

## WARWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

June 5, 2013

Chairman W. Logan Myers convened the June 5, 2013 meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 7:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors W. Logan Myers, Herbert Flosdorf, C. David Kramer, and Michael Vigunas. Anthony Chivinski was absent. In attendance were Township Manager Daniel Zimmerman, Township Engineer Grant Hummer and Kevin Varner.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Board received a copy of a letter from local members of the House of Representatives to Governor Corbett regarding the negative impact of sediment discharge in local waterways due to the draw down of Speedwell Forge Lake.

The Board received the May, 2013 edition of the PSATS *NewsBulletin* publication.

**CONSIDER THE SEWER MODULE FOR THE TRADITIONS OF AMERICA PROJECT:** The Board reviewed the sewer module submittal. On a motion by Kramer, seconded by Flosdorf, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sewer Module for the Traditions of America project.

**CONSIDER THE NEVIN G. & SUZANNE W. MARTIN STORM WATER PLAN, PREPARED BY DIEHM & SONS, DATED 5/1/2013:** Kevin Varner, representing Diehm & Sons, explained that the site contains approximately 8.5 acres and is located along Chestnut Street near the intersection of Loop Road. He explained that the lot is from the "remaining lands" of the Mark Bollinger subdivision plan that was approved in 2000. He stated that the site currently contains an existing dwelling and outbuildings. He added that the lot also contains cultivated fields as well as woodlands and a stream. He noted that the previous plan created a buffer easement along both sides of the stream and a 50' right-of-way for a future street. He stated that although this plan does not propose any streets, the right-of-way area would remain viable as part of this plan. Varner stated that the existing home on the lot would be removed, and a new home would be constructed in another area on the lot. He outlined the proposed storm water management facilities for the benefit of the Board. The lot would be served by public sewer and an on-site well. Varner noted that although the plan provides for a 50' right-of-way for a future street, the property owner has no plans to further subdivide the property.

Flosdorf suggested that the property owner consider installing an 8" sewer line rather than a 6" sewer line to accommodate any future development. The Township Manager explained that the property owner has the discretion to decide what size line to install. Varner added that the property owner does not intend to subdivide the property. Flosdorf explained that since the plan proposes to relocate the sewer line from Chestnut Street, which requires a stream crossing permit, it would eliminate the need for a second stream crossing permit for any subsequent development. The Township Manager explained that the larger line would require a manhole as additional expense. Flosdorf stated that it might be less expensive to install a grinder pump at the existing connection point if no additional subdivision is planned. Varner stated that the current owner has no intention to subdivide the property. He added that he will discuss the issue with the property owner to recommend consideration of an 8" sewer line. On a motion by Flosdorf, seconded by Kramer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Nevin G. & Suzanne W. Martin Storm Water Management Plan contingent upon the Applicant considering the installation of an 8" sewer line to accommodate future subdivision, if needed.

**CONSIDER WAIVER OF WELL SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS:** The Township Manager stated that the issue of well separation has occurred previously. He explained that the on-lot sewer system on the property at 1463 Dridge Hill Road is malfunctioning and requires a new system. The site is limited by steep slopes that cover the majority of the property. The only area on the lot to locate a new absorption area is located on the northern most corner of the lot. The PA Code states there should be 100' separation between the well and the edge of the aggregate in the absorption area; the proposed location provides only 68' of separation. The landowner was notified of the regulation and has accepted the proposed location. The PA Code allows the Board discretion in granting Waivers to the requirements. On a motion by Flosdorf, seconded by Kramer, the Board voted unanimously to grant a Waiver of well separation for 1463 Dridge Hill Road as discussed.

**DISCUSS ACT 167 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - PREPARATION FOR AMENDING CURRENT ORDINANCE:** The Township Manager provided a copy of Lancaster County's amended Act 167 Storm Water Management Plan to the Board for their review and information. He explained that the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved the amended plan. He explained that the Township will have 6 months to amend and adopt its Ordinance to coordinate with the County's plan. He stated that Township staff will provide a template for property owners to assist them with meeting storm water management requirements under the plan. Flosdorf inquired whether the County's plan includes a provision to address complex storm water management systems that provide ongoing maintenance. The Township Manager stated that the County's plan does not address these systems; however, the Township could address the maintenance issue under its plan. He noted that the County's plan addresses post-development requirements, but not maintenance responsibilities. Flosdorf suggested that the Township consider imposing a fee to address inspection and maintenance requirements under the plan.

**DISCUSS 10,000 FRIENDS OF PENNSYLVANIA AWARD:** The Township Manager explained that the Township received notification of the Community Transportation Excellence Award for the Highlands Drive Land Use and Congestion Mitigation project. He noted that the Township did not apply for the award. He stated that 10 tickets will be provided for attendees to attend the award ceremony which is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Harrisburg.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR THE 2013 FALL BLAST 5K RUN/WALK:** The Board reviewed the request. On a motion by Vigunas, seconded by Kramer, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the 10th Annual Fall Blast 5K run/walk on October 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:** The Township Manager stated that Landstudies submitted a proposal to review the impact the sediment load from the Speedwell Forge Dam breach has had on the Hammer Creek. He explained that representatives of LandStudies indicated that the proposal might be eligible for funding by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Flosdorf suggested that the Township contact PA DEP to request that they review the issue and provide a written determination of whether or not the dam breach would adversely impact the affected municipalities requirements under the MS4 program. The Board members are agreeable to applying for a NFWF grant to fund a proposal by LandStudies to perform data analysis on sediment load in the Hammer Creek.

The Township Manager stated that with recent budget reforms, the Township could reconsider a non-residential earned income tax (EIT). He stated that some municipalities have received

\$10,000-\$20,000 in additional revenue based on this tax. The Board authorized preparation of an amendment to the Township's EIT tax structure.

The Township Manager stated that the Township has imposed the Local Services Tax to postal employees. He noted that 20 employees pay the tax; however, 3 individuals are 3 years in arrears. He added that the Post Office does not provide a payroll deduction and the employees are provided with payment coupons by the Township. He stated that the Township will be pursuing payment from these individuals.

The Township Manager provided an update on the Lancaster County Veterans Memorial Park proposal for the Lititz Public Library site. He stated that the affected parties met to discuss the proposal and review the concept. He stated that all parties are agreeable to the proposal and the concept is proceeding. Kramer noted that the project might be eligible for State funding.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Zimmerman  
Township Manager