

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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.
- Chair DeLello congratulated Supervisor Betz for his election to the Board of Supervisors, and recognized the efforts of Amy Smith, candidate for this office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kim David, Worcester, commented on the Worcester Township Open Space Program, and on related communication efforts.
- Susan Smith, Worcester, commented on the Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force open house, and on related communication efforts.
- Burt Hynes, Worcester, commented on the Worcester Township Open Space Program. Supervisor Quigley commented program processes, and on the maximum amount a municipality may spend to acquire real estate.
- Cindy Smith, Worcester, commented on Township historical value and resources. Supervisor Quigley commented on past Township planning efforts at its three villages, proposed development at the Palmer property, establishment and rationale of the Township’s transfer development rights program, the status of litigation regarding a substantive challenge to the Zoning Hearing Board as filed by Palmer Village, LLC, and legal costs year to date for the substantive challenge to the Zoning Hearing Board as filed by Palmer Village, LLC.

- Harriet West, Worcester, commented on concerns with the Adair Storm Sewer Project. Chair DeLello commented on communications from the Township, and on a request made for additional informational regarding same concerns.
- Donna Kasmala, Worcester, commented on concerns with the Adair Storm Sewer Project, and on stormwater flows from a neighboring property. Supervisor Quigley commented on stormwater concerns in the Township. Chair DeLello commented on the responsibility for stormwater flows across private property.
- Jeremy Quinn, Worcester, commented on stormwater concerns at his property, the Township permitting process, work completed at a neighboring property, and the Township's review of the work completed at a neighboring property and stormwater concerns at his property. Chair DeLello commented on the option to file a claim with the Township's insurance carrier. Supervisor Betz inquired as to stormwater history at this location.

Supervisor Quigley made a motion to have the matter reviewed, and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Betz. Mr. Ryan noted State Law required an additional approval prior to the consideration of an official action item that is not listed on the meeting agenda. No vote on the motion was taken.

- Cameron Barrett, Worcester, commented on a citation issued for open burning at his property, Township code enforcement efforts, and Fire Marshal credentials.

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 October 2021, (b) bill payment for October 2021 in the amount of \$998,779.10, and (c) the October 20, 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) 2022 Budget – Nicole Quagliariello, Finance Director, provided an update on the 2022 Budget. Ms. Quagliariello noted the draft budget does not include an increase in taxes and does not include new taxes.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget does not propose the hire of additional full-time employees.

Ms. Quagliariello provided an overview of primary receipts. Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget assumes relatively stable Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Transfer Taxes and building permit receipts.

Ms. Quagliariello noted health care premiums.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget provides a 5% increase in operating contributions to the Norristown Public Library and Worcester Volunteer Fire Department, and an additional \$100,000 capital contribution for the Fire Department. Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget continues to provide a monthly stipend to Township employees who volunteer with the Fire Department during the work week, the time of the week that volunteers are in most need.

Ms. Quagliariello commented on proposed capital improvements, including the replacement of Public Works vehicles and equipment that have reached the end of their useful life.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the Capital Fund also provides for three culvert replacements, and various bridge and roadside safety improvements.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the Capital Fund provides \$874,000 for the Township's annual Road Program, which is in addition to dollars budgeted for program design, bidding and inspection, and which is also in addition to funding for smaller fixes to be made throughout the year.

Ms. Quagliariello commented on Sewer Fund operations. Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget includes a 0.5% increase to sewer service fees, which equates to an approximate \$0.22 increase per month for each home connected to the Township's sanitary sewer system.

Ms. Quagliariello commented on the State Fund, and on the 2022 estimated Liquid Fuels allocation.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget is ready to be advertised for public inspection, before its consideration at the December 15 Business Meeting.

Supervisor Quigley commented on legal expenses year-to-date.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2022 Budget for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Ken Hoffman, Dell Road, commented on legal expenses year-to-date. Mr. Ryan commented on the Township's operating reserve fund.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- c) Resolution 2021-28 – Stacy Crandell, Assistant Township Manager, provided an overview of potential assistance available from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for Tropical Depression Ida damage reimbursement.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-28, to appoint the Assistant Township Manager as the Applicant Agent for an application to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for Tropical Depression Ida damage reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed at this evening's meeting.

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 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan