

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
January 15, 2025 - 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Moore spoke about the quality of the meeting recordings.

Jane Voss spoke about 1616 Whitehall Rd.

Township Manager, Dan DeMeno, explained that the property was in the enforcement process.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

- a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes the following items:
 - i. January 6th Reorganization Minutes Business Meeting minutes;
 - ii. Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for December 2024; and
 - iii. bill payment for December 2025 in the amount of \$53,361.63

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

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Township Solicitor, Wendy McKenna, opened a hearing on a fence and wireless facilities zoning ordinance amendment.

Vice Chair Betz moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

The motion passed unanimously, and the hearing was closed.

MOTION

- a) Resolution 2025-06 approving the C. Bradford & Sandra B. Smith Minor Subdivision Plan**

Chair DeLello offered a brief explanation of the process and of the proposed plan.

Township Engineer, John Evarts, provided a description of the waivers and stated that he did not feel like any of the waivers were bad.

Vice Chair Betz made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06, seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Smith spoke during public comment to clarify a portion of the resolution in regards to the Planning Commission letter.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- b) Resolution 2025-07 approving the Wangia Subdivision Plan**

Mr. Evarts provided a description of the plan and waivers. He stated that the waivers requested did not present any immediate issues.

Vice Chair Betz made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07, seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

The motion was passed unanimously.

- c) Submission to PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of the Corrective Action Plan for the Berwick Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Mr. Evarts provided background on this issue, including the future projected five-year organic overload at the Berwick Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chair DeLello asked for clarification and specifically indicated that the Board was not approving a development by authorizing the submission of the CAP to DEP.

Vice Chair Betz offered some history of the plant. He also asked about the process of discovering the problem.

Supervisor Quigley asked about the capacity of the plant.

Mr. Evarts indicated that the Act 537 Plan included the property discussed as a future service area for the Berwick Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ms. McKenna offered that there might be legal issues if the township did not provide the ability to connect to public sewer.

Vice Chair Betz made a motion to authorize submission to PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of the corrective action plan for the Berwick Wastewater Treatment Plant, seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Mr. Bob Andorn spoke against the approval of the corrective action plan if the developer were to pay for the plan.

Supervisor Quigley asked about the language concerning recapture of the money.

Mr. Evarts stated that BET would be able to recapture from large developments like Westrum.

Peter Clelland, on behalf of BET investments, stated that BET would be willing to remove the recapture provision from the letter.

Ms. McKenna reworded the motion for removing the recapture provision.

The motion passed unanimously.

d) Advertisement of Church Road No Parking Ordinance

Mr. DeMeno provided background information on the Church Road No Parking Ordinance. He explained the minimum and maximum parking restrictions to address sight distances, and that the minimum restriction would be what the draft has as the requirement.

Vice Chair Betz stated that the safety of the development is of the utmost importance and the minimum distance would be fine and adjusting later if there is a safety issue.

Supervisor Quigley echoed Vice Chair Betz's comments.

Chair DeLello asked staff to identify other intersections that are safety issues as well.

Mr. DeMeno stated that many roads have issues with sight triangles because the older roads were cart paths originally.

Vice Chair Betz made a motion to authorize the advertisement, seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Skippack EMS Contribution Discussion

Mr. DeMeno provided background concerning the Skippack EMS contribution discussion including that the township does not currently fund any EMS companies.

Chair DeLello asked about the number of calls from other EMS companies.

Mr. DeMeno stated that all call volume would cost about \$150,000 - \$200,000 per year, but Skippack is the only one asking for money.

Supervisor Quigley stated that this is a public safety issue and that should be a priority.

Mr. DeMeno further explained call volume.

Supervisor Quigley requested that Mr. DeMeno should work the numbers.

Vice Chair Betz stated that he was in favor of funding and also that the township should check with State Representative Bradford's office for grant opportunities.

The Board provided a consensus opinion that Mr. DeMeno should draft a funding resolution for Skippack EMS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Andorn spoke against the approval of funding Skippack EMS without it approved in the annual budget. He also spoke in support of adding oversight responsibilities to any resolution. Mr. Andorn further spoke against the decision for the Berwick Corrective Action Plan. Additionally, he reiterated his expectations concerning the presentation of financial information in the public packet.

Maryann Alice, a Supervisor for Skippack Township, spoke in support of the funding of Skippack EMS.

Ed Moore spoke on the Valley Green treatment plant in regard to an overflow.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM