

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Meeting
February 11, 2026
7:00 PM**

Present:

Joyce F. Snyder, Chair
Vanessa Gaynor, Vice Chair
Kofi Osei, Secretary
Kristin Warner, Treasurer

Staff:

David G. Kraynik, Township Manager
Robert J. Iannozzi, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor
Mary Stover, Township Engineer
Niral Modi, IT Specialist
Tim Troxel, Chief of Police

Absent:

Courtney Morgan, Asst. Treasurer/Asst. Secretary

Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments

- This meeting is available live via Zoom for residents who cannot attend in person. Public comments submitted by 4:30 pm today will be read at the start of the meeting, followed by in-person comments. Reminders: When emailing comments, use the info@towamencin.org email address, and for in-person comments or questions, please use a microphone, as Zoom does not pick up voices from the audience.
- The Board met in executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- The Township was recently selected for a \$51,150 Growing Greener Grant. This funding will go toward design and permitting work for the proposed Skippack Creek stream restoration project located along Old Forty Foot Road.

Awards & Recognition

Recognition of Service - H. Charles Wilson, III

Former supervisor H. Charles Wilson, III was recognized for his long-standing service. Mr. Wilson served on the Township's Board of Supervisors for 24 years, beginning in 2002 and ending this past December. He served as Chairman from 2004 to 2005 and from 2015 to 2025. In addition, he served on the Zoning Hearing Board and a number of Towamencin Committees, including Finance, Pension, Sewer Advisory, and Public Works Committees.

During his tenure, Chuck also served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' (PSATS) Finance Committee and was a past president of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials. Chuck continues to serve on the Towamencin Municipal Authority and the Morgan Log House Board of Directors.

Several recognitions were presented to Mr. Wilson, including: a certificate from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS), a citation from Pennsylvania State Representative Liz Hanbidge, and a citation presented by Sean Drakeley, Constituent Specialist, on behalf of Senator Tracey Pennycuick and Pennsylvania State Senate.

Chuck offered a brief statement, thanking the residents for the opportunity to serve, acknowledging various accomplishments during his tenure and thanking Township staff.

Swearing-in Special Fire Police Officer

Zachary Hendricks was acknowledged as the newest Special Fire Police Officer. Zach is a Towamencin Public Works employee enrolled in the Township's Fire Services Assistance Program. He also serves as a Fire Police Officer with Upper Salford Vol Fire Company. Zach's addition will bring valuable experience to the Fire Company. Chair Snyder administered the oath to Zachary Hendricks.

Emailed Public Comments: None

In-Person Comments:

Resident Rich Costlow commented on housing in the Township. After some research, he has learned that median household income ranges from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and that housing costs have risen from \$250,000 to \$450,000, noting this indicates the housing situation is rising at an unsustainable rate. He does not have a specific solution, but believes this puts the Township in a position to address housing affordability. His second comment concerns policing in the Township. He shared he wrote a letter to the Police Chief and the Township Manager. He would like to see the Township pass an ordinance requiring anyone who wishes to provide law enforcement in Towamencin have be required to have graduated from a police academy training program. He feels this requirement would continue to keep the Township safe and ensure public trust.

Resident Joe Silverman commended the Public Works staff for their cleanup efforts throughout the recent snowstorms. He offered comments on alternative salt and snow-melting options.

Resident Bruce Bailey thanked all the Township Supervisors, past and present, for their service. He thanked all residents who volunteer on committees and encouraged others to do so. He thanked the police department for its vigilance in ensuring community safety.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Gaynor, seconded by Supervisor Warner, the Board approved the minutes of the January 28th meeting.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor

Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

Consider Approval - Stormwater Management Agreement - 1064 Snyder Road

A Stormwater Management Agreement has been prepared to allow the owner of 1064 Snyder Road to construct an in-ground swimming pool with associated decking and equipment on the property. The project will add 1,270 square feet of impervious coverage, bringing the total to 1,754 square feet. The overall impervious coverage increase warrants stormwater management facilities.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Gaynor, the Board approved the Stormwater Management Agreement for 1064 Snyder Road.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Old Business: None

New Business

Emergency Operation Plan Presentation

Bill Oettinger, the Township's Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator, provided an overview of the Township's Emergency Operations Plan. The plan consists of three components: the Basic Plan, Functional Checklists, and the Notification and Resource Manual.

Supervisor Warner thanked Mr. Oettinger for all his efforts since joining the team. She referenced the Emergency Operations Committee and asked if he felt this Committee was still necessary. Mr. Oettinger responded he did not believe the Committee was necessary, as most emergency preparedness is handled by the Fire Company and Police Department. He does not feel the Meeting Hall Building is a practical space an emergency operations command center, suggesting space at the fire station would make more sense as first responders are already present.

Chair Snyder added it was her understanding that the Township may be mandated to remain the command center due to certain funds received. In addition, the building was considered a fallback space should an emergency be declared in Limerick Township. Mr. Oettinger indicated that he has reached out to both Limerick and the County to determine their emergency preparedness plans and any grants involved and has not yet heard back. He emphasized the Township needs to prioritize its emergency preparedness.

Supervisor Warner recognizes the Township has grown, and that the plans should be updated and more formalized. She emphasized those involved in emergency operations should be properly trained. She asked Mr. Oettinger to explain the organization chart presented and whether there are

enough people to fill these roles. Mr. Oettinger responded there is not, but that our Fire and Police personnel always step up, and often the Fire Company has extra volunteers around to assist.

Supervisor Warner also asked if an agreement exists allowing Towamencin to request assistance from other Townships in the event of an emergency; Mr. Oettinger indicated that there is no one agreement for emergency management, but that a mutual aid agreement exists with the County, that facilitates coordination between municipal plans that help each other.

Supervisor Gaynor asked when the last emergency exercise was performed. Mr. Oettinger indicated that one has not been completed since this new plan was implemented in January 2024, adding an exercise must occur within 3 years of that date. Supervisor Gaynor suggested that one be scheduled.

The Supervisors thanked Mr. Oettinger for his time.

Resident Rich Costlow asked whether there was a provision to evaluate an emergency after the fact to determine what went well and what could be improved. Mr. Oettinger responded, noting during the recovery phase, first responders review what went wrong and necessary improvements.

Consider Engineering Services Proposal: Green Lane Park Parking Lot Expansion

The Township Engineer submitted a proposal for services required to prepare design plans, construction specifications, bidding documents and to provide bid administration services in conjunction with a project that expands the Green Lane Park parking area. These services were recommended by the Public Works Committee. The estimated costs will cover all work described for an estimated \$35,000.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Gaynor, the Board approved the engineering services proposal for the Green Lane Park parking lot expansion.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Resolution 26-09: MontCo 2040 Grant Application - Grist Mill Park Trail

The Township has been selected for a DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program grant award of \$159,000 for the construction of a future trail connection from Grist Mill Park to Grist Mill Drive. To help further fund this project, the Township Engineer is preparing an application for the MontCo 2040 Grant. A resolution is required as part of the submission outlining the Township's request for \$188,000 and our commitment to match.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved Resolution 26-09, MontCo2040 Grant Application for the proposed Grist Mill Park trail.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor
Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Consider Acceptance of Donations

The Police Department recently received a \$100 donation from Chang and Yong Park and a \$300 donation from Daniel Littley, Jr. The Board must consider acceptance of these gifts in accordance with the Township's "Donation Policy."

On a motion by Supervisor Gaynor, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved the acceptance of donations.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Request Field Rental Use/Flat Fee (Bustard Park field) Senior Softball League

A senior softball league has been renting a field (B3) at Bustard Park for the last several years on Monday and Wednesday mornings weekly, spring through fall. The group is requesting to continue to rent the field at the same flat rate of \$400 for Monday and Wednesday mornings, and one Friday morning each month. The use would occur between April 1st through November 30, 2026.

On a motion by Supervisor Gaynor, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved the field rental use/flat fee request (Bustard Park field) for the senior softball league.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Resolution 26-10: Reappointment to Zoning Hearing Board

David Brewer is being considered for a reappointment on the Zoning Hearing Board, with a term expiring on December 31, 2028.

On a motion by Supervisor Osei, seconded by Supervisor Warner, the Board approved Resolution 26-10, reappointing David Brewer to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: Courtney Morgan

Consider Committee Appointments

The Board met with several residents, who were considered for volunteer reappointments and new appointments on various committees.

On a motion by Supervisor Gaynor, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved the following committee appointments:

- Ben Fiore – Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2029
- Joe Sorgini – Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2029
- Robert Craig Brown – Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2029
- Nancy Becker - Open Space and Parks Committee, term expiring December 31, 2028
- Chuck Wilson - Open Space and Parks Committee, term expiring December 31, 2028

Voting Yes: Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei, Vanessa Gaynor

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: Courtney Morgan

Supervisor Warner commented she has nothing against anyone who applied for committee positions and appreciates anyone willing to serve. However, she feels the Planning Commission is very important, especially given the recent sales of farms in the area. She believes the Planning Commission needs appointments for those with the most experience. She felt Nancy Becker or Chuck Wilson were the best fit. She wanted there to be a public statement noting her concern that she feels it is important to keep the most senior volunteers on this Committee, as they have experience with zoning and how to handle matters entrusted to the Planning Commission.

Additional Business

Chair Snyder congratulated Supervisor Morgan and husband on the birth of their first child and wished them good health during their recovery period.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Ehrle
Assistant Township Manager