WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 – 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, announced the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on March 28 to discuss a personnel matter, on April 7 to discuss a personnel matter, and prior to this evening's Work Session to discuss a matter of real estate.
- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced this evening's Work Session was being video-recorded for rebroadcast.

PRESENTATIONS

<u>open space referendum</u> – Chair DeLello commented on referendum types, in specific debt referendum and tax referendum.

Chair DeLello commented on earned income tax referendum and on real estate tax referendum.

Mr. Brant commented on the debt referendum process and on the tax referendum process.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the recently-established Worcester Township Open Space Preservation Program. Supervisor Quigley noted residents may contribute to this program. Supervisor Quigley commented on open space tax impact on residents with fixed incomes.

Supervisor Quigley commented on Montgomery County Farmland Preservation Program efforts and experiences.

Chair DeLello noted State Law does not allow the Township to offer a property owner wanting to sell land an amount greater than the appraised value of the land.

The Members discussed real estate tax and earned income tax options.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bob Fesnak, Worcester, commented on open space preservation efforts, resident survey results, preservation efforts employed in other municipalities, a Montgomery County preservation study, real estate tax and earned income tax options, projected tax receipts, and referendum schedule.
- Burt Hynes, Worcester, commented on real estate tax and earned income tax options, current millage rates assessed by Worcester Township, Methacton School District, and Montgomery County, and possible open space tax rate for Worcester Township.
- Wini Hayes, Worcester, commented on open space preservation efforts, preservation education, referendum schedule, real estate tax and earned income tax options, and bond financing.
- Christine Steere, Worcester, commented on open space preservation efforts and on preservation education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Work Session at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan Township Manager