

**MINUTES  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL  
August 21, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman DeLello.

**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 an executive session that occurred on July 23, 2024 for personnel matters and contract negotiations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Andorn of Worcester Township referenced in July a comment he made in relation to the hydrant rentals. He stated that there was a journal entry but felt that the question was not answered. He asked for all documentation on the line item. There was nothing that would have been addressed in a negative amount.

Supervisor Quigley stated that he knows Mr. Andorn will be back and that hopefully keeping staff around might help address some of the issues. He stated that he appreciates resident concerns.

Steve Westoff of Worcester Township commented about his environmental background and expressed his happiness to hear the townships interest in the environment and spoke in support of an environmental engineer. He also complained about the litter on the road.

Supervisor DeLello responded that the topic of environmental engineering will have more information and discussion when the item comes up on the agenda.

**OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS**

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve a consent agenda that includes the following items:

- i. July 17<sup>th</sup> Work Session Meeting minutes;
- ii. July 17<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting minutes;
- iii. Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for July 2024; and
- iv. bill payment for July 2024

was made by Supervisor Betz and seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **MOTION**

- a) Motion by Supervisor DeLello, seconded by Supervisor Quigley to appoint Pennoni as Township Environmental Engineer and authorize the Interim Township Manager to execute the Environmental Consulting Services Agreement

Supervisor DeLello gave an introduction for this topic, and specifically, the review of the City View site. He stated that there is contamination on site and the property owner can self-remediate. The property owner recognizes seven locations where there is soil contamination. There is no remediation currently happening and the remediation has to happen before the land development. He stated that the Township is trying to hold the property owners accountable to remediate the land.

Supervisor Betz requested that the solicitor provide additional recommendations. At least 3 options would be nice. He is not ready to commit to a contract with anyone and would like to table this topic.

Supervisor DeLello pointed out that during past two meetings there were two contracts presented, and appointing someone immediately would make the resources available for the engineering. He brought up the large amount of concern from residents. He also clarified the zoning waiver currently before the ZHB.

Mr. Finnigan clarified that the variances were for sidewalks, parking closer to the roadway and storm water.

Wendy McKenna, the solicitor, clarified that this is a variance not a waiver as previously stated.

John Evarts further clarified what the three variances were.

Supervisor Betz clarified that the application was just a reapply because the deadline had passed.

Supervisor Quigley commented that if Mr. Betz is ready next month to make a decision, he can wait a month.

Supervisor DeLello asked to clarify what Mr. Betz needs to happen before next month to be confident in a vote.

Supervisor Betz clarified that he wants three proposals and the board will pick the best one.

The board reached a consensus to have contractors presented for next month.

- b) Motion to appoint Daniel DeMeno as Township Manager, Township Secretary, Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, and Right-To-Know Officer effective September 3, 2024

Supervisor DeLello introduced the new Township Manager Dan DeMeno.

A motion to appoint Dan DeMeno as Township Manager, Township Secretary, Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, and Right-To-Know Officer effective September 3, 2024 was made by Supervisor Betz, seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-11 establishing compensation for the Township Manager effective September 3, 2024

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

- d) Motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Employment Agreement between Worcester Township and Daniel DeMeno effective September 3, 2024

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

- e) Motion to authorize the Interim Township Manager, in his capacity as plan administrator, to sign the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation forms for the Non-Uniformed Employees' Money Purchase Pension Plan and the Retirement Plan for Employees of Worcester Township

Mr. Finnigan gave some background on the Township contribution to the employee retirement plans.

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

- f) Motion to approve Resolution 2024-12 amending the Fee Schedule for Permit Fees

Supervisor DeLello suggested that pausing might be the best option. He stated that raising the fee schedule to expenses makes sense but, elevating resident concerns might be a good idea.

Supervisor Quigley stated that the Assistant Manager created this analysis and that the Board is just trying to be good stewards of the money.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Finnigan explained that the Nike Park Deed restriction makes it so the fire company cannot build a fire training site on the land.

There was a discussion on what the park could be used for and the solicitor stated that it could only be used for recreation and open space.

Supervisors Quigley & DeLello offered thanks to Mr. Finnigan for his efforts on behalf of the Township as the Interim Township Manager.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Andorn of Worcester spoke that the environmental engineer should be a higher priority. He also spoke about land use at Nike Park. Additionally, he spoke about the location analysis of the band shell.

Bill McGrane informed the Board about an agriculture meeting that he had attended earlier in the month and stated that they discussed among other things invasive species like, India Hemp and Spotted Lantern Fly. He also reported that many groups were represented including 4-H.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.