

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 – 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	[ ]

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Township Manager Sean Halbom shared the meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast.
- The Township solicitor Robert Brandt announced that the board met in executive session on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to discuss personnel matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Robert Fesnak, Mr. Fesnak respectfully made (3) points. First suggesting first that the \$1.5 million open space fund should be developed into a restricted or dedicated fund in order to lend credibility to the open space program. Second, he suggested that some portion of the \$14 Million reserves of the township should be routinely be added to such a newly established fund. Finally, Mr. Fesnak expressed concern about a recent Township newsletter suggesting that the 900 plus person plus petition related to open space might be considered a “small group”. He expressed hope that everyone would work with the Board of Supervisors to meet the goals of the open space program going forward.
- Burt Hines, President of the Friends of Worcester read an open letter to the board of supervisors regarding open space funding and further suggesting that going forward that the Board might consider hybrid funding arrangements such as blending earned income tax and real-estate tax revenues for significant dollars towards open space acquisition and preservation.
- Winnie Hayes, fully endorse the letter of Friends of Worcester and pledged that both she and other interested residents would work with the Board of Supervisor to develop open space opportunities going forward.
- Susan Smith, address the board of commissioners regarding open space and expressing hope for a new and unified vision of open space and preservation within the Township.

## OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

The Board of Supervisors recognized the presence and service of the former Worcester Township Fire Marshal Mr. Dave Cornish. He was presented with a crystal plaque recognizing his many years of service and dedication to fire prevention and public safety. Commissioner DeLello expressed a sincere thanks to Mr. Cornish for his service the entire community.

- 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 Bets made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes the following items (a) the Treasurer’s Report and other Monthly Reports for September 2022, (b) bill payment for September 2022 in the amount of \$424,947.29; (c) the September 21, 2022 Business Meeting minutes, and (d) the September 21, 2022 Work Session minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor DeLello.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve the consent agenda items.

- b) Motions (People’s Bank and Trust)

Helen Mountain presented on behalf of People’s Bank and Trust.

Chair DeLello asked Ms. Mountain if the Township was able to roll this borrowing into another loan at some point in the future, and if there was an pre-payment penalty were the Township inclined to pay off the debt early. Ms. Mountain confirmed there were no restrictions or penalties for rolling the debt into a new loan or early payment. Chair DeLello asked to confirm the interest rate. Ms. Mountain confirmed the interest rate was 4.75% but was eligible for a reduction to 4.65% should the Township elect to keep 10% of the loan balance on deposit with People’s Bank.

There was no public comment.

Chair DeLello motioned to accept the loan proposal of People’s Bank and Trust Company of Doylestown PA for issuance of a General Obligation Note in an amount not to exceed \$2,115,000.00 to be utilized to reimburse funds expended for the acquisition of 3335 Fisher Road, and authorize the Township solicitor, loan counsel and staff to take all necessary steps and prepare all required ordinances and documents related to the loan transaction. Supervisor Betz seconded the motion.

Solicitor Brant called the roll: Chair DeLello vote “yes”, Vice-Chair Betz voted “yes”. The motion passed unanimously.

c) 2023 Budget Presentation

Finance Director Nicole Quagliariello shared the presentation attached to the meeting agenda packet.

Chair DeLello asked if there was any public comment regarding the 2023 Budget. There was no public comment.

d) Bid Award (Dutchman Contracting)

Mr. Nolan provided an overview of the clearing project at Nike Park, and the bidding process used to identify contractors. Two bids were received on October 4<sup>th</sup> and were opened. The low bid was submitted by Dutchman Contracting in the amount of \$28,763.00. Mr. Nolan shared the second bid was for \$53,800. Mr. Nolan confirmed with the low bidder that prevailing wage law applied to this contract and they confirmed their bid number.

Chair DeLello asked why nine contractors attended the site meeting, but only two contractors submitted bid. Mr. Nolan replied the seven contractors who did not submit bids may have been busy or drawn to other projects. He shared the nature of the work may be more time consuming for some contractors based on their methods or equipment.

Supervisor Betz asked about the follow up process with the project, and who would be inspecting the work once it was complete. Mr. Nolan replied the Public Works Director would likely inspect the work to ensure the work is appropriate.

Supervisors Bets motioned to accept the bid award from Dutchman Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$28,763.00 for the clearing of the Nike Park Facility to accommodate leaf collection. Chair DeLello seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair DeLello asked the Township manager to prepare thoughts for a future work session regarding the use of the Township Website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kim David of Berks Road asked if the Board could comment on the potential use for the property recently purchased on Fisher Road.

Chair DeLello replied that he expected the Planning Commission would make recommendations regarding the use of the site.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Sean Halbom, Township Manager