

**MINUTES  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
May 15, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Interim Township Manager stated that the meeting was being recorded for future broadcast.

Supervisor DeLello stated that on April 24<sup>th</sup> the Board met in executive session to discuss contracts and personnel.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Supervisor Betz, seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion passed unanimously.

**SWEARING IN OF FIRE POLICE OFFICER**

- a) Captain Anderson introduced the new member, Ms. Kendra Nicole Stenack. Ms. Stenack has been with the fire department for about 6 months. Captain Anderson explained Ms. Stenack was involved in a collision through no fault of her own, and that got her interested in joining. Captain Anderson stated that Ms. Stenack completed all necessary training.

Supervisor DeLello administered the oath of office and congratulated Ms. Stenack.

**MOTION**

- a) A representative from Bowman, the Township Traffic Engineer, discussed the need for a letter of commitment for a \$1.4 million funding gap for phase 1 of the route 363 improvement project. The Township previously received a grant for the design of the project. Construction of phase 1 would cost approximately \$4.4 million. In preparation for a potential \$3 million grant

from the DCED, a letter of commitment to cover the \$1.4 million funding gap is necessary to proceed with the grant application.

Supervisor DeLello stated he did not wish to commit to the \$1.4 million for a state road.

Supervisor Quigley agreed.

The representatives from Bowman said that grants are regularly pieced together to fund a larger project like this one.

Supervisor DeLello asked why the state wouldn't cover the cost. Bowman said that the program is normally filtered through the municipalities.

No action was taken.

- b) Supervisor DeLello tabled the deed of dedication, temporary construction easement, stormwater facilities easement agreement, and shared use path easement.
- c) The road program was introduced by Mr. Evarts. Allan Myers was the lowest responsible bidder and therefore the recommended awardee for the bid award.

Supervisor DeLello started discussion on the alternates/addons. The add/alternates centered around the municipal parking lots including the public works, township building, and the fire department.

Mr. Evarts offered the low bid was less expensive than the first bid would have been.

Supervisor Quigley expressed a desire to do the addons items. Supervisor Betz also supported the extra items.

Mr. Finnigan stated that the cost of everything is still going up so the board should keep that in mind.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to accept the bid from Allan Myers for the road paving with all alternates. Seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Andorn asked how the township chooses the roads for paving and Supervisor DeLello explained the process.

Mr. Andorn also questioned the prior bid. Mr. Evarts explained that the experience of that company was not road paving, and they were not a pre-certified prime contractor with PENNDOT.

Burt Hynes asked when the parking lots were last paved. Mr. Evarts responded that he did not have the information in front of him, but he expected the parking lots were paved over 10 years ago.

The motion passed unanimously.

- d) Mr. Finnigan provided background information on the Skippack Creek Watershed Alliance's efforts to apply for a DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program grant.

Mr. Evarts provided some additional MS4 requirement background and indicated that the grant that is being applied for is for two retention basins.

Supervisor DeLello clarified that this would not have any financial commitment from the township.

A motion to draft and issue a support letter was made by Supervisor Betz. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion passed unanimously.

- e) Supervisor DeLello gave background on the fee schedule update and referenced Mr. Jones's analysis on the fee schedule.

Mr. Jones gave a brief overview of the fee schedule changes.

Mr. Finnigan complimented Mr. Jones's analysis for how thorough it was.

Mr. Betz made a motion to approve the amendments as proposed. Supervisor Quigley Seconded the motion.

The floor was opened for public comment and Mr. Andorn spoke against the significant changes in the fee schedule.

Supervisor DeLello turned the floor over to Mr. Jones to discuss the proposed changes.

Mr. Jones explained that these changes would mostly impact land development, Zoning Hearing Board application, and other Board-decision-related applications. He indicated that the fees were proposed to cover the average cost incurred by the Township.

Mr. Andorn, after the explanation, was still opposed to the increases in the fee schedule.

Mr. Hynes saw one item decrease and asked about the reason. Mr. Jones reiterated that the changes were based upon an analysis of actual average cost.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Supervisor Quigley stated the Fisher Road repaving might be causing water problems. He also brought up the runoff near the proposed City View Apartments especially with the amount of pollution that might come off the hillside.

Supervisor Betz also commented on concerns about the City View Property with fuel tanks.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Andorn indicated that he appreciated the packet but didn't see the agenda. He also wanted to understand the status of Meyner Center search for the Township Manager. Supervisor DeLello said the kickoff meeting for the search is on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Andorn also supported the action taken on the Valley Forge Road project.

Bill McGran of Stump Hall Road and President of the Farmers Union made comment on the Fisher Road property and usage of that property.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

*\* Meeting to be held at the Township Community Hall Building, 1031 Valley Forge Road.*