

**Towamencin Township
Board of Supervisors
Monthly Meeting
March 26, 2025
7:00 PM**

Present:

H. Charles Wilson III, Chairman
Joyce F. Snyder, Secretary
Kristin Warner, Treasurer
Kofi Osei, Asst. Treasurer/Asst. Secretary

Staff:

David G. Kraynik, Township Manager
Robert J. Iannozzi, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor
Mary Stover, Township Engineer
Niral Modi, IT Specialist
Timothy Troxel, Chief of Police

Absent:

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards & Recognition

Recognition of Police Department Officers and Staff for Exemplary Actions

The Police Department assesses officer activity and makes determinations on a quarterly basis as to whether certain action or investigations rise to the level of formally recognizing officers, staff, or civilians in front of the Board and members of the community. Chief Troxel recognized several officers and staff from the Department for their exemplary actions over the past few months.

Chief Troxel shared on November 11, 2024, Officer Bonner responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle on Detweiler Road. During his investigation, he discovered similar thefts from other businesses in the area, totaling around \$24,000. Officer Bonner obtained a video of the suspect's vehicle, which led to the identification of the suspect and vehicle. He then obtained a search warrant for the vehicle, which uncovered evidence linking the suspect to thefts in multiple municipalities, which helped those departments resolve their cases. The suspect was arrested waiving all charges at the preliminary hearing. Chief Troxel commended Officer Bonner for his management of the entire investigation, demonstrating exceptional initiative and dedication, and presented him with a Letter of Merit for his outstanding police work.

Chief Troxel then read a distinguished unit citation, awarded to a group of officers for their outstanding teamwork. This citation was awarded for the handling of an incident at the Towamencin Condominiums. On January 6, 2025. Sergeant Travis Wood, Officer John Slaughter and Officer Brandon Kinest responded to a break-in call, quickly apprehending three

suspects. Their efforts, combined with the investigative support of Detective Sergeant Daniel Jusko, Detective Patrick Kilroy and Police Specialist Alysa Cianciarulo, led to the identification of the suspects as part of an organized theft ring. This recognition highlights the swift actions of the patrol officers, and the thorough investigation carried out by the detectives. Their combined efforts exemplified excellent teamwork, diligence, and dedication to solving the case, earning them the Distinguished Unit Citation, which will be displayed in the police department.

The Board commended the Officers and staff for the great work they do in the Community.

Opening Comments

- This Board meeting is provided live via Zoom for residents unable to attend in person. Public comments submitted by 4:30 pm this afternoon will be read at the start of the meeting, followed by public comments from those present. Reminder: when prompted for questions, please come up to a microphone as Zoom does not pick up voices from the audience.
- On March 4th, Bird Town, PA's Outreach Committee formally accepted Towamencin's application, making it officially the 77th Bird Town in PA. We congratulate our Environmental Advisory Council, and lead member Vanessa Gaynor, on their work over the last year, making this achievement happen! The Bird Town Committee's first meeting will be held on April 10, at 7 pm, in the Meeting Hall Building.
- Update to Supervisor Vacancy - On Friday, March 7th, the Solicitor filed a petition with the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas requesting the Court to fill the vacancy, as is the remedy under the Second-Class Township Code when the governing body and vacancy board are unable to fill a vacancy.

Solicitor Iannoizzi announced a conference will be held on April 7th at the Court of Common Pleas to discuss the next steps to fill the vacancy.

- Donate, be seen, become a loyal Community Sponsor. Sponsorship is open to businesses, organizations and the public. No donation is too small and all are appreciated. For more information, contact our Special Events Coordinator, Katie Cleary.

Emailed Public Comments: None

In-Person Comment Summaries:

Resident Joe Silverman shared details from a Reporter article regarding prefab bathrooms installed by Hatfield Township at one of their parks; recalling his previous comments on the use of prefab bathrooms at our parks with the Supervisors. He referenced a recent bathroom proposal by Simone Collins, which amounted to around \$910,000, emphasizing its expensive costs. He suggested Towamencin could save money by adopting a similar approach to what Hatfield Township recently did.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved the March 3, 2025, Special meeting minutes.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the Board approved the March 12, 2025, Special meeting minutes.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development

WAWA Development Update – Forty Foot Road & Sumneytown Pike

*Chairman Wilson noted an updated was planned, but the developer had a personal conflict and was unable to attend this evening. The update will be included on a future agenda.

Comprehensive Plan Update

A draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan was posted online in mid-January. Peter Simone of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture reviewed a summary of comments offered on the draft document. Mr. Simone noted this is a plan of community values and the Board is not bound to act on the findings. The Board offered comments/questions and Mr. Simone responded accordingly. Mr. Simone summarized the main comments compiled from the Planning Commission, Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee and the Environmental Advisory Council, as well as, repeated resident concerns. Main points noted in the comments included:

- Traffic, Parking Requirements and Connectivity
- Housing, Development and Open Space
- Fire Department Coverage
- Freddy Hill Farms Preservation or Development

Old Business

None

New Business

Warrant List

The March Warrant list in the amount of \$2,218,549.01 was presented for approval. On a motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved the warrant list.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Public Works Report

The Public Works Committee meets monthly to scope projects and identify efficiencies related to Township infrastructure, properties, and equipment. The Committee met on March 20. Supervisor Snyder summarized the Committee's report, reviewing the following topics:

- Towamencin Day Transportation
- Weikel Road Project
- Central Drive Storm Sewer Repairs
- 2025 Road Paving & ADA Ramp Project
- Green Lane Park Soccer Fields
- SR1001 (Allentown Road) PennDOT Safety Improvements
- MS4 Permit Requirements
- Grist Mill Park Improvements
- Restricting Truck Traffic on Old Forty Foot Road
- Speeding Concerns – Forty Foot Road
- 2048 Spring Valley Road Stormwater Issue
- Kindle Drive & Amber Lane Storm Sewer Replacement
- Grant Updates
- Pool Update

Finance Committee Report

The Township Finance Committee meets monthly to monitor economic indicators and the pulse of the Township's revenues and expenditures. They also address various requests and concerns that may arise. The Committee met on March 19. Supervisor Warner provided the Committee's report, summarizing the following topics:

- Meeting with Towamencin Volunteer Fire Company
- February 2025 Financials
- 2024 Audit
- Capital Lease-purchase update
- Funding Capital Projects – Green Lane Soccer Fields and Road Improvements Program
- 2025 Sewer Bills
- Long-range Financial Analysis

Consider Revised Lease-to-Purchase Agreement for Dump Trucks

The Township's 5-year Capital Plan includes two dump trucks planned for lease-to-purchase agreements beginning in 2026 through 2030. The original U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. (USBGLF) proposal approved by the Board on February 25th did not include the pricing for the second chassis, snowplow and salt spreader. The Township resubmitted updated

proposal requests to the prior bidders for these items and U.S. Bancorp was again the lowest responsive bidder.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the Board approved the revised lease-to-purchase agreement for dump trucks, and rescinded the previous lease-to-purchase agreement.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Consider Authorization to Advertise Bid – 2025 ADA Ramp/Curb Project

This bid is for a contract associated with the Township’s annual curb ramp upgrades and concrete curb replacements. Per PennDOT and Federal regulations, whenever projects, such as road resurfacing are undertaken, the municipality must upgrade existing pedestrian curb ramps to the latest ADA standards. This contract will also involve property owner concrete replacements, including curbing, driveway depressions and aprons. The ramp work scheduled for this year will be for roads scheduled for paving in 2026. 50 handicamp ramp locations are included in the project and located on the following roads: Buckboard Way, Carriage Way, Misty Meadow Lane, Jacks Circle, Green Bank Way, Old Dutch Road, Kareve Drive, Bremen Road, Reinert Road, Burgandy Way, and Pheasant Hill Road.

On a motion by Supervisor Osei, seconded by Supervisor Warner, the Board authorized advertising the 2025 ADA Ramp/Curb Project bid.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Consider Authorization to Award Contract: 2025 Road Paving Program

Bids have been received for the Township’s annual road paving program. 12 roads are scheduled for milling and paving, with anticipated scheduling during the summer months to reduce conflict with traffic and school buses. The budgeted amount for 2025 paving is \$875,000 in Liquid Fuel Funds and General Capital Funds. Bids were opened on March 6th with 8 submissions ranging from \$1,154,519.65 to \$1,344,730.65. The low bidder is G&B Construction of Feasterville-Trevose. The Township Engineer reviewed the submissions and recommended awarding the contract to G&B Construction.

Chairman Wilson noted that the action for the Board is to award the contract tonight and they will schedule a budget transfer in April to fully fund the project. He added under the Second-Class Township Code, the Board is prohibited from transferring funds in the first quarter of the year.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the Board authorized awarding the contract to G&B Construction.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Consider Authorization to Award Contract: Green Lane Soccer

Bids were received for the Green Lane soccer field soil amendment project. This contract includes amending the topsoil with sand and compost, spreading topsoil, fine grading the fields, and establishing vegetation. The bid included 3 add/alternates for: temporary seeding, adding 4 inches of topsoil to outer slopes, and striping the topsoil by 4" depth. The amount budgeted for the project is \$124,500. Bids were opened on March 6th with 7 submissions ranging from \$133,694.60 to \$561,928.96. Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. of Warrington were the low bidder. The Township Engineer and the Finance and Public Works Committees reviewed the submissions and recommend awarding the contract to Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc., including the 3 add/alternates for \$133,694.60.

On a motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Warner, the Board awarded the contract to Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. for the Green Lane soccer field soil amendment project.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Skippack Creek Interceptor Replacement Project (Phase 2) – Access Agreements

The Township's Sewer Engineer is finalizing bid documentation to advertise Phase 2 of the Skippack Creek Interceptor (SCI) Replacement Project. The proposed work includes replacing approximately 1,200 linear feet of existing 18-inch diameter asbestos cement pipe. As part of the project, two access agreements have been drafted by the Township Solicitor. The agreements are needed to allow the Township access on portions of two properties to facilitate certain aspects of the project.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved the two Skippack Creek Interceptor Replacement Project access agreements.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Resolution 25-20: Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant Application - Grist Mill Connector

At the February 25 meeting, the Board approved the Township Engineer's proposal to prepare a grant submission to DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program to help fund a proposed trail connection from Grist Mill Park to Grist Mill Drive. The proposed eight-foot-wide, approximately 1,570 linear feet walking/biking trail will connect residential neighborhoods located along Grist Mill Drive to the active recreation portion of Grist Mill Park. This resolution is required as part of the grant submission outlining the Township's funding request of \$159,012.50 and the Township's match commitment for the same amount, 50% of the project estimate.

On a motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved Resolution 25-20, Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant Application for the Grist Mill Connector.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Consider Resolution 25-21: Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant Application - Butch Clemens Pickleball Courts.

At the March 12 meeting, the Board approved a proposal by the Township Engineer to prepare a grant submission to DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program to help fund future pickleball courts at Butch Clemens Park. A resolution is required as part of the grant submission outlining the Township's funding request of \$533,973.75, and the Township's match commitment for the same amount, 50% of the project estimate.

On a motion by Supervisor Warner, seconded by Supervisor Osei, the Board approved Resolution 25-21, C2P2 Grant Application for Butch Clemens Pickleball Courts.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Consider Kriebel Road Closure (between Springer & Bustard Roads) for Towamencin Day

In an effort to safely facilitate local pedestrian traffic along with volunteer and vendor rear parking access to Fischer's Park for Towamencin Day, consideration should be made to close down the stretch of Kriebel Road, between Springer and Bustard Roads, between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, on Saturday, May 10.

Supervisor Osei asked for clarification on the closure. Chairman Wilson responded, noting it would help free up some parking at the main entrance. Mr. Osei called attention to the speed limit on Kriebel Road, referencing a recommendation from the connectivity study, suggesting it would be nice to walk back there on days other than Towamencin Day. He feels the Board should visit the idea of reducing speed and introducing walkability in this area.

On a motion by Supervisor Snyder, seconded by Supervisor Warner, the Board approved the Kriebel Road Closure, between Springer and Bustard Roads, for Towamencin Day.

Voting Yes: H. Charles Wilson III, Joyce F. Snyder, Kristin Warner, Kofi Osei
Voting No: N/A
Abstaining: N/A
Absent: N/A

Additional Business

Supervisor Snyder shared her personal experience with a cancer diagnosis and treatment last year with the goal of informing and helping others to seek intervention, when symptoms arise. She stressed being mindful of symptoms and take action, as outcomes can be devastating if ignored.

Supervisor Osei commented that though all items on the agenda passed this evening unanimously, he is still disappointed that the Township must go through the courts to fill the current vacancy. While he acknowledged having a good call and no personal issue with Mr. Sherpinsky, he shared he has received many calls and emails opposing Mr. Sherpinsky to fill the vacancy.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen Ehrle
Director of Administration