

Workshop Minutes

June 15, 2010

The June 15, 2010 Workshop Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Those present were:

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
M. Clare Edelmayer	Vice President
James A. Santi	Commissioner
Eugene P. Ziemba	Commissioner
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Arthur Boesler	Engineer
Richard Watt	Solicitor
Robert Kerns	Solicitor
Leonard T. Perrone	Township Manager
William D. Lawrence	Assistant Manager
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
Sally Slook	Assistant Manager
David Brill	Finance Manager
Dan McCreary	Public Facilities

Mr. Perrone introduced Krista Caracausa as the new Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Kroberger noted Jim Santi's return after a long absence.

1. **Introduction of John Scheiter New Fire Chief:**

Mr. Perrone announced he received an email from Joseph Bifulco indicating that he and Mr. Scheiter had an unexpected conflict and could not attend the meeting. They will both be in attendance next month. Mr. Richard Alpert, the previous Chief, is moving to Virginia and Mr. Scheiter has been elected as his replacement.

2. **Approval for Allan A. Myers, L.P.:** Application for Payment No. 9: \$354,318.20

Mr. Perrone noted that the application was received. He further stated that substantial progress has been made in the past two days. The bridge cut on the Merck side is complete and the contractors are down to bedrock. They are setting forms and doing iron work throughout the night hoping to pour tomorrow or Thursday for the footer. The concrete needs 48 hours to set and then they will start the abutments for the Merck side. The contractor took the opportunity to do some investigative work on the footer on the diner side. Mr. Perrone reported that he has not heard anything positive about what they found, but the batter did not exist on the back side

of the wall as they previously thought. Although he reported there was some batter in the one corner, whether or not this would cause a conflict has not been determined. This will be

discussed at the next TIP meeting. Mr. Perrone further clarified that the batter might create a conflict for the new foundation.

3. **Approval for Allan A. Myers, L.P.:** Change Order No. 17: \$2,121.00

Mr. Perrone reported that Allan Myers had submitted Change Order No. 17 in the amount of \$2,121.00. He stated the Change Order was do to a storm drainage problem, and the only way to resolve the problem was to bury a steel plate and pour concrete over top of it. This will be discussed at the next TIP meeting.

4. **Approval for T & M Associates:** Application for payment: \$9,165.10

Mr. Perrone reported that T&M Associates submitted their application for payment in the amount of \$9,165.10. He stated that this is their standard invoicing and that they have been "right on the ball."

5. **Approval for Horgan Brothers Application for Payment No. 3:** \$41,210.00

6. **Approval for Horgan Brothers Application for Payment No. 4:** \$27,879.00
Nor-Gwyn Baseball Project

Mr. Perrone reported that Horgan Brothers submitted third and fourth payment requests under the Nor-Gwyn Baseball Grant. This closes the project by bidding it out to the Grant. He further stated that the invoices are being submitted to the County for reimbursement. Mr. Kroberger suggested that DelCiotto review prior to approval. Mr. Brill mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Morris from DelCiotto, and he requested that payment be held until a few unfinished items are complete.

Mrs. Edelmayer requested clarification on the Grant funds. Mr. Perrone stated that this was the 2008 Grant. He further explained that there is still a 2009 Grant in the amount of \$41,281.00 which is believed to be combined with a DCNR approval for making improvements to the Little League and Softball fields. Mr. Perrone reported that Mr. Zumpino is checking on the status of the DCNR applications.

7. **Approval for Eastern Environmental Application for Payment No. 7:** \$42,294.00
(DO system)

Mr. Perrone reported that Eastern Environmental submitted their application for payment in the amount of \$42,294.00. Mr. McCreary reported that the mixers are in and the project should be complete very soon.

8. **Approval of Ordinance no. 2010-04:** Change of Zoning Classification Rezone of 870, 872 & 876 Sumneytown Pike

Mr. Perrone reported that Ordinance No. 2010-04 changing the zoning has been prepared and advertised. He confirmed that there will be a Public Hearing on this matter. Mr. Lawrence reported that a sketch plan has been submitted. He commented that it shows five groups of three townhouses and some single homes. He further noted that the singles have been relocated further back off Sumneytown Pike so that they now adjoin the other single family dwellings.

9. **Dion Tract:** Change in Zoning Classification from RO to R-3
Authorize Preparation and Advertisement of Ordinance

Mr. Perrone reported that an Ordinance changing the Dion tract from zoning classification RO to R-3 requires authorization for preparation and advertisement. Mr. Lawrence reported that a few months ago neighbors expressed concern about townhouses but the main concern was that Mr. Dion wanted to maintain the main farm house and carriage house as RO. Due to the disagreement, the Board decided not to consider changing it to townhouse. An additional concern was the ten (10) acre minimum, and Mr. Dion has only six (6) acres. Mr. Dion then proposed an RO development which did get the neighbors in Ryan's Run up-in-arms. As a result of this conflict, he then requested consideration for R-3. Mr. Dion has presented an R-3 sketch plan and proposal to the Planning Commission, and it has been recommended for approval. The residents are happy with R-3 because it is less dense than the townhouse, yet it is residential and not office in nature. It was further noted that Mr. Dion has the same engineer as Paone.

10. **Northern Lights Importer, Inc.:** U&O Application to Sell Fireworks at the North Penn Marketplace

Mr. Perrone reported that Northern Lights Importer, Inc. requested a U&O to sell fireworks at North Penn Marketplace. Mr. Lawrence reported that a different company made a similar request in the past and it was denied. Mr. Perrone recommended against approval and Chief Duffy was in agreement. Mr. Lawrence agreed to handle the denial correspondence.

11. **Authorization to Advertise Proposed Ordinance Revising Pretreatment of Industrial/Commercial Waste**

Mr. Perrone reported that an Ordinance revising the Pretreatment of Industrial/Commercial Waste would need to be prepared and approved for advertising. He further reported that UGTMA received notification from the EPA that pretreatment program needs to be upgraded. Mr. Interrante is currently doing a review, but the report is not finished yet. Subject to Mr. Interrante, Mr. Duffy's, and Attorney Watt's review, this will be put on hold until July.

12. **Approval of Resolution 11-2010:** Participation with Southeastern PA Municipalities Concerning MS4 Support

Mr. Perrone introduced Resolution 11-2010, participation with Southeastern PA Municipalities Concerning MS4 Support open for discussion and approval. Ms. Slook explained that it is a stormwater consortium and that they are trying to gain another extension. They currently have thirty (30) municipalities involved and they are hoping to get an additional fifty (50) or more. The prior cost was \$44,000 and now it is \$100,000. Mr. Perrone explained that if the Resolution is approved, the Township would be included in the municipal count with the knowledge that the expense will be allotted when the total number of participating municipalities is determined.

13. **Township Secretary Matter:** Legal Opinion / Discussion

Mr. Perrone reported that the requirement of the Township Secretary to be a resident of the Township is no longer included in First Class Township Code. He further reported that he would be happy to serve as Secretary, and this would eliminate the problem of having to inconvenience Mr. Testa for signatures. Mr. Perrone has spoken to Mr. Testa in this regard and Mr. Testa has no objection. Mr. Duffy asked if the Secretary and the Manager both sign the same type of documents. Mr. Kroberger reported that he signs as President. Mr. Perrone further clarified that when he signs a document with Mr. Kroberger, he signs as Assistant Secretary not Manager.

14. **WISSAHICKON WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP / ALIGNMENT WITH WATERSHED PROJECT MAP**

Mr. Perrone reported that this project is a discussion item at this point. Mr. Boesler commented that he had not received any specific plans, just a colorized map at this point. Mr. Perrone reported that part of Merck's settlement with EPA in 2006 required that they do some watershed improvements. Mr. Boesler commented that Merck has engaged a consulting firm to do the design and application work, but the watershed is going to implement the work from what he can see so far. Mr. Duffy questioned whether or not the Township should receive a credit. Mr. Perrone agreed that based on the presentation from last month there should be a credit due to the Township. Mr. Boesler agreed to contact Mr. Gray at Wissahickon Watershed to set up a meeting to obtain more details.

15. **MONTGOMERY COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S COMMITTEE**

Mr. Brill reported that he and Ms. Slook attended the tax collector's committee meeting on June 2, 2010. He reported that the Tax Collector's Committee had issued an RFP for a provider for the collection of County taxes, and the Committee expects to have a recommendation by September 15, 2010.

Mr. Brill reported that an \$89,000 budget was passed to operate the Committee. He stated that the majority of that number was for legal fees. He explained that Upper Gwynedd Township's

share in this is \$1,596.02 (1.79%) which is a proportional share based on earned income tax.

A new Resolution will be prepared designating David Brill and Sally Slook as the Township's representatives on the Montgomery County Tax Collector's Committee. A Resolution is to be provided for the Public Meeting.

16. **INSURANCE PREMIUM SAVINGS**

Mr. Brill presented a handout on premium savings on Property/Liability & Workers' Compensation coverage. The policies period is May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. He advised that there is no change in plan design, just in providers. By moving, the Township was able to reduce the cost by 7.6% and increase the coverage from \$5M to \$10M. Mr. Brill informed that the 2010 cost would be 4.6% less (\$17,248) than the 2010 budget.

There was brief discussion concerning the number of worker compensation claims filed and perhaps the need for safety training and/or a Safety Committee. Mr. Brill is to contact Selective Insurance to see what they recommend with respect to training, etc.

17. **RESOLUTIONS FOR LIQUID FUEL PURPOSES** (to be prepared)
Approval

Mr. Perrone reported that Liquid Fuel Resolutions needed to be prepared and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the following developments:

Patty's Circle
Jay's Drive
Smile Lane
Oxford Lane
Bainbridge Lane
Old Allentown Road
Providence Lane
Kingsley Hall Drive
Corrine Court

OTHER

Mr. Kroberger announced that he received a letter of resignation from Mr. Dyott. He further stated that there is now a vacancy in the Planning Commission that needs to be filled immediately. Mr. Perrone noted that he would check the resume list for a replacement.

Mr. Kroberger and the Board sincerely thanked Ms. Cassel for everything she has done for the Township during her many years as Administrative Assistant. They expressed their best wishes to her for many wonderful years of retirement. It was further noted that a retirement luncheon will be held in her honor on June 29, 2010.

There being no further business for public discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista M. Caracausa
Recording Secretary

Approved July 26, 2010