

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
August 21, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Probst of 1690 Wood Bridge Ln spoke on some house bills that were in the state legislator dealing with zoning bills. The resident stated that he is worried that these bills might make the Township have difficulty with development.

Supervisor DeLello informed Mr. Probst that the township is aware of some bills to take over local zoning the Commonwealth. He explained that PSATS lobbies against these types of bills.

The resident also presented a copy of a resolution from Upper Salford to oppose these types of bills.

Supervisor Quigley thanked Mr. Probst for taking interest in Township matters.

WORKSESSION TOPICS

- Fee Schedule Amendment for Permits Discussion

Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager, gave a brief overview of the proposed fee updates. These fee updates would cover the cost of user-based permit processing and review expenses.

Supervisor DeLello asked about the thought process behind requiring an upfront application fee.

Mr. Jones informed the Board that the application fee would cover part of the cost to process and review a permit application if it were denied or withdrawn.

Supervisor DeLello asked Mr. Jones to explain the process behind the fees.

Mr. Jones explained his analysis.

Supervisor Quigley stated that no one likes fees but the purpose is to more accurately reflect the resource allocation of the Township. He also told the public that the individual services should be covered by the individuals that use the service.

Mr. Betz asked why the analysis originated. He also stated with the budget surplus in fee raises might not be necessary.

Supervisor DeLello reexplained that the cost is currently covered by all taxpayers but it should be covered by the resident pulling the permit.

Supervisor Quigley stated that keeping fees low would be like charging the entire township for water used by those on public water.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Andorn of Worcester Township made a comment against fee increases.

Christine Steere of Worcester Township expressed agreement with Mr. Andorn.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.