

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FEBRUARY 21, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor DeLello at 6:30 PM.

Supervisor Quigley was absent at the start of the meeting.

Announcements

The Township Manager announced the meeting would be recorded for future broadcast, and that the Board of Supervisors met in executive session on:

- 1/24/2023 to discuss litigation.
- 2/1/2024 to discuss personnel.
- 2/19/2024 to discuss personnel, litigation, and real estate.

Public Comment

Carrol Otten 1640 Krebel Mill Road. Commented about a neighboring property landscaping their property absent permits. She cited several issues and concerns related to the work.

Supervisor DeLello responded that the Board would investigate the matter.

Old Duchie Church

The Township manager provided some background about the Old Dutchie Church property following the Township's acquisition of the property. He shared the renovations necessary would likely require a public bid process to identify contractors. He reported necessary renovations included new windows, doors, and shutters. The work would have to comply with historic standards to be eligible for certain grant revenue.

Jim Thompson, President of the Worcester Township Historical Society provided an update from the Historical Society. Jim called attention to the two existing buildings on the Historic Register in Worcester, Peter Wentz Farm and the Anthony Morris Building. He offered there was value in registering the Old Dutchie Church. Jim echoed the difficulties identifying qualified carpenters to perform historic work.

Mr. Thompson gave information about the history of the buildings, and he also described the difficulty the Historical Society had holding events at the church, specifically due to parking constraints.

Supervisor DeLello discussed the possibility of connecting the trail system to alleviate parking concerns. He also questioned the requirements to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Thompson described some renovation work done in 2006. The Board discussed some past renovations and past events held at the Church. The Board discussed the potential uses of the site with Jim Thompson and reviewed photos and aerials of the site and surrounding area.

The Board agreed to further the discussion and the property's role in the larger portfolio of Township properties. The Board directed staff to continue seeking out options for the identification of contractors and steps involved in bidding the work.

Public Comment

Christopher DePaul 1660 Whitehall: Chris drew the Board's attention to a list of vendors with the Philadelphia Historical Society.

The session was adjourned at 7:00 PM