

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 6:34 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: RICK DELELLO [X]
 SUSAN CAUGHLAN [X]
 STEVE QUIGLEY [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced an additional action item will be considered at this evening’s Business Meeting, approval of an assessment appeal Settlement Stipulation, Donovan v. Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals et.al., Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Docket No. 17-25019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Deb Walker, Worcester, commented on the Planning Commission Chair, Township Solicitor and Township Manager’s review of the proposed Center Point Village Zoning Ordinance, and on the proposed sale of the Meadow Lane building lots. Chair DeLello commented on the status of each item. Supervisor Caughlan commented on notice given for a proposed sale of the Meadow Lane building lots. It was agreed the Township will provide one-month notice for a proposed sale of the Meadow Lane building lots.
- Karen Arena, Worcester, commented on stormwater concerns at her property, the permit status for certain improvements at a neighboring property, and the permit fee calculation method. Mr. Ryan commented on the permit fee calculation method. Ms. Arena commented on the work of previous Township employees, reported zoning violations at a neighboring property, and the submission of a claim to the Township’s insurance carrier.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on the notice of a proposed sale of the Meadow Lane building lots, the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study, the sanitary sewer improvement grant application status, the selection of the consultant who conducted the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study, and the review and consideration of a reported stormwater problem at a Bethel Road property. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the sanitary sewer grant application status, the results of the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study, the selection of the consultant who conducted the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study, and Township responsibilities as to sanitary sewer system operation.

- David Brooks, Worcester, commented on the results of the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study.
- Nancy Thomsen, Worcester, commented on a storm sewer matter at an Artmar Road property. Ms. Thomsen noted she had previously blocked a storm sewer inlet.

PRESENTATIONS

2019 Budget – Mr. Ryan provided an update on the 2019 Budget. Mr. Ryan noted the draft budget does not include an increase in taxes and does not include new taxes, and he noted the budget does not include additional full-time employees.

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of primary receipts. Mr. Ryan noted the budget assumes a no increase in Earned Income Tax receipts. Mr. Ryan noted the budget assumes a 14% decrease in building permit fees, as construction at active subdivisions is expected to conclude in 2018 and as recently-approved subdivisions have yet to break ground.

Mr. Ryan noted the budget provides a 5% increase in operating contributions to the Norristown Public Library and Worcester Volunteer Fire Department, and new funding for the Fire Department's mandated purchase of new radios.

Mr. Ryan commented on proposed capital improvements, including the replacement of Public Works vehicles and equipment that have reached the end of their useful life – which includes a 1995 backhoe, a 1996 dump truck, and a 2008 mower. Mr. Ryan noted the Capital Fund also provides for the re-decking of the Barley Lane, Green Hill Road and Woodbridge Lane bridges, the replacement of a stormwater line at Quarry Hall Road, and the replacement of a culvert at Berks Road. Mr. Ryan noted the Capital Fund provides \$835,000 for the Township's annual Road Program, which is in addition to dollars budgeted for program design, bidding and inspection, and which is in addition to funding for smaller roadway fixes to be made throughout the year.

Mr. Ryan commented on Sewer Fund operations, and efforts made by Township staff and the contracted sewer operator to lower system expenses. Mr. Ryan noted the draft budget includes a 0.5% increase to sewer service fees, which equates to an approximate \$0.25 increase per month for each home connected to the Township's sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Ryan commented on the State Fund, and the 2019 estimated Liquid Fuels allocation.

Mr. Ryan noted he would provide an update on the proposed 2019 Budget at the October 17 Business Meeting. He noted the Budget would also be presented at the November 21 Business Meeting, and then made available for a 20-day public inspection hearing, before being considered at a Public Hearing at the December 19 Business Meeting.

video recording of public meetings – The Members will consider this item at the October 17 Work Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed at this evening’s Work Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dr. Mollick commented on the results of the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study.
- Mr. Brooks commented on the results of the Valley Green Wastewater Treatment Plant noise study.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Work Session at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager