



**WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING – 3361 PICKERTOWN RD  
CHALFONT, PA**

**ATTENDANCE**

Gerald B. Anderson, Chairperson; John R. Paul, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary/Treasurer; Shirley A. Yannich, Member; and Matthew H. Hallowell, Member. Staff present was James J. Miller, Interim Township Manager; William H.R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor, Thomas A. Gockowski, Township Engineer, Barry F. Lubert, Chief Financial Officer and Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Anderson opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence, followed by a pledge to the flag.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:** Mr. Anderson stated there was no executive session.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY PECO:**

Theodore D. Dorand, External Affairs Manager, Bucks County, PECO and Diane Rosencrance, representative from the Natural Lands Trust presented Warrington Township with a check in the amount of \$10,000. This grant is part of the Green Region Open Space Program and will fund the US 202 to Bradford Dam Connector Trail Planning study. Mr. Anderson stated Warrington Township was the first municipality to implement the open space program in Bucks County.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – K. FREDERICK ACHENBACH, JR.**

Mrs. Achenbach read Proclamation Resolution No. 2015-R-42 acknowledging the Director of the Water and Sewer Department, K. Frederick Achenbach, Jr.'s service to Warrington Township from 2001 to 2008 and March 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Anderson presented Mr. Achenbach with a plaque and extended his gratitude to Mr. Achenbach for his professionalism, patience and integrity in providing quality managerial services to Warrington Township. Mr. Achenbach thanked the Board for working with them and also encouraged the residents to volunteer their time to the township.

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:**

**1. September 8, 2015 – September 22, 2015: \$ 691,798.19**

Mrs. Achenbach motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the bill list from September 8, 2015 through September 22, 2015 totaling \$ 691,798.19. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**2. August 25, 2015**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the August 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**MINUTES FOR POSTING:****3. September 8, 2015**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the posting of the September 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (*The Board will hear from any interested resident or taxpayer who would like to comment on an item not on this evening's agenda. Respondents are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes.*)

The following individual spoke under public comment:

- Frank Gonser (406 Ben's Run Ct) residing in Warrington Ridge questioned the paving date and when the paving is going to be completed. Mr. Gonser also noted that a lot of street lights were not functioning. Mr. Anderson stated the lighting issue will be resolved in a few days. Mr. Anderson also stated that Carroll Engineering Corporation is preparing a punch list for the developer. If the developer does not come forth, the township will have to bid the paving project and complete the work.

**PUBLIC HEARING:****4. Consider St. John Neumann Conditional Use Application to install a mausoleum structure.**

Paul Mancino, representing the applicant, Stonemor/St. John Neumann Cemetery and Joshua A. Castillo, P.E., gave testimony presenting a Conditional Use Application for Section 2003 of Chapter 27 Zoning to permit the installation of a mausoleum structure within the Cemetery District. Mr. Anderson noted into the record, the conditional use application, advertisements for the hearing, letters of resident notification, listing of residents that were notified and posting of the property. The applicant noted rain gardens will be placed on either side of the mausoleum to control stormwater runoff. Mrs. Yannich stated that the application was in compliance with the Ordinance.

Parties of Record, Greg and Jacqueline Knecht (1306 County Line Road) objected to the location of the mausoleum being only 250' off of County Line Road. They question the resale of their property due to the building of the structure.

Mr. Castillo showed a map of the cemetery and said the mausoleum will be built out of granite and is eight hundred and ten square feet. It will be surrounded with vegetation.

Mr. Anderson suggested continuing the hearing until both parties had a chance to meet and discuss. Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell to close the hearing and continue to October 13, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):****5. Consider Plan Amendment for Bhakta Stipulation.**

Mr. Anderson stated the plan amendment for Bhakta Land Development is a proposal to modify the court approved plan for the Bhakta Land Development from a 4-story, 93-unit assisted living facility to a single-story, 55-unit facility. The access to Stagner Avenue has been removed from the plan. A privacy fence will be installed. Mr. Anderson requested the engineer for the applicant, Brian Horner to provide a cut sheet of the fence and provide the cut sheet to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Marks. Greg Sturn from Harris and Harris was also present. Mr. Anderson stated the plan amendment consideration for the Bhakta Land Development will continue to October 13, 2015, if all issues have been addressed.

**6. Consider Developers Agreement and Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Warrington Springs Phase III.**

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell to approve the Developers Agreement and Stormwater Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Warrington Springs, Phase III. The motioned passed unanimously 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):**

**7. Consider bid award for Snow Plowing and Salt Application for the 2015-2016 winter season.**

Mr. Anderson stated five bids were received and received assurance from Carroll Engineering Corporation that due diligence was completed on each contractor. Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Ms. Yannich that the contracts be awarded to each of the bidders for the Snow Plowing and Salt Application for the 2015-2016 winter season. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**8. Consider MMO calculations for 2016 and beyond (Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Funding Pensions).**

The Chief Financial Officer recommended that the Township lower its assumed rate of return beginning in 2016 which will allow both pension plans to be in a stronger funded position. Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach to approve the MMO calculations for 2016 and beyond for funding both pensions. The motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

**9. Consider approval of Change Order # 1 for Neshaminy Gardens Drainage Project.**

Mr. Anderson noted the reason for the change order is for the removal of a 60" diameter tree located on tax parcel 50-020-053 adjacent to storm pipe installation, including stump grinding and restoration. A substantial portion of the root structure will be disturbed by the storm pipe installation. The cost of removal is \$2751. Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve Change Order # 1 in the amount of \$2751 for the Neshaminy Gardens Drainage Project. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**10. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Interim Township Manager/Chief of Police, James J. Miller stated the Police Department received a grant from the Department of Justice to help purchase twenty body cameras. These cameras will go into effect in October. The township's cost is \$8950.00. Mr. Anderson complimented the police force for their hard work and dedication to their jobs.

**11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**a. DVWCT Certificate of Recognition**

Mr. Anderson was pleased to report that Warrington Township was named as a Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust 2014 top performer. The township came in second in the large member category. Mr. Anderson complimented the township's Safety Committee's efforts and dedication to workplace safety.

**b. Schedule budget review date**

Mr. Anderson announced Tuesday, October 20, 2015 will be a work session in preparation for the 2016 budget. This work session will be properly advertised.

**12. ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**a. M&M Storage Update (Malcolm's)**

Mr. Gockowski reported that he has not received a demolition date from the developer. The record plans will be presented to the Board at one of the October Board meetings.

**13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None**

**14. ESCROW AND MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASES:**

**a. Penn Valley Pump Escrow Release No. 2 (Final): \$27,378.72**

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul to approve the Penn Valley Pump Escrow Release No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$27,378.72. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**15. EXTENSION REQUESTS: None**

**DEDICATION REQUESTS: None**

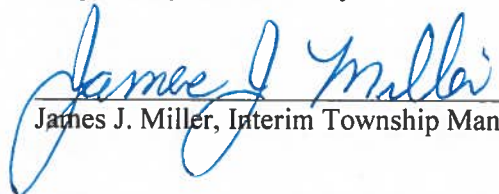
**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:**

- Mr. Anderson noted the third Geerling's hearing is scheduled for October 21, 2015 starting at 7:30 PM. The location of the hearing will take place at Central Bucks High School South.
- Mr. Anderson thanked the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Department for their outstanding work in towing cars and serving fifteen warrants in the Willow Knoll Development.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
James J. Miller, Interim Township Manager