

**DOVER TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session Meeting for Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Stephen Stefanowicz in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Supervisors present were Stephen Parthree, Robert Stone, Charles Richards and Michael Cashman. Other Township Representatives in attendance were Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager, John McLucas; Township Zoning Officer, Michael Fleming; Township Public Works Director, Terry Myers; Township Engineer, Charles Rausch; Township Solicitor and Tiffany Strine; Township Secretary. There were no citizens present. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minutes only.

**This work session is being held for the purposes of discussing the York County Regional Stormwater Authority.**

Manager Oswalt stated this work session is being held to discuss the York County Regional Stormwater Authority. The full Board was supplied with printed material regarding the York County Regional Stormwater Authority. The material was presented at a recent York County Regional Stormwater Authority Municipal Working Session. The purpose was to educate attendees on how the Regional Stormwater Authority may be structured.

The full Board noted that the York County appears to be on the correct path moving forward. By collectively joining forces and implementing a York County Regional Stormwater Authority, this would lessen costs and help complete projects and fulfill necessary plans for both the Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Plan requirements. The full Board noted that they would like to see everyone in the county participate in the Authority due to the fact that everyone in the county is impacted or does contribute to county stormwater functions and effects.

S. Stefanowicz made comment that this Authority may operate for a period of four (4) to six (6) years and that he is not in favor of the Authority's ideals for hiring staff to maintain the Authority. S. Stefanowicz feels as though the Authority should look to operate on a volunteer basis. It was noted that a county commissioner, or a member of the York County Planning Commission should serve on the Regional York County Stormwater Authority in tandem with other selected individuals. Other selected individuals could possibly be chosen from a borough, township or city.

Overall costs that the York County Regional Stormwater Authority is projecting were discussed.

S. Stefanowicz questioned the amount of funds being required to begin the Authority. S. Stefanowicz feels as though the Authority could operate on a lower cost per unit, lower cost per fillable acreage for farmers and so on. S. Stefanowicz feels that the costs being anticipated by the Authority could be drastically lessened.

Attorney Rausch stated that everyone must pay their portions to achieve county wide reductions. On the local level, individuals will still have to maintain their NPDES Permits, manage Best Management Practices and manage stormwater facility operations.

Manager Oswalt stated that the concept is to essentially have the York County Regional Stormwater Authority take over all functions related to stormwater. This may include all of the mapping of the systems, all inspection services for all Best Management Practices for all seventy-two (72) municipalities. Dover Township is currently handling all of these aspects of stormwater management themselves and with the implementation of the York County Regional Stormwater Authority, the Authority would then handle these matters for Dover Township and all other York County municipalities.

M. Fleming added that the York County Regional Stormwater Authority would also handle all Minimum Control Measures and Public Education and Outreach as well. M. Fleming stated that the county-wide plan would be the best way to go and provide the best benefits to all.

C. Richards inquired as to whom makes up the plan that Dover Township is currently involved with for stormwater management?

M. Fleming stated that the Department of Environmental Protection sets forth Stormwater Minimum Control Measures that municipalities must follow. Currently Dover Township completes annual meetings with other municipalities to lessen the burden on one specific municipality, the Authority being proposed would be instated county-wide thus lessening the burden for all of York County.

T. Myers added that currently all stormwater management measures being completed by Dover Township for the county are being completed with regards to meeting Dover Township's Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan. The newly proposed Authority will aide in also meeting the Department of Environmental Protections' Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Plans, these of which York County municipalities must follow.

Attorney Rausch added that the idea is to fold the York County Stormwater Consortium into the County Authority and potentially lessen costs and achieve greater results for all involved.

C. Richards stated that he feels that it is very important to start at the head waters and to have every municipality in the county and in the state, involved with these efforts.

R. Stone stated that he feels as though these matters too should be a York County initiative and a county-wide effort. The county approach to this matter could prove more effective to current and future accomplishments and solve large scale issues.

Board consensus was reached, and it was collectively determined that a York County Regional Stormwater Authority approach is in the best interest of the entire county to make substantial progress toward the Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Goals and Municipal Storm Sewer System requirements in place. The Board voiced two concerns with the overall plan that the

Board would like further explained and if necessary, amended.

The full Board agreed to have a letter drafted to the York County Board of Commissioners with the Dover Township Board of Supervisors stance and address what concerns the Dover Township Board of Supervisors has as well with the provided proposal. The Board would like the following matters addressed in the Board's letter: The amount of funds needed for the initial program, the number of employees needed and how these figures were derived. The structure of the authority is in question as well.

With no further business, the Work Session meeting was adjourned by Chairman Stefanowicz at 7:00 PM and the Board of Supervisors then entered into the Dover Township Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tiffany Strine, Recording Township Secretary