item has been removed from the agenda and will be placed on a future Board meeting agenda.

10 Chairman Littley stated that on behalf of the Township Supervisors and Staff, the Board recognized the selfless service of James LeNoir who is leaving employment with the Township after five years to move to Florida.

Chairman Littley noted the Board would like to recognize the Championship of the Towamencin Fire Company Youth Soccer Travel Team in the U.S. Nationals held in Nebraska.

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

Chairman Littley noted the Movie in the Park tomorrow night, Thursday, is Despicable Me. The movie is schedule to begin at dusk at Fischer's Park.

20 Chairman Littley asked everyone to be cautious as we are in a drought.

Chairman Littley noted last Saturday was the North Penn Fire 'Water Battle'. He congratulated the Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company which took second place.

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Concerned Citizens of Skippack Creek

Chairman Littley stated “The Concerned Citizens of Towamencin Creek” has requested to be on the Board’s agenda to present concerns about the intersection of Bustard Road and Kriebel Road.

5 Ms. Lee Marjorie was the spokesperson for the group. She noted the group’s concern was with the Bustard Road Bridge, the intersection of Bustard Road and Kriebel Road and the intersection of Bustard Road and Morris Road.

10 The Board encouraged the residents to contact the State Representatives regarding this issue as it is a state road and bridge. The Board advised of the Township’s many efforts over the past fifteen years in trying to get these improvements on the State’s Traffic Improvement Plan.

Approval of Minutes - July 13, 2011

15 On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved the minutes of July 13, 2011 as written.

20 **Voting Yes:** Daniel M. Littley, John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

25 **Resolution 11-21: Preliminary Plan Approval PSDC Town Square Stage IIA Phasing Plan**

Chairman Littley stated this land development project, located at the intersection of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue, proposes a hotel, restaurant and office building. The applicant presented this plan to the Board at the July 13, 2011 meeting. The applicant requested the Board amend the previously approved Preliminary Plan by approving this phasing plan. Phase one will be the area of the site with the proposed restaurant and Hotel. Phase two will be the area of the site for the Culinary Arts school building at the intersection of the proposed Washington Street and Forty Foot Road.

35 The approval currently requested is for the Preliminary Phasing Plan and Preliminary Plan approval for Stage IIA Phasing Plan.

On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mrs. Younce, the board adopted Resolution 11-21 granting preliminary plan approval for the PSDC Town Square Stage IIA Phasing Plan.

40 **Voting Yes:** Daniel M. Littley, John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

45 **Absent:** N/A

Resolution 11-22: PSDC Town Square Stage IIA Phase 1 Final Plan

5 Chairman Littley noted this land development project, located at the intersection of Sumneytown Pike and Towamencin Avenue, proposes a hotel and restaurant. The applicant presented this plan to the Board at the July 13, 2011 meeting. The applicant requested the Board consider granting Final Plan approval for Phase 1.

10 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 11-22 granting final plan approval to the PSDC Town Square Stage IIA Phase 1.

Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

15 **Voting No:** N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Upgrade to County Emergency Radio System

20 Chairman Littley stated the Board discussed this issue at their July 13th meeting and tabled the matter to provide time for the County to respond to inquiries made by Chairman Littley.

The Montgomery County Commissioners must decide between three options for its 911 dispatch system in order to comply with Federal Communications Commission rules:

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- Change the radio frequencies through “re-banding”
- Upgrade the current system
- Replace it entirely

30 Generally speaking, the County Commissioners feel that the municipalities should share some financial responsibility for the cost of the radios. At this time, the County proposal for the entire package for the upgrade is \$48 million dollars. The cost for the radios for the police officers throughout the entire County is expected to be around \$17 million dollars.

35 Chairman Littley advised that he had sent a letter to Montgomery County Commissioner Chairman Jim Matthews requesting additional information on this issue. Even after repeated calls to the Commissioner’s office over the past month, there has been no response. Mr. Littley recommended that the Township not approve the County’s proposal.

40 On motion of Mr. Sinz, seconded by Mr. Gottschall, the Board unanimously rejected participating in the upgrade to the County’s emergency radio system.

Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

45 **Voting No:** N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Warrant List

5 On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board approved payment of bills in the amount of \$593,091.42.

Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

Voting No: N/A

10 **Abstaining:** N/A

Absent: N/A

Sewer Flow and I & I Abatement Update

15 Bill Dingman summarized what inflow and infiltration is and how it impacts the sanitary sewer system. He noted that the Township has spent over \$3 million during the past ten years to reduce this impact on the system.

20 Mr. Dingman stated that there is approximately \$71,000 remaining in the 2011 Budget for the I&I abatement and he is recommending that the Township devote approximately \$31,000 of that money towards televising the laterals in the Inglewood section of the Township to identify laterals that need to be replaced due to poor condition that allows inflow to the public system.

25 On motion of Mr. Gottschall, seconded by Mr. Sinz, the Board authorized the televising of the laterals in Inglewood section of the Township in the amount of \$31,000.

Voting Yes: Daniel M. Littley, John V. Gottschall, James P. Sinz, H. Charles Wilson, Patricia Younce

Voting No: N/A

30 **Abstaining:** N/A

Absent: N/A

Stormwater MS4 Permit Update

35 Mr. Steve Dadio, T & M Associates, updated the Board on the Phase 2 Program of the Stormwater Management Program required by the Pennsylvania DEP as directed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

40 There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

45 Robert A. Ford
Township Manager

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