

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
September 28, 2016
7:30 PM**

Present:

H. Charles Wilson III, Chairman
Laura Smith, Vice Chairman
James P. Sinz, Secretary/Asst. Treasurer
David Mosesso

Staff:

Robert A. Ford, Township Manager
Maureen Doyle, Finance Director
Jack Dooley, Esq., Township Solicitor
Tom Zarko, Township Engineer
Paul T. Dickinson, Chief of Police

Absent:

Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Treasurer/Asst. Secretary

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition

Police Awards and Recognition Ceremony

The Township recognized several Police Department employees and citizens, who have distinguished themselves by performing a notable act or service in furtherance of law enforcement and community betterment.

Police Chief Paul T. Dickinson began the ceremony by recognizing two instructors and several students, from the North Montco Technical Career Center's welding and auto collision departments, who worked together to construct a vehicle rack designed to hold portable truck scales used by the police department to weigh trucks traversing the Township roads. According to Chief Dickinson, a rack of equal quality would cost over \$2500.00. The instructors and students built this rack for free. The following received recognition certificates from the Township: welding instructor Joshua Seitzer, auto collision instructor Robert Hunter and students Leo Ramos, Steven Snyder, Aleksey Thomas, Ed Devlin and Addison Trumbore. Chief Dickinson also presented a plaque to the school, listing the names of all who worked on the project.

Chief Dickinson proceeded to recognize several members of the Towamencin Township Police Department with awards for exemplary service and heroic actions this year.

The awards included the following:

- Heroism – Sergeant Paul Wiechec and Officer Christopher Check - Armed Subject on March 28, 2016
- Heroism – Officer Ed Howarth - Rescue - Vehicle Crash and Fire on August 3, 2016
- Unit Citation – Sergeant Geoff Wainwright, Officer Ed Howarth and Officer James Hagan - Rescue from Vehicle Crash and Fire on August 3, 2016
- Life Saving – Sergeant Paul Wiechec - Naloxone Save on March 29, 2016
- Life Saving – Sergeant John Cutrone and Officer Christopher Check - Naloxone Save on April 21, 2016
- Life Saving – Sergeant Dan Jusko - Naloxone Save on June 8, 2016
- Life Saving – Sergeant John Cutrone and Officer James Bonner - Naloxone Save on August 1, 2016
- Notable Performance – Sergeant John Cutrone, Officer James Hanrahan, Officer Steven Miller, Detective Michael Paul, Officer James Bonner and Officer Gabriel Wasserman - for the response and investigation of the NPHS arson fire on May 24, 2016
- Notable Performance – Officer Steven Miller - apprehension of suspects attempting to install a skimming device at a Lower Salford Township gas station on July 3, 2016.
- Special recognition – Sergeant Geoff Wainwright – over 13 years of service on the tactical response team

Chairman Wilson congratulated those recognized. He then acknowledged the police department and expressed the Board and community's appreciation for all that they do for the Township.

Commendation - Recognition of Service for Dominic James Spier (Eagle Scout)

The Township recognized the service of Dominic James Spier, a Towamencin Township resident, who has been an active member of Boy Scout Troop 178. Dominic has earned numerous merit badges, including: first aid, swimming, nuclear science, emergency preparedness, public speaking, citizenship in the community, nation, world and personal fitness. Dominic exhibited steadfast leadership skills while serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Summer Camp Counselor and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Dominic's Eagle Scout Project included the replacement of an existing wooden storage shelving unit with food-service quality metal shelving at the Shepherd's Shelf Food Distribution Center. His project included 113 service hours, contributed by 26 scouts, adult scouters, family and friends. Chairman Wilson read Mr. Spier's commendation aloud.

Opening Comments

Chairman Wilson announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting this evening to discuss matters of real estate and personnel.

Chairman Wilson announced the Wounded Warriors softball game will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Butch Clemens Field located at 130 Forty Foot Road. The games will start at 8 am. Supervisor Sinz encouraged the audience to attend the event, adding Hatfield Quality Meats will be providing free hot dogs.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2016

On a motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Sinz, the Board approved the September 14, 2016.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, James P. Sinz, Laura Smith

Voting No:

Abstaining: David Mosesso

Absent: Daniel M. Littlely, Jr.

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Warrant List

The warrant list was presented for approval.

On a motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Sinz, the Board approved the warrant list in the amount of \$1,487,711.86.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Laura Smith, James P. Sinz

Voting No:

Abstaining: David Mosesso

Absent: Daniel M. Littlely, Jr.

Resolution 16-47: Reasonable Accommodation Personnel Policy

The Township's employee personnel manual needed to be updated to specifically include a Reasonable Accommodation Personnel Policy in order to comply with recent directives from the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. While the current personnel manual

has a non-discrimination policy, which includes handicap/disability status, the Township does not have a specific Reasonable Accommodation Policy.

On a motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Sinz, the Board adopted Resolution 16-47, Reasonable Accommodation Personnel Policy.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Laura Smith, James P. Sinz

Voting No:

Abstaining: David Mosesso

Absent: Daniel M. Littley, Jr.

Resolution 16-48: PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant Application

The Commonwealth Financing Authority announced a new funding program called "Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program." The program will be open for one round of funding and has \$22 million available statewide. Projects must have a total cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$500,000 and involve the construction, improvement, expansion, repair or rehabilitation of a water supply or sanitary sewer system, which is owned and maintained by a municipality or municipal authority. A cash match of 15 percent of the total project cost is required. The Township application is requesting an amount of \$212,500, with matching funds of \$37,500. At its August 24th meeting, the Board authorized the Township Sanitary Sewer Engineer to prepare a grant application for repairs to sewer collector lines within the Kriebel Road Interceptor area. Applications are being accepted through October 31, 2016.

On a motion by Supervisor Sinz, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board approved Resolution 16-48, authorizing the submission of the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program grant application.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Laura Smith, James P. Sinz

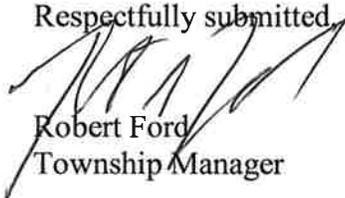
Voting No:

Abstaining: David Mosesso

Absent: Daniel M. Littley, Jr.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Ford
Township Manager