

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 6:33 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, announced this evening’s Work Session was being video-recorded for rebroadcast.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Susan Smith, Worcester, commented on proposed development of the Palmer property, and on land preservation efforts.
- Cindy Smith, Worcester, commented on the preservation of her family’s property, and on land preservation efforts.

PRESENTATIONS

2022 Budget – Nicole Quagliariello, Finance Director, provided an update on the 2022 Budget. Ms. Quagliariello noted the draft budget does not include an increase in taxes and does not include new taxes.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget does not propose the hire of additional full-time employees.

Ms. Quagliariello provided an overview of primary receipts. Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget assumes relatively stable Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Transfer Taxes and building permit receipts.

Ms. Quagliariello noted health care premiums are expected to be received in October.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget provides a 5% increase in operating contributions to the Norristown Public Library and Worcester Volunteer Fire Department, and an additional \$100,000 capital contribution for the Fire Department. Ms. Quagliariello noted the budget continues to provide a monthly stipend to Township employees who volunteer with the Fire

Department during the work week, the time of the week that volunteer firefighters are in most need.

Ms. Quagliariello commented on proposed capital improvements, including the replacement of Public Works vehicles and equipment that have reached the end of their useful life.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the Capital Fund also provides for three culvert replacements, and various bridge and roadside safety improvements.

Ms. Quagliariello noted the Capital Fund provides \$874,000 for the Township's annual Road Program, which is in addition to dollars budgeted for program design, bidding and inspection, and which is likewise in addition to funding for smaller roadway fixes to be made throughout the year.

Ms. Quagliariello commented on Sewer Fund operations. Ms. Quagliariello noted the draft budget includes a 0.5% increase to sewer service fees, which equates to an approximate \$0.22 increase per month for each home connected to the Township's sanitary sewer system.

Ms. Quagliariello commented on the State Fund, and on the 2022 estimated Liquid Fuels allocation, which will be received in October.

Ms. Quagliariello noted she will provide an update on the proposed 2022 Budget at the October 20 Business Meeting. She noted the Budget would also be presented at the November 17 Business Meeting, and then made available for a 20-day public inspection hearing, before being considered at a Public Hearing at the December 15 Business Meeting.

Chair DeLello commented on the Township's budgeting process.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the Township's contribution toward the purchase of a ladder truck for the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department, and on apparatus functionality.

Supervisor Quigley commented on a potential Township open space program. Ms. Susan Smith commented on a potential open space coordinator position.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the recently-concluded investigation of past open space purchases, and on the resolution of all issues that were identified during the investigation. Supervisor Quigley noted the Township is now able to move forward and consider a potential open space program.

Burt Hynes, Worcester, commented on proposed Sewer Fund budgeted receipts and expenditures. Ms. Quagliariello noted American Rescue Plan Act funds received in 2021 are budgeted for projects proposed in 2022.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the expansion of public sewer systems to serve properties with failing on-lot septic systems. Supervisor Quigley commented on the public sewer system to serve future multifamily developments.

Chair DeLello commented on the capital reserve study commissioned to identify long-term improvement obligations at the Township-owned sanitary sewer system.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business considered at this evening's Work Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no other additional public comment at this evening's Work Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Work Session at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager