

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 7:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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| PRESENT: | RICK DELELLO | [X] |
| | LOU BETZ | [X] |
| | STEVE QUIGLEY | [X] |

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced this evening's meeting was being recorded for rebroadcast.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented on discussion had a recent Methacton School Board meeting.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair DeLello asked if any Member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. There were no requests to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for July 2021, (b) bill payment for July 2021 in the amount of \$680,636.85, (c) the July 21, 2021 Work Session minutes, and (d) the July 21, 2021 Business Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Public Hearing – At 7:35pm Chair DeLello opened a Public Hearing to consider Ordinance 2021-286, to amend certain recycling and open burning regulations in the Township Code.

A court reporter was in attendance to transcribe the proceedings.

At 7:41pm Chair DeLello closed the Public Hearing.

- c) Ordinance 2021-286 – Supervisor Betz made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-286, to amend certain recycling and open burning regulations in the Township Code. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

Dr. Mollick commented on open burning regulations.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the 2022 MMO contributions to the defined-benefit and defined-contribution pension plans.

Supervisor Betz made a motion to approve the 2022 MMO contributions to the Township's defined-benefit and defined-contribution pension plans. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) Open Space Program – The Members discussed a possible open space program.

Chair DeLello commented on the acres in the Township permanently preserved or enrolled in the Worcester Township Agricultural Security Area.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Program, and Township properties preserved through this program in years past.

Supervisor Betz commented on the continuation of land preservation efforts.

Supervisor Quigley commented on open space program structure, and the appointment of a Township employee or consultant to serve as liaison to property owners.

Supervisor Quigley commented on local government limitations regarding development proposed in accordance with municipal ordinance.

Supervisor Quigley commented on certain recreational facilities, including community centers and swimming pools.

Chair DeLello commented on private contributions made to assist Township land preservation efforts.

Supervisor Quigley commented on borrowing options. Mr. Ryan commented on commercial borrowings and the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Chair DeLello commented on the preparation of education materials regarding the Township's land preservation efforts.

Mr. Ryan will assemble information regrading a potential open space program and funding sources, for Members review and consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed at this evening's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wini Hayes, Worcester, commented on funds held by a regional land trust, prioritization of parcels proposed to be acquired, the Worcester Township Open Space Plan, a proposed community center in Lower Providence Township, Arrowhead Elementary School improvements, and open space acquisition funding sources.
- Kim David, Worcester, commented on land preservation efforts and funding. Supervisor Quigley commented on issues pertaining to past land preservation efforts, and the steps the Township has taken to date to investigate and resolve these issues.
- Dr. Mollick commented on Arrowhead Elementary School improvements, comments made at a recent Methacton School Board meeting, and the Township's Right-to-Know process.
- Amy Smith, Worcester, commented on intermunicipal parks and recreation programs, intermunicipal stormwater management efforts, preservation of natural areas, open space program schedule, and assistance available from the office of State Representative Bradford.
- Burt Hynes, Worcester, commented on land preservation efforts, and on the preservation of natural areas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan