

**DOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2016**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisor's Work Session for Monday, June 27, 2016, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Matthew Menges in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Matthew Menges, Charles Richards, Stephen Stefanowicz, Robert Stone and Stephen Parthree. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; Michael Fleming, Township Public Works Director and Tiffany Strine, Recording Township Secretary. Sharon Reynolds from the York County Planning Commission was present. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minutes only.

The purpose of this work session was to hold an informational presentation from the York County Planning Commission on the York County regional storm water initiative.

Informational Presentation from York County Planning Commission on the York County Regional Storm Water Initiative – By Sharon Reynolds

Sharon Reynolds works for the York County Planning Commission as a York County Municipal Project Planner. Ms. Reynolds stated Dover Township is one of seventy-two (72) municipalities and that Dover Township currently participates with forty-four (44) other municipalities in the York County Storm Water Management Coalition. Ms. Reynolds stated that her presentation contains educational information on York County waters, consisting of what we know, what we've done so far, what we still need to do, why it's important and how we can accomplish these tasks together.

Ms. Reynolds gave her presentation via a Microsoft Power Point presentation. The presentation began by viewing various York County maps. A copy of this presentation has been attached to these minutes. The maps depicted various watershed areas in the county and various impaired waters in the county. Sources of pollution were depicted and key sectors involved in the pollution affecting our area included urban and suburban runoff, agricultural farms and feedlots, waste water treatment, air depositions and forest runoff.

Ms. Reynolds reviewed the hierarchy of how Townships can fix water issues. The process was outlined by federal, state, county and municipal sources. Ms. Reynolds discussed the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. Dover Township participates in this plan. Forty-four (44) communities together contribute \$200 thousand dollars annually to this program. The York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan is a requirement of the MS4 permit that incorporates green infrastructure into municipal infrastructure upgrades. Future regional investments were discussed. A Storm Water Authority and feasibility study results including goals, pertinent processes and findings were addressed. Five guiding principles were stressed by Ms. Reynolds including geographical scale and participation, scope of services, leadership and representation, staffing and work force, and funding. These principles emphasize the importance of an MS4 permit and a Regional Storm

Water Authority.

Geographical scale and participation recommendations would create county wide authority. The scope of services recommendations noted include public education, public engagement, erosion control inspections, adequate MS4 reporting and Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan implementation. Leadership and representation recommendations would be led by an authority board consisting of municipal officials and other stakeholders appointed by the County Commissioners. Staffing and work force recommendations should incremental increases in services during the beginning years and primarily through contracted services. Funding recommendations are correlated towards the Authority responsible for exploring a diverse set of funding options.

Ms. Reynolds emphasized the benefits of a Regional Storm Water Authority. These benefits included equity, efficiency and partnerships. Ms. Reynolds stated that the York County Board of Commissioners supports the findings and charged the York County Planning Commission to move forward with an implementation plan to create a regional storm water organization outlining the points described herein. The next steps for the York County Planning Commission in this endeavor included asking municipalities to consider are funding sources and staffing, division of labor such as regional versus municipal, legal authority, who will hold the appropriate permits and the selection of projects.

The Board thanked Ms. Reynolds for her time and commitment to educating others on the importance of the York County Regional Storm Water Initiative.

The work session was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Tiffany Strine, Recording Secretary