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**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2026**

The Worcester Township Board of Supervisors held its regularly scheduled Business Meeting on August 19, 2026, at the Worcester Township Community Hall, 1031 Valley Forge Road, Worcester, Pennsylvania.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lou Betz called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Lou Betz, Chair; and Christine Steere, Vice Chair.

Board Member Absent: Rick DeLello, Supervisor.

Also Present: Dan DeMeno, Township Manager; Wendy McKenna, Township Solicitor; and John Evarts, Township Engineer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Township Manager Dan DeMeno announced that the meeting was being video recorded for future broadcast.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2026-304 - Stormwater Management Ordinance Amendment

Township Solicitor Wendy McKenna opened the public hearing and identified the Township exhibits. The exhibits included the draft July 15, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes authorizing advertisement, the legal notice, the August 6, 2026 transmittal of the ordinance to the Montgomery County Law Library, the affidavit confirming publication in the Times Herald on August 10, 2026, and the proposed ordinance.

Ms. McKenna explained that the ordinance amended Chapter 129, Stormwater Management, of the Township Code. She stated that it was not an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance or the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and therefore did not require review by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. She reported that the Worcester Township Planning Commission had reviewed the amendment and recommended adoption.

Township Engineer John Evarts stated that municipalities are required to renew their MS4 permits every five years and that DEP had directed the Township to make the proposed revisions as part of the current renewal cycle. He explained that the amendment revised Section 129-9 to permit a modification only when an alternative standard or approach would provide equal or better achievement of the ordinance's purpose. The amendment also provided that the Township may not grant a waiver or modification for



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regulated stormwater activity involving more than one acre of earth disturbance unless the Montgomery County Conservation District or DEP approves it.

Mr. Evarts stated that the amendment also revised the list of prohibited discharges in Section 129-44. In response to Chair Betz, Ms. McKenna confirmed that the Township already had a stormwater management ordinance and that the proposed ordinance amended the existing Chapter 129.

A motion was made by Christine Steere, seconded by Lou Betz, to adopt Ordinance 2026-304 amending Chapter 129, Stormwater Management. No public comment was offered. The motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Montgomery County Prothonotary Office HOPE Card Program Presentation

Montgomery County Prothonotary Noah Marlier presented the HOPE Card Program and described the responsibilities of the Prothonotary's Office. Mr. Marlier stated that the office receives civil filings, including petitions for protection from abuse, and has 28 staff members. He reported that approximately 30 to 50 people each week seek protection-from-abuse orders through the County.

Mr. Marlier reviewed the process for obtaining a temporary and final protection-from-abuse order. He stated that petitioners complete a statewide 28-page packet, work with the Prothonotary's PFA staff, appear before a judge for a temporary order, and return for a final hearing within ten days. He explained that the process can require a petitioner to remain at the courthouse for much of the day and that his office has focused on making it easier for survivors to navigate.

Mr. Marlier explained that the Prothonotary's Office sends a HOPE card with each final protection-from-abuse order. The wallet-sized card identifies the petitioner and respondent and provides the PFA docket number so law enforcement can promptly retrieve the full order. The reverse side lists local resources, including Laurel House, the Women's Center of Montgomery County, the Victim Services Center, and the Montgomery Bar Association. He stated that Montgomery County was the first county in Pennsylvania to implement the program.

Mr. Marlier also described the County's electronic PFA packet. He stated that a petitioner may complete the packet privately from any location with internet access, save progress, and retrieve the completed information at the courthouse for up to four days. He explained that the electronic option does not eliminate the in-person process but can substantially reduce the time a petitioner must spend completing paperwork at the courthouse.

Chair Betz asked how law enforcement uses the card and whether the complete order is available electronically. Mr. Marlier confirmed that an officer can use the docket number on the card to retrieve the order from the statewide system. Vice Chair Steere and Chair Betz thanked Mr. Marlier for the presentation and commended the office for developing practical ways to assist residents and survivors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Rist stated that he had lived in Worcester Township for approximately 30 years and had submitted a Right-to-Know Law request concerning zoning permits, business activities, signage, surveillance, exterior lighting, and related matters affecting his property in the R-1 District. He stated that he was awaiting the records so that he could understand the Township's position and determine his next steps. Mr. DeMeno stated that the Township would respond to the request as required by law.

No additional public comment was offered.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

The Board considered the consent agenda, including the July 15, 2026 Business Meeting minutes, with a correction to the applicant's name under Escrow Release No. 7, the Treasurer's Report and other monthly reports, and monthly bill payment in the amount of \$370,587.75.

A motion was made by Christine Steere, seconded by Lou Betz, to approve the consent agenda. No public comment was offered. The motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

MOTION ITEMS

Pay Estimate No. 1 - 2026 Road Paving Program

Township Engineer John Evarts presented Pay Estimate No. 1 to James D. Morrissey, Inc. in the amount of \$120,419.10 for the 2026 Road Paving Program. Mr. Evarts stated that the estimate covered work completed through July 31, 2026 and consisted of concrete work associated with the road program. He confirmed that the program was underway.

A motion was made by Christine Steere, seconded by Lou Betz, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 to James D. Morrissey, Inc. in the amount of \$120,419.10 for the 2026 Road Paving Program. No public comment was offered. The motion carried unanimously, 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Worcester Volunteer Fire Department Chicken Barbecue

Vice Chair Steere announced that the Worcester Volunteer Fire Department would hold its annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, August 22, 2026. She encouraged residents to attend and support the Fire Department.

Heebner Park Concert and Future Pavilion

Chair Betz discussed the Township's summer concert series. Mr. DeMeno announced that the concert postponed because of weather had been rescheduled for September 9, 2026 with the same band at the same location. He invited residents to attend.

Chair Betz stated that he hoped the Board would consider funding in the next budget for a larger or permanent pavilion at Heebner Park that could support concerts and other community and recreational activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered at the second general public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Christine Steere to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan DeMeno
Worcester Township Secretary