

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair DeLello at 7:30 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT:	RICK DELELLO	[X]
	LOU BETZ	[X]
	STEVE QUIGLEY	[X]

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced this evening's meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There was no public comment at this evening's meeting.

**OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair DeLello asked if any Member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. There were no requests to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for June 2021, (b) bill payment for June 2021 in the amount of \$322,116.67, and (c) the June 16, 2021 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) waiver – Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, provided an overview of a request to waive excess landscape materials at the Applewood Estates subdivision. Mr. Nolan commented on supplemental plantings and berms installed by Applicant, and noted total landscaping installed to date was 25 trees and 106 shrubs short of that on the approved plan.

Mr. Nolan noted affected residents and neighboring property owners requested no additional materials be installed. Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, confirmed Counsel for affected residents was not opposed to the requested waiver.

Supervisors Quigley thanked Township consultants and staff for their efforts to resolve this matter.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to waive installation of 25 trees and 106 shrubs at Applewood Estates, LD 2002-01. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) waiver – Tim Woodrow, Engineer for the Applicant, provided an overview of a request to waive land development to allow the installation of a sewer lateral and the construction of a restroom facility at the Victory Garden at Meadowood Senior Living. Mr. Woodrow noted the lateral location, and stated the restroom facility would be designed at a later date.

After general discussion it was the consensus of the Members the sewer lateral be permitted to be installed now, and the Applicant return to request a waiver of land development at the time the restroom facility has been designed, and is available for Members' review.

- d) waiver – Carmina Taylor, Movement for Black and Brown Lives, requested a waiver of rental fees for the organization's use of Community Hall and Heyser Field for several events to be held this Summer and Fall.

Chair DeLello commented on the organization's non-profit status. Supervisor Quigley noted the potential precedent for the waiver of Township facility rental fees.

Ms. Taylor withdrew the request to waive rental fees for the use of Community Hall and Heyser Field.

- e) Worcester Volunteer Fire Department – Dave Cornish, Worcester Volunteer Fire Department, commented on a revised replacement schedule for the Department's ladder truck. Mr. Cornish commented on repairs required for the current ladder truck, the estimated cost of these repairs, and the estimated cost of purchasing a new ladder truck, at \$1.3M to \$1.5M.

There was general discussion about the purchase of a new ladder truck, and whether Worcester Township would purchase and own this vehicle, or make a contribution toward the purchase. Mr. Cornish noted both options were discussion by certain Department personnel, and at this time the Department's preference is to own the new ladder truck, and request a contribution from the Township toward the purchase price. Mr. Cornish suggested the Township make a 50% to 60% contribution toward the purchase price.

While there remains considerable work to be done to identify the make and model of the truck to purchase, and to confirm a purchase price, it was the consensus of the Members to include a \$900,000 contribution in the draft 2022 Budget that will be presented at the September 15 Work Session meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- It was noted that Supervisor Betz and Assistant Township Manager Stacy Crandell had attended this year's Worcester Volunteer Fire Department banquet.
- There was general discussion regarding a potential open space program to be developed by the Township. It was the consensus of the Members to add this item to an upcoming meeting agenda.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jeremy Quinn, Worcester, commented on efforts to support volunteer fire departments, and on a stormwater concern at Windy Hill Drive.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Tommy Ryan  
Township Manager