

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023- 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeLello called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

• INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Township Manager announced the meeting was being video recorded for future broadcast
- The Township Manager announced the Board of Supervisors held executive sessions on June 7th from 3:15pm-4pm, to discuss Real Estate, and on June 21st from 6:30pm until 6:55pm, to discuss Real Estate, Litigation, and personnel. No decisions were made at either meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

All three supervisors were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public offered public comment.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent agenda
 - a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes the following items:
 - i. Treasurer's Report and other Monthly Reports for May 2023;
 - ii. bill payment for May 2023; and May 2023 Work Session, and Business Meeting minutes

Vice-Chair Betz motioned to approve the consent agenda including the Treasurers Report and other Monthly Reports for May, 2023, bill payment for May 2023 totaling \$328,698.00, and Work Session and Business meeting minutes for the month of May, 2023. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The motion was passed, 3-0.

2. Resolution 2023-14
 - A resolution to adopt the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Township Manager summarized the Resoltion, which is a regularly updated plan every three years. Adopting this Plan entitles the Township to federal and state disaster aid in the event of a disaster declaration. Chair DeLello asked Mr. Halbom about the role the Township played in the development of the report. He replied that volunteer emergency service organizations throughout the County provided to the County Planning Commission and Emergency Services Department, who

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authored the document. The document is available on the County website, and in print form in the meeting room.

Vice-Chair Betz asked how frequently the document is updated. Mr. Halbom replied every three years an update is published, but those are usually routine updates. Chair DeLello asked what would happen if this Resolution were not passed. Mr. Halbom replied that the Township would still operate in conjunction with other emergency services providers, we would simply not be eligible to apply for reimbursement for natural disaster relief.

Vice-Chair Betz motioned to adopt the Montgomery County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The motion was passed, 3-0.

3. Motion

- A motion to authorize execution by the Township of the Valley Forge Road Corridor Deeds of Dedication and Temporary Construction Easements signed by James D. Bonasera and Uldana K. Bonasera

The Township Solicitor summarized the motion, which is a part of the Valley Forge Road Corridor improvement project. Vice-Chair Betz motioned to authorize execution by the Township of the Valley Forge Road Corridor, Deed of Dedication and Temporary Construction Easements signed by James D. Bonasera and Uldana K. Bonasera. Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

There was not public comment.

The motion was passed, 3-0.

4. Motion

- A motion to enter into settlement for tax assessment appeals for the following addresses:

The Township Solicitor provided a summary of the tax assessment appeals. He shared that the School District – who receives the lion’s share of property taxes – leads these negotiations with the property owners. The Township then agrees to the settlement agreements for the small portion that is our. Chair DeLello summarized the total of the twelve assessments was around \$32.00.

1. Magalich – 3351 Fisher Road
2. Garrett – 1470 Little Creek Lane
3. Han & Sunmin – 2542 Acorn Lane
4. Hall – 2505 Pond View Drive
5. Navaparal & Patel – 1893 Cassel Road
6. Sood – 2113 Deep Meadow Lane
7. Ali – 2103 Deep Meadow Lane
8. Sfida & Nacinovich – 2118 Country View Lane
9. Duffy – 1450 Little Creek Lane
10. Ptaszenski & Mascaro – 3150 Doe Brook Road
11. Schulberger – 1065 Quarry Hall Road

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12. Mozley – 1033 Anvil Drive

Vice-Chair Betz motioned to enter into settlement for tax assessment appeals for the addresses listed by Mr. Brant (appearing above). Supervisor Quigley seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The motion was passed, 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Recognition of Service** – Following over 35 years of service to Worcester as Township Engineer, Mr. Joe Nolan will be retiring on June 30th.

Chair DeLello shared remarks thanking Mr. Nolan for his many years of service to the Township. Joe started his service with the Township in 1986. At that time, Worcester was a rural community of 3,500 residents and one of CKS engineer's early clients. Mr. DeLello praised Mr. Nolan's role in the development of the Community to our current population of over 10,000 residents. Finally, Mr. DeLello thanked Mrs. Nolan and Joe's family for the many evenings they shared Joe with the Township over that time. Finally, he thanked Joe for his role in the Lenape Valley Foundation and his contributions to the community outside of his engineering work.

Vice-Chair Betz commended Joe for 35 years of service, an accomplishment rarely seen, and his work with more than 30 different supervisors. He wished Joe and his family a happy retirement.

Supervisor Quigley shared his long history with Joe and his family over the years, even before Steve's time as a Supervisor. He shared that, even during rare times of disagreement, Joe has always been a professional. He thanked Joe for his time, advice, and commitment to the community and wished him and his family a happy retirement.

The Board of Supervisors presented Mr. Nolan with a plaque commemorating his service.

Mr. Nolan thanked the Board and the Community for the opportunity to work together over these many years. He shared his satisfaction with helping the Township achieve their goals and navigate the difficult environments the Township has encountered over the past 35 years. He thanked his 45 staff members, especially John Evarts, who has been a leading player in our Engineering over the past few years. He shared that, while he is looking forward to retirement and time with his family and grandchildren, he will miss his full-time role with the Township. He shared he will continue with CKS is a reduced capacity.

BOARD COMMENT

Vice-Chair Betz asked about the status of the Fire Company's new ladder truck. Mr. DeLello asked the Township Manager for an update. He replied it has arrived but is being outfitted and logoed. Mr. DeLello replied that the funding for that vehicle is completed on the Township's end.

Mr. Betz commented on the ongoing issues related to student parking around Methacton High School. He expressed frustration with the school district's progress in identifying a solution for Anvil Drive

residents. He expressed a stern desire to resolve the issue and summarized a recent meeting he had with the School District Superintendent. Supervisor Quigley voiced agreement with the statement that the school district is moving slowly. He voiced agreement with the Anvil Drive neighbors' concerns and asked the Township Solicitor how we could encourage the school district to take action. Mr. Betz offered removal of parking restrictions along Kriebel Mill Road as one potential solution for parking relief.

Mr. Betz shared a recent conversation he had with Mr. McGrain from the Farmer's Union Horse Company. He proposed considering a name change for the park and invited the Horse Company to share their opinion on the subject, if they wished to.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill McGrain thanked the Township and Fire Department for their help with the 83rd annual Horse Show. A total of 55 riders and 50 horses attended between 8am and 5pm. They had fewer Worcester residents participate but did have a few local winners. He advocated for the renaming of the Horse Ring Park to include a name that referenced the Horse Company.

Supervisor Quigley asked how many Worcester horses were in the show. Bill replied that five locals attended, likely due to a conflicting show in Bloomsburg the same day. Bill offered there are roughly 300 horses in the Township on roughly 40 properties. Bill offered the Horse Company is working on ideas for suggestion to incorporate into the 3335 Fisher Road property.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm by unanimous decision.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission – June 22, 2023 (7:30 PM) - **Cancelled**

Zoning Hearing Board – June 27, 2023

Board of Supervisors – July 26, 2023 (Work Session @ 6:30PM, Business Meeting @ 7:00PM) (Note: this has been rescheduled from July 19, 2023)