



## WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES FOR JUNE 11, 2019- 2:00pm

The written minutes are a summary of the June 11, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, [www.warringtontownship.org](http://www.warringtontownship.org).

### ATTENDANCE

Fred R. Gaines, Chair; Ruth L. Schemm, Vice Chair; Carol T. Baker, Member; Eileen Albillar, Member and Shirley A. Yannich, Member.

Staff present was Barry P. Luber, Township Manager; Christian Jones, Director of Water and Sewer; Richard Zeitler, W&S Operations manager; and Amy Organek, Assistant Finance Director.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Gaines called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. Mr. Gaines welcomed the residents who came to the meeting. Mr. Gaines stated this meeting would be a listening session for followed a budget work session and no actions or decisions were made during the work session.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Gaines followed the Call to Order with a pledge to the flag.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nick Wermeychik, 138 Morning Walk Dr

Mr. Wermeychik stated he thought we should sell and put the proceeds into a separate account. From this account, only the interest can be spent and the remainder would be maintained in the account for potential future repurchase.

### SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

#### **Carol Baker**

Ms. Baker commented that her original concern was control and concern for the residents. The board had previously decided that they would only sell to a Municipal Authority. They are governed by the Public Utility Commission which was a reassuring factor.

#### **Shirley Yannich**

Ms. Yannich reviewed the changes she has experienced as far as water quality and the research she has done in other municipalities in similar circumstances.

### PUBLIC COMMENT- continued:

#### **Cecelia Hood, 2213 Blackhorse Dr**

Ms. Hood would like to see North Wales purchase the Water Department. She asked if Warminster will still be handling the sewage for the township. She also asked how the debt will be paid off.

The 17 million bond issue from 2014 would be paid off if both are sold. We would be exploring the payoff requirements if only one is sold. They will need to work out with the grant holder for the completion of the work with the new owners.

#### **Ava Ventresca, 680 Honora St**

They liked their well and were required to connect up to the water system. She asked how the water is tested and where this report is available.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS - continued**

**Ruth Schemm**

Ms. Schemm was surprised that Warrington did not have enough water for the township when all the wells were functioning. She had also heard that a majority of the people she had spoken to preferred treated surface water over well water.

**Eileen Albillar**

Ms. Albillar was concerned with the rising costs and the impending costs of maintaining the infrastructure. We were already buying water to supplement the existing supply, and she was concerned regarding the state of the township at the end of the contract in regards to the cost of water in the future.

**Fred Gaines**

Mr. Gaines reviewed his thoughts on the impact of problems with the system and the costs to repair infrastructure. Also, he reviewed the status of capital project funding in the past years.

Ms. Yannich and Mr. Jones reviewed the pictures of the water and sewer facilities and the work being done to maintain and upgrade the facilities.

Mr. Gaines stated concerns for the status of the treatment plant and the 537 revision that will be required when we reach its capacity

**Cecelia Hood, 2213 Blackhorse Dr**

She asked if we would still be building a new police department if we sell the Water and Sewer Department. We will still be building the new police department; this will have no bearing on the water and sewer sale.

This discussion will happen again at 7pm this evening

Ms. Yannich moved to adjourn, Ms. Albillar seconded. All were in favor 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
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Amy Organek