

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced this evening’s Business Meeting was being video-recorded for rebroadcast.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on open space referendums, a Right-to-Know request submitted to Montgomery County by an official with the State Ethics Commission, a Township Supervisor serving as an attorney for Township residents, counsel for the certain Township property owners, and the lack for records at the Township Building pertaining to a property preserved through the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Program.

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 Caughlan made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer’s Report and other Monthly Reports for November 2019, (b) bill payment for November 2019 in the amount of \$455,034.54; and, (c) the November 20, 2019 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) Resolution 2019-16 – Mr. Ryan noted the proposed 2020 Budget had been advertised for public inspection as required by State Law, and Mr. Ryan noted the proposed 2020 Budget had been posted to the Township website. Mr. Ryan noted no public comment has been received to date.

Ms. Caughlan made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-16, to adopt the 2020 Budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Phil Berg, Worcester, commented on the proposed fee for Pennsylvania State Police services, and potential funding options and impact to real estate taxes should this fee be adopted. Dr. Mollick commented on the budgeted year-end transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund, Capital Fund reserves, and future capital project expenditures.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) appointment – Chair DeLello provided an overview of proposals for professional planning services for the Comprehensive Plan Update Project.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on the professional planning services provided by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the cost-sharing approach employed by the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Chair DeLello commented on Montgomery County Planning Commission planner experience.

Ms. Caughlan made a motion to appoint the Montgomery County Planning Commission as the planner for the Comprehensive Plan Update Project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on Montgomery County Planning Commission planner experience, and on level of service.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) agreement – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a proposed agreement with Curb My Clutter to provide for the curbside collection of electronic items and other reusables.

Blake Dunbar, Township Solicitor, noted his office reviewed the agreement, and found the form of the agreement acceptable.

Supervisor Quigley commented on recycling opportunities. Mr. Ryan commented on the Covered Device Recycling Act, and on the impact this State Law has had on the recycling market of certain electronics.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approved an agreement with Curb My Clutter. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

David Brooks, Worcester, commented on the recycling market of certain electronics.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on fees for the collection of electronic items.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) Settlement Stipulation – Blake Dunbar, Township Solicitor, provided an overview of a proposed assessment appeal Settlement Stipulation for property at Crestline Drive.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve a Settlement Stipulation for Bhoiwala v. Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals, et al., Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Docket No. 2017-26202. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Supervisor Caughlan commented on agenda items to be considered at the January 6 Reorganization Meeting, and on deferring certain agenda items to the January 15 Business Meeting. Chair DeLello commented on the deferment of certain agenda items to the January 15 Business Meeting. Supervisor Caughlan commented on transparency. Supervisor Quigley commented on transparency, and on the importance of telling the truth.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Deb Walker, Worcester, commented on open space aesthetic value, and on open space funding costs.
- Christine Steere, Worcester, commented on resident support for open space funding.
- Dr. Mollick commented on open space funding costs, impact to tax revenues, impact to School District revenues, transparency of School District operations, transparency of Township operations, and Reorganization Meeting times.
- Mr. Berg commented on the utilization of Evansburg State Park, and on taxes paid by Township residents. Supervisor Quigley commented on current Township efforts to connect the Zacharias Trail to the trail network in Evansburg State Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager