

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 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 Business Meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast.
- Mr. Ryan announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this evening’s meeting to discuss a matter of real estate, in specific the possible acquisition of real estate. A decision on this matter is not expected to be made at this evening’s meeting.
- Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this evening’s meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation, in specific a challenge to permitted land uses. A decision on this matter is expected to be made at this evening’s meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Burt Hynes, Worcester, commented on a potential open space referendum.
- Kim David, Worcester, commented on a potential open space referendum, and the possible acquisition of real estate.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Resolution 2021-09 – Mr. Brant provided an overview of land use requirements under State Law, and potential challenges to ordinances in municipalities that do not provide that required by State Law. Mr. Brant provided an overview of a provision in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code that permits a six-month period during which a municipality may identify any deficiencies in its ordinance, and cure same. During this period the ordinance is unable to be challenged by a property owner or developer. Mr. Brant noted a resolution

adopted by the governing body is required to initiate the six-month period, and Mr. Brant provided an overview of a proposed resolution that does this.

Mr. Brant commented on the fair share of individual housing types required by State Law. Mr. Brant provided an overview of apartment uses existing and permitted by ordinance.

Chair DeLello noted recent correspondence by the Montgomery County Planning Commission that referenced a potential lack of existing and permitted apartment uses in the Township.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the need to take proactive measures that protect the Township against developer-initiated litigation.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09, to declare a municipal cure period in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Betz.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) 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 December 2020, (b) bill payment for December 2020 in the amount of \$269,355.32, (c) the December 16, 2020 Business Meeting minutes, and, (d) the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2021-08 – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a resolution to authorize submission of Meadow Lane, a Township-owned roadway, to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Liquid Fuels inventory.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08, to authorize submission of Meadow Lane, a Township-owned roadway, to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Liquid Fuels inventory. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) motion – Mr. Ryan commented on the Adair Storm Sewer Project, and the additional five permanent easements required to complete this project. Mr. Ryan noted the properties at which

the easements are required, and Mr. Ryan confirmed the Township had agreed to purchase one easement, as this easement bisects a property.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to execute five permanent easements for the Adair Storm Sewer Project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) motion – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of an earned income tax credit created by State Law, and implemented by the Township, that benefits qualifying volunteer firefighters.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to certify volunteers for the Act 172 Earned Income Tax Credit for tax year 2020, as listed in the Township Manager’s January 15, 2021 memo. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

The Members thanked the volunteer firefighters for their service to the community.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Supervisor Quigley commented on the status of the Kriebel Mill Road closure, recent flooding at this location, the condition of this location, and potential improvements at this location. General discussion on these same topics followed. Mr. Ryan was directed to contact the property owner at the northern side of the closure to ask if the owner has interest in donating land for possible improvements at this location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager