

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
February 24, 2021
7:30 PM**

Present:

H. Charles Wilson III, Chairman
Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Daniel Bell, Treasurer
Richard Marino, Secretary
Laura Smith, Asst. Treasurer/Asst. Secretary

Staff:

Robert A. Ford, Township Manager
Brooke Neve, Finance Director/Assistant Township Manager
Jack Dooley, Esq., Township Solicitor
Tom Zarko, Township Engineer
Clayton Reed, IT Director
Timothy Troxel, Chief of Police

Present Remotely:

Colleen Ehrle, Assistant to Township Manager

Absent:

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

Opening Comments

Chairman Wilson made the following announcements:

- Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the meeting is being held via Zoom video communications. The public was invited to participate remotely and e-mail questions to info@towamencin.org by 4:30 pm, prior to the meeting.
- A reminder that Towamencin Day was rescheduled from May 23 to September 11, due to expected crowd restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Board met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation.
- The Township received recognition from Montgomery County's Farmland Preservation Program, who recently celebrated preserving 10,000 acres of farmland over the course of 30 years. The Township received a certificate for its efforts as a partner in the program.

Public Comments

Resident Carey Haddock, of 1506 Fairview Way, made a request for outdoor basketball courts, see attachment.

Chairman Wilson thanked Carey Haddock for the comment, and responded that the Board would be approving an updated master parks plan this evening. The plan proposed the addition of basketball courts at three Township parks – Bustard Road Park, Butch Clemens Park and Firehouse Park. He noted it will take some time before these facilities are realized as the Township will need to prioritize Township funds and grant funding, but these basketball facilities are a part of future park plans.

Resident Dr. Richard Costlow, of 2080 Parkview Drive, provided commentary and a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors not to sell the Towamencin Municipal Authority, but rather work to preserve control of the Authority on behalf of Township citizens, see attachment.

Chairman Wilson thanked Dr. Costlow for his comment, noting he raised some good points that the Board will consider as they move through the exploration of monetization process. In addition, staff has added a section to the Township website that includes relevant information on the project and will continue to add updated material to this webpage.

Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2020

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Bell, the Board approved the February 10, 2020 minutes.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

Resolution 21-08: Accept Dedication of Public Improvements & Authorize Final Escrow Release: The Landing

Columbia/Wegman Towamencin, LLC has requested that the Board of Supervisors accept dedication of certain improvements installed in the Towamencin Senior Living Development known as “The Landing.” The Township Engineer has recommended acceptance for dedication of the improvements including curb, sidewalk, storm sewer, landscaping and miscellaneous improvements along the Towamencin Avenue frontage and public sewer facilities constructed in conjunction with this land development. The applicant provided the maintenance security in the amount of \$10,817.92, to assure that there are no structural defects in the improvements, which are detected during a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of this resolution.

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board approved Resolution 21-08, Accept Dedication of Public Improvements & Authorize Final Escrow Release for the Landing.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Old Business

Resolution 21-09: Adoption of Parks & Trails Evaluation Plan

The Township Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee spent most of 2020 working on a Master Plan update for all Township parks and trails. The draft plan was presented to the Board at its October 14th meeting by the Township's Planning Consultant and further discussed at the Board's January 27th meeting.

Chairman Wilson noted that previous Board comments had been incorporated into the latest plan update. Chairman Wilson commended the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee on a fantastic job compiling this plan. It is a comprehensive product and a great plan for the future of our parks.

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board approved Resolution 21-09, Adoption of Parks & Trails Evaluation Plan.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

New Business

The February warrant list was presented for approval. On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Bell, the Board approved the warrant list in the amount of \$806,687.97.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Public Works Committee Report

The Public Works Committee meets on a monthly basis to scope projects and identify deficiencies related to Township infrastructure, properties, and equipment. The Committee met on February 23rd. Supervisor Marino provided the Committee's report.

ADA Ramp Replacement Project Update – Montgomery County Department of Roads and Bridges' Engineer had requested modifications be made to the ADA Ramp that was previously installed at the Sumneytown Pike/Village Way intersection. This work will be performed by the project contractor as soon as weather/seasonal conditions permit. Additionally, minor lawn restoration work will be performed this spring in conjunction with a number of ramp installation locations.

2021 Road Paving Program – The project's scope of work was discussed. It was noted that a contract would be released addressing the 2021 paving work and would include provisions for residential concrete curb replacements in the event that property owners did not complete the work in advance of the paving. A separate contract would be released for 2021 ADA ramp replacement work, which will be completed in advance of the 2022 Paving Program.

Improper Sump Pump Discharge Outlets – The Committee discussed options to address sump pump outlets through curbing, along roads that are to be included within the upcoming 2021 Road Paving Program. The options include: property owners redirecting sump pump discharges to rear yards, property owners terminating sump pump discharges at the edge of rights-of-way, property owners connecting to available storm sewer inlets in the right-of-way, or the installation of an underdrain system to accommodate sump pump connections by Public Works where existing storm sewer systems are available. The Committee recommended these options be reviewed with the Board to obtain direction to proceed with the recommended alternatives.

Weikel Road Drainage Concerns – The Committee resumed discussions concerning existing drainage problems and potential alternatives for corrections. The overall update of the Township's Stormwater Management Strategic Plan was nearing completion, which included an evaluation of the drainage conditions along Weikel Road. The Committee recommended that the updated plan be discussed with the Board of Supervisors, followed by scheduling meetings with affected residents to review potential options to address the drainage problems, such as the installation of concrete sidewalk and/or pedestrian walkways/bike trails along the road. The installation of pedestrian walkways may be eligible for funding under the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program.

Public Works Gas Pump – The Public Works Director was working on the replacement of the existing gas pump, located at the Public Works Facility, as the current unit was malfunctioning. The equipment has been ordered and the installation will be coordinated with the gas service contractor.

Stormwater Management Plan Update – The Township Engineer provided a general status report concerning the preparation of the Township's Stormwater Management Plan Update. The evaluation of the Keeler Road Bridge was the final item that remained to be completed.

Kriebel Road Realignment - The Committee discussed the next steps in evaluating the potential vertical and horizontal realignment of Kriebel Road, in the immediate vicinity of the new Fischer's Park pedestrian bridge, to make it more pedestrian friendly. There is an S curve in the road that creates sight-distance issues. The Township Engineer will work with the traffic engineer to

incorporate these survey costs into the project. A proposal will be presented for the Board's approval at a future meeting.

Derstine Road Truck Restrictions - The Committee agreed that the recently installed regulatory signage along the roadway was sufficient to permit enforcement of the restrictions. Therefore, it was recommended that the Police Department begin implementing enforcement activities.

RoadBotics Update - It was noted that the RoadBotics team recently responded to questions raised concerning the initial data that was submitted for the Township's roadway network. The Township Engineer continues to work with RoadBotics in resolving these issues, after which a presentation will be scheduled with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the results.

Veterans Park Driveway - The Committee discussed potential improvements to the Veterans Park driveway entrance along Allentown Road. Supervisor Marino recommended that approximately 20 to 30 feet of curbing be installed to retain the bank along Allentown Road to prevent erosion.

Stormwater Drainage through Curbs

The Public Works Committee has been examining potential alternatives for addressing improper sump pump outlets, which extend through curbing along Township roadways. In preparing for the 2021 Road Improvement Program, the Committee suggested that the Township Engineer along with Public Works assess each of the 26 outlets that were identified, and determine on a case-by-case basis how each should be addressed.

Township Engineer Tom Zarko provided a summary of the options and recommendations. Mr. Zarko emphasized the need to modify these discharge outlets was due to the icy conditions created during the winter and the roadway deterioration. The four options include:

- Disconnect outlet and redirect discharge to the rear of property – where new discharge flows would not adversely impact grading or drainage,
- For properties where the discharge would have adverse affects to the rear, direct discharge outside of right-of-way, towards road and away from property,
- If address is close to a storm sewer inlet, install a direct tie-in,
- For worst cases, an underground drainage system would be installed by the Township's Public Works department, which would drain into the storm sewer system. This option creates an added \$20,000 expense to the Township for the materials.

Supervisor Bell asked who decided on the appropriate option for each address. Mr. Zarko explained that his firm, CKS Engineers, and the Public Works Director worked together on the options for each address after physical inspections were made. Supervisor Bell asked if residents can choose their option. Mr. Zarko replied they can provided they are not creating any adverse conditions. Supervisor Bell asked would the Board provide support to those who may wish to pursue an alternative discharge. Mr. Zarko responded that his office could provide assistance to homeowners with their plans.

Chairman Wilson asked for an explanation of the underground drainage system. Mr. Zarko explained the underground system would be constructed of corrugated flexible pipe installed to channel flows to the lowest point. In this case, flows would direct discharge away from street into the storm sewer system. There would be individual branch lines tied in for each affected sump

pump discharge. Supervisor Marino emphasized that this was an option of last resort for only a few properties, when no other alternative was viable.

On a motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Littley, the Board authorized Township staff to move forward implementing the stormwater drainage recommendations of the Public Works Committee.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Consider Proposal to Prepare Grant Application for Grist Mill Park

At the request of the Township's Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee, Simone Collins Landscape Architecture has provided a proposal for the preparation of grant applications to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) seeking \$250,000 each for implementation/construction funds for Grist Mill Park. Possible improvements at Grist Mill Park include: a pavilion, playground, two basketball courts, four pickle-ball courts and a perimeter trail. The DCNR application is due April 14th and the DCED application is due May 31st. If the Township intends to submit the grant applications, preparation would need to start by March 1st. The Simone-Collins proposal is \$4,000 per application, for a total of \$8,000, plus reimbursable costs, not to exceed \$250, bringing the total cost to \$8,250.

Supervisor Bell asked if there was any sense on the likelihood the Township would be awarded these grants. Township Manager Ford thought the Township had a good shot and noted the recent parks master plan update will be helpful in the grant process. The Township would not receive notification of any grant awards until the fall.

On a motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Littley, the Board accepted the proposal to prepare grant applications for Grist Mill Park.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Sewer System Monetization Status Report

As part of the Township's ongoing exploration of a possible sale of its sewer system, the Board has asked PFM Financial Advisors to provide regular updates on how the process has been proceeding. Chairman Wilson read the report.

- On Thursday, February 4th, PFM met with the Sewer Committee to discuss multiple items including, but not limited to:

- The current working draft of the Township’s Request for Qualification (“RFQ”)
- Any inter-municipal agreements that the Township/Authority may be a party to in connection to its system
- The future of any tapping fees, should the Township enter into a transaction as it pertains to its sewer system

Following the conversation with the Sewer Committee on February 4th, PFM continued refining the Township’s RFQ. On February 12th, PFM distributed the Township’s RFQ electronically to over 100 different firms that may be interested in exploring a transaction with the Township. This list included local regional authorities, investor owned utilities, etc.

As part of the RFQ, firms that were interested in being included in the process were asked to submit a letter of intent by 12:00 pm, February 19th. The Township has received letters of intent from five different firms.

PFM is currently working on creating virtual data room which will be populated with all the available information pertaining to the Township’s system for the various interested firms to have access to. As more information becomes available, or is requested by the various firms, it will be added to the data room so all the firms will have access to the same information.

Next steps include:

- Continuing populating the virtual data room.
- Conduct discussions with the Township on which firms, if any, they would like to pre-qualify, and allow to continue in the process after RFQ responses are received on March 12th.

Police Department – Overnight Travel for Training Request

The Police Department is seeking approval for overnight travel for training so an officer may attend a “Close Contact Defense Instructor” certification training to be held in Harrisburg from March 15th -19th. The expense for this training is \$700 for tuition, plus \$424 for lodging. The cost is accounted for within the 2021 Budget and will be in accordance with the Township’s Travel Reimbursement Policy.

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board approved the Police Department’s request for overnight travel expenses for training.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Appointment of Environmental Advisory Council Chair

In 1973, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 148 authorizing municipalities to establish Environmental Advisory Councils. The Act stipulates that the local governing body selects the chair of the council. Towamencin’s Environmental Advisory Council has recommended the appointment of Donna Hegge as Chair and Amy Mawby as Vice Chair of the Council for 2021.

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Bell, the Board approved the appointments of Donna Hegge and Amy Mawby, as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Supervisor Bell had attended the Environmental Advisory Council’s recent meeting and noted the members have some exciting events planned and to check the Township’s newsletter for details.

Proposal for Skippack Creek Interceptor Capacity Evaluation Update

Franconia Township is exploring the feasibility to discharge to the Towamencin sewer system at the intersection of Wambold Road and Schoolhouse Road. In order to determine if there is sufficient capacity in the sewer system, Towamencin Township needs to estimate current and future sewer system flows and compare those flows to the hydraulic capacity of the existing sewer system. The Township’s Wastewater Engineer, Gilmore Associates, has submitted a proposal to complete this evaluation for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. All work is anticipated to be completed within 60 days of the start date.

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board accepted the proposal for Skippack Creek Interceptor Capacity Evaluation Update by Gilmore Associates.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Authorization to Prepare / Release Bid – 2021 Road Paving / ADA Ramps

This bid is for a contract associated with the Township’s annual repaving program. This year there are 18 streets (or portions thereof) scheduled for milling and paving. This year’s paving program combines 2020 targeted roads with 2021 roads. ADA ramps included in this project will be for roads with anticipated paving scheduled for 2022. The bid specifications are through a standard PennDOT form to include associated line painting and the installation of ADA compliant curb ramps. Per PennDOT and Federal regulations, whenever projects such as resurfacing are undertaken, the municipality must upgrade existing pedestrian curb ramps to the latest ADA standards. The amount available for 2021 paving is \$1 million in loan proceeds plus \$500,000 in State Liquid Fuel Funds.

Roads scheduled for 2021 Paving:

- Rampart Lane
- Parkview Drive
- Brookside Circle
- Pheasant Hill Road
- Theresa Way
- Beth Lane
- Green Lane Road Old Forde Way
- Village Way
- Dean Drive
- Finch Run
- Spect Place
- Candlewood Way
- Dorchester Way
- Norwyck Way
- Cambridge Way
- Winchester Way
- Bustard Road (Township-owned section)

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| <p><u>ADA Ramps Roads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ridgewood Way• Saratoga Lane• Saratoga Way• Hackney Way• Linden Way• Farm Way• Tanglewood Way• Tweed Way• Rittenhouse Road• Clemens Road |
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On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Smith, the Board authorized the preparation and release of bid specifications for the 2021 Road Paving/ADA Ramp Project.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

Authorize Advertisement of Sewer Code Amendment: Pre-Treatment Ordinance

TMA is proposing changes to the Township’s Pretreatment Ordinance, in part to clarify the present method for mass-based control of total dissolved solids (“TDS”) from industrial sources, in part to address excess TDS discharges from industrial users at higher instantaneous peak flow rates, and to ensure the equitable allocation of TDS mass to all existing and potential future industrial users. The amendment would also protect the TMA Waste Water Treatment Plant from experiencing pass-through and/or interference in its treatment operations resulting from high-level TDS discharges from industrial users.

On a motion by Supervisor Littley, seconded by Supervisor Bell, the Board authorized advertising the Sewer Code Amendment: Pre-Treatment Ordinance and consider adoption at a future Board meeting.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Appointment of Special Counsel for Sewer Monetization Project

In conjunction with the Board's decision to move ahead with Phase 2 and 3 of the Public Financial Management agreement for financial advisor services related to the Township's sanitary sewer system, the Board directed Township staff to seek proposals for special counsel to provide guidance to the Board through this process. Proposals were received from two law firms: Obermayer and Dilworth Paxson LLP.

The Board was in consensus expressing their confidence in the background and expertise of Dilworth Paxson LLP.

On a motion by Supervisor Smith, seconded by Supervisor Littley, the Board appointed the law firm of Dilworth Paxson, LLP to serve as special counsel to the Board for the Sewer Monetization Project, and elected the \$3,000 monthly retainer billing option, with any excess time and cost charges to be discounted at 50 percent, if the Township elects not to see the project to completion.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson, III, Daniel M. Littley, Jr., Richard Marino, Daniel Bell, Laura Smith

Voting No: N/A

Abstaining: N/A

Absent: N/A

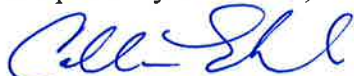
Other Business – Snow/Ice Events

Chairman Wilson noted many compliments were received on the snow removal and treatment of Township roads with the recent back-to-back snow/ice events. He thanked the Township's Public Works staff for all that they do, especially clearing Township roads in a timely manner.

Supervisor Smith spoke to residents, who were upset by recent mailbox damage resulting from the multiple storms. She reminded residents about the correct placement of mailbox installation, and to refer to the Township newsletter for guidance. She added the impact of the weight of snow and ice, combined with plowing, can knock down a mailbox, and that it is an unfortunate consequence of these storms. Supervisor Smith also recommended residents be mindful and not leave nasty messages for Township staff, who are not responsible for the plowing efforts.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Ehrle

Assistant to Township Manager

From: Carey Haddock
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Info Towa
Subject: Request for outdoor basketball courts

Hello,

My name is Carey Haddock and I am a proud member of Towamencin township. I am writing today regarding the continued commitment to updating our outdoor facilities for the township. Over the past few years, I have seen a dedication to maintaining and improving sports areas connected to soccer, baseball and softball. However, I have noticed the lack of conversations and dialogue around an outdoor location for basketball.

As the Program Coordinator for TYA Girl's Travel Basketball program, I can say without hesitation that there is a passion and love for the game of basketball that is not supported by outdoor facilities. We have grown our travel program from 2 teams to 5 teams this year. This has provided 50 young girls with an opportunity to play basketball at a competitive level during the winter season. However, during this past summer, I have hosted outdoor camps, open gyms, and practices, where I have needed to use Heebner Park due to lack of options in our own township.

Having an outdoor facility would allow our organization to give money back to our own township rather than having to rent elsewhere. We would be able to host things like outdoor camps, summer leagues and open gyms for children in our community which would be an additional revenue generator for the local community. Additionally, having a place where children can go to work on their skills, play pick up games, and interact with other children is essential to their physical and mental health.

Children and families are able to access local soccer, softball and baseball fields when they are open and available. We are asking for the same consideration when thinking of basketball. With COVID, many schools are not allowing us to use their gyms and our options for gyms are very limited. Having an outdoor court would allow us the opportunity to play this sport year round.

I understand there are conversations around Grist Mill and Butch Clemens Park and what might need to be done to these areas. I ask that in these conversations, you discuss the idea of an outdoor basketball court and where this fits into these spaces or other open spaces. Having an outdoor court is essential to maintaining a strong township and providing our children and community with the same opportunities as our neighboring areas.

Thank you!

The Towamencin Township Board of Supervisors [BOS] recently agreed to pursue a next step in an evaluation of moving operations of our Towamencin Township Municipal Water Treatment Authority [TMA] into the private sector. A preliminary evaluation provided to the Supervisors suggested that such a move might be a financial benefit to Towamencin Township. I think this situation can be simply and fairly described as selling the TMA operation for a price that would help the Township's current budget.

I support the effort to more carefully evaluate the options available to Towamencin. My comment addresses a view of the overall project from the perspective of citizen control of the TMA service. My comment precedes the arrival of any additional financial information because ~~this~~ *my sub* perspective is at it's core a non-financial consideration.

I petition all of us as citizens and the Towamencin Board of Supervisors to first consider how we, as a municipality, want to monitor and control our public services. Where do we want the accountability to lie? My view is we should keep accountability for our public services in the hands of our public servants, not commercial entities. We have TMA; we also have a Tax Collector (elected), a Manager (appointed), and a Solicitor (appointed) all of whom are publicly funded and report the BOS. Why not keep the TMA public? Ask the citizens of Texas if they are pleased with the relegation of accountability and control of their electric power production to the private sector. What force can the citizens of Flint, Michigan exert for change at the ballot box that they could never hope to exert on a corporation?

If the citizens of Towamencin move the treatment facility operations into corporate hands, we lose control. We lose control over the facility and the Board of Supervisors whom we hold accountable for the safe and effective operation of the TMA. On occasion the latter may not be a pleasant task, particularly when rate increases are required, but it is the job of the BOS to do that when necessary. The citizens of Towamencin paid to build the facilities, we pay to operate them, and most importantly, we can express our opinion on the management and operation of TMA at the ballot box. We can't do that if a corporate entity is running the TMA.

Selling the TMA may well provide a useful cash infusion for the Township coffers. It may delay or obviate another sewer rate increase or a local tax increase. However, making the TMA a privately-run entity will not protect the citizens of Towamencin from either inflation-induced rate increases or the financial impact of a regulation-induced required upgrade to the facility. There will be necessary rate increases for inflation and/or modernization, either gradual or precipitous, for our wastewater treatment regardless of ownership. For any private enterprise the rate-payers will also be funding a profit margin for that enterprise which we need not currently consider.

My thesis is this. The TMA is a public resource entity that serves all of us; it is not unlike entities which provide drinking water or electricity or public transportation. The TMA is accountable directly to Towamencin Township to responsibly manage our wastewater treatment, which they have been doing for the 30-plus years I have lived here.

A major consideration in any proposal for the current TMA should be what level of control do the citizens of Towamencin want over their wastewater treatment. My position is that we should maintain as much control as we can even if it means that our Supervisors must decide to raise rates and face the inevitable and uncomfortable pushback from some members of our community.

My encouragement to the BOS is to NOT sell the TMA, rather seek an option which preserves control of TMA to the extent possible on behalf of the citizens of Towamencin. If no commercial entity can be incentivized to work with the TMA under control of the BOS or a local regulating authority, then we must "go it alone". The cost of losing control is simply too high.

Respectfully Submitted



Dr. Richard Costlow