

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
November 20, 2024 - 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman DeLello.

ATTENDANCE

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Assistant Township Manager, Christian Jones, stated that the meeting was being recorded for future broadcast.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. 2025 Budget Presentation by Finance Director

Nicole Quagliariello, the Finance Director, gave the budget presentation. Starting with a recommendation for no tax increase. Personnel proposed would include the hire of one additional Administrative Specialist. She also announced that the budget was balanced with Earned Income Tax being the primary source of revenue at a projected 3.5 million dollars. Other sources of revenue included 250,000 dollars Real Estate Transfer tax. The Finance Director explained that health insurance premiums would be kept at the same amount and an increase in funding would be given of 5% would be given to the Fire Department funding, this funding does not include any workers comp insurance or the passthrough funding that was received.

Ms. Quagliariello detailed the capital fund expenses including the road program, park upgrades, and vehicle replacement for the Public Works department.

She also introduced a sewer rate raise of about 1% or 50 cents a month for residential users.

Ms. Quagliariello finally laid out the timeline for the rest of the budget season.

Chairman DeLello reiterated Ms. Quagliariello's timeline and asked for comment and questions.

Mr. Quigley asked for clarification on what roads the township repairs in comparison to state and county roads and how the paving works

Mr. DeMeno explained that some of the main roads are not owned by the township and paving is bided out through the state required bid process. Any minor potholes on township roads are repaired by public works.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Kesh made comment on 1616 Whitehall construction and possible environmental issues.

Chairman DeLello asked Mr. DeMeno to comment on the property and zoning issues.

Mr. DeMeno outlined some of the steps taken around rectifying the situation.

Ms. Kesh also asked if any other governments were involved.

Chairman DeLello stated that there were a few different departments and organizations involved.

Mr. Quigley expressed that the correction process was in the works and it can be a slow process.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes the following items:
 - i. September 18th Work Session Meeting minutes;
 - ii. September 18th Business Meeting minutes;
 - iii. Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for September 2024; and
 - iv. bill payment for September 2024

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Betz and seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Bob Andorn made comment about information provided to the public.

The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION

a) Advertise the 2025 Budget

Chairman DeLello introduced the topic.

Vice Chairman Betz stated that if there is anything wrong that it can be amended.

Vice Chairman Betz made the motion to advertise, and Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

Mr. Andorn asked questions about the budget and detailed some issues he had with the budget.

Jim Mollick thanked Ms. Quagliariello for the presentation and stated that the budget was good. He stated that this is a better budgetary process than some other governments.

He then asked about the balance in the Nike fund and asked about an update of the clean-up of the army reserve site. He also thanked the township for reducing spending on Right-to-Know from \$250,000 to less than \$10,000. He also asked about the fire marshal position being stipend. Finally, Dr. Mollick asked about payment of the bills. Mr. DeMeno answered that the fire marshal position would hopefully be a stipend position saving the township money.

Bill McGrane made comment on an exhibit at the end of the budget with a possible typo. He also asked about the Army Reserve cleanup and a road map or timeline. Mr. DeMeno stated that there would be an update shortly.

Mr. Quigley stated that Mr. DeMeno was attempting to change some minor things that would help with the accounting and bills.

Morris Venezia asked about zoning on shipping containers. Mr. DeMeno answered that they would be an accessory structure.

The motion passed unanimously.

b) Motion to authorize advertising of a Fence Ordinance and Cell Tower Ordinance

Mr. DeMeno introduced the ordinance specifically a 5 foot fence for privacy and some language updates. He also explained that the cell tower section is just being moved.

Chairman DeLello thanked Vice Chairman Betz for bringing up the issue of the Fence Ordinance.

The motion was made by Vice Chairman Betz and seconded by Supervisor Quigley. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Quigley commented about Emergency Medical Services funding specifically for Skippack Ambulance Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM