

**MINUTES  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
July 17, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 and informed the public of three executive session that occurred on June 24, 2024 for contract negotiation, on July 15 and 16, 2024 for personnel matters.

He also added that the Board would need to add a motion to the Agenda to approve a Resolution in support of a three-million-dollar DCED multimodal fund grant. This item would be added as item C on the agenda under "MOTIONS". A motion was made to add the item was made by Supervisor DeLello and seconded by Supervisor Betz. The motion was passed unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the consent agenda including June 19<sup>th</sup> work session and business meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for June, and Bill payment for June 2024 in the amount of \$507,981.27 was made by Supervisor Betz and seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION**

- a) Motion to approve a Resolution for the 1543 Trooper Road Lot Line Change.

John Evarts, township engineer, described the lot line change and stated that there is no development planned.

Supervisor DeLello confirmed that there were not any engineering problems. Mr. Evarts confirmed that there were no problems.

A motion was made by Supervisor Betz and seconded by Supervisor Quigly. It was passed unanimously.

- b) Motion to authorize the Interim Township Manager to execute an Agreement for traffic engineering services concerning the intersection and parking restrictions on Church Road.

Mr. Finnigan, Interim Township Manager gave a quick overview of the topic.

Supervisor DeLello stated that the traffic study would be the first step of the process. He asked Mr. Finnigan about the rest of the process.

Mr. Finnigan explained that the traffic study was the first step. This would be followed by engaging PENNDOT who has authority over signage like this. The Township would then need to pass an ordinance to enforce the signs and put up the signs.

Supervisor Quigley stated that signs could be a problem with whose property they go on. He then followed that with the signs probably are important. He would like to hear from the residents to see where they should go.

Supervisor Betz stated that box trucks are the problem, but normal cars are not the problem.

Supervisor Betz made the motion. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

Supervisor DeLello opened the floor to public comment.

Supervisor Quigley mentioned that enforcement seems like it has been an issue in the past.

Mitchel Wexler lives at Wheatsheaf Village. Mr. Wexler stated speed and vision are issues in the morning. He additionally supports the township in a no parking ordinance.

Matt Andersson also a resident at Wheatsheaf Village. Mr. Andersson is the owner of one of the trucks in question. Mr. Andersson stated the Township said that parking the truck there was legal but some of the neighbors might be annoyed. Mr. Andersson stated that the State Police were out twice with them asking him to move the truck back once and the second time just following up on a report. Mr. Andersson also claimed that there are multiple residents in the community that do not care about the truck being parked where it is. Mr. Andersson also stated that he is looking for a permanent off site storage facility.

Supervisor DeLello clarified that it is not an attack on any individual. The motion is to approve engineering to see if there are sight line issues.

Supervisor Quigley stated this is a slow process and that to put up any signs might be a year long process.

The motion passed unanimously.

c) Motion to approve the Resolution 2024-09 for a DCED multimodal transportation grant.

Supervisor DeLello provided background on the grant and restated it would award 3 million dollars.

A motion was made by Supervisor Betz seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Supervisor DeLello gave an update about the environmental issues on the City View Project. Initial feedback given is that the process was followed.

Supervisor Quigley stated that City View is the gateway to the community, and he is unhappy with the look of the property. He is worried about the possible ground contamination with cars sitting on the property in the junk yard that was there.

Supervisor Betz said the earth smelled like raw fuel. He wants to be a good neighbor and checking the environmental impact is part of that.

Supervisor DeLello stated that he just wants things to be done right to protect the community.

Supervisor Quigley suggested that there might be some ordinances that could be enforced against the property to ensure compliance or to help with the unsightly junk on the property.

Supervisor DeLello stated that he is unsure about the ordinance if there is one the Township might consider taking an advantage of it.

Burt Heinz grew up in Fairview Village. He recalled that Sundays in the 1950s there were weekly tire and car burnings. He recalled that it would be a pile of tires and the smoke would go into the air. He stated that it was common practice and considered normal.

Supervisor Quigley expressed concerns over environmental issues again.

Supervisor DeLello suggested the hiring of an environmental engineer.

Supervisor Betz said that the property he remediated took 23 years and that looking at engineers that have experience with this type of site would be better than hiring someone who is just qualified.

Supervisor Betz asked the Solicitor if they were familiar about this type of environmental issues and since they were he suggested that they might know some engineers that would be well suited for this task.

Supervisor Quigley suggested that the Township start finding quotes and start working to see if the property is clean.

Mr. Finnigan stated that there is nothing that is preventing the developer from having already done the environmental study and could come in with plans tomorrow. Mr. Finnigan suggested that being on the

offensive would be better than playing defense and engaging an environmental engineer would be the best way to protect the Township.

Supervisor Quigley questioned the construction practices on the site.

Supervisor Quigley asked if the Township could get the reimbursement. Mr. Finnigan confirmed that this would come out of an escrow account.

Supervisor DeLello summarized the comments that the Board would like to see a couple more names for next meeting and would like to have someone appointed at the August meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Moor, Worcester: Mr. Moore is in support of an environmental engineer. He also questioned the lack of appointment of a consultant at the June meeting.

Bob Andorn, Worcester: Mr. Andorn stated he wanted more information on the agenda for the work session. He also questioned fire hydrant expenditures as it is currently negative. He also commented that Church Road parking business vehicles on residential properties. His final comment was about City View possibly reaching out to the developer to address the aesthetic concern.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.