

Worcester Township Board of Supervisors Business Meeting March 19, 2025 – Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Chair Rick DeLello called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcoming attendees.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance:

Chair Rick DeLello, Vice Chair Lou Betz, Supervisor Steve Quigley (participating via telephone). Staff: Dan DeMeno, Township Manager; Christian Jones, Assistant Manager; Solicitor Wendy McKenna.

Meeting Recording Announcement:

Christian announced the meeting was being video recorded for broadcast.

Public Comment:

- **Jane Voss (Stony Creek Farms)** requested updates regarding 1616 White Hall Road, expressing concern about increasing vehicles parked at the location. Solicitor Wendy McKenna responded that an action was filed in Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, with a hearing scheduled for April 28th, 2025. Additional complaints from residents were encouraged to be submitted in writing.
- **Tim Creelman** sought clarification about specific outcomes for compliance actions at 1616 White Hall Road, specifically mentioning bulldozers, metal containers, and concrete bins. Manager DeMeno explained that the township's goal is compliance with zoning ordinances and regulations, particularly addressing accessories, setbacks, and impervious coverage.
- **Lori Kish (Stony Creek Farms)** asked if the action filed was civil or criminal, receiving confirmation it was civil. She expressed concerns about nighttime equipment operation, highlighting possible safety concerns.
- **Peter Probst** proposed Worcester Township explore joining a regional planning initiative, referencing successful collaboration in nearby municipalities and offering to facilitate a discussion with Montgomery County officials. Chair DeLello and Manager DeMeno indicated openness to having county officials present at future township meetings to explore this initiative further.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion by Lou Betz to approve Consent Agenda items #2 (January 15 business meeting minutes), #4 (Treasurer's and monthly reports), and #5 (bill payments totaling \$513,550.06). Second by Chair DeLello. Passed unanimously.
- Motion by Chair DeLello to approve December 18 business meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve Quigley. Passed unanimously.
- Motion by Chair DeLello to approve February 19 business meeting minutes. Seconded by Lou Betz. Bob Andorn requested clarification on his statements regarding Skippack EMS funding. Minutes approved with noted clarifications.

Motions:

1. Act 172 Earned Income Tax Credit Certification

Motion by Lou Betz, seconded by Rick DeLello, to certify qualified volunteers for Act 172 Earned Income Tax Credit for 2024. Passed unanimously.

2. Variety Club RACP Grant Agreement

Discussion on financial security and indemnification agreement. Lou Betz raised questions about potential financial risks; Solicitor Wendy McKenna clarified protections including municipal lien rights. Public comments from Bob Andorn expressed concerns about financial risk and Deb Walker questioned property value and potential risk mitigation. Motion by Lou Betz, seconded by Rick DeLello, to approve the agreement. Passed unanimously.

3. Resolution to Fund Skippack EMS

Township Manager DeMeno summarized the proposed per-call funding structure (\$225 per call, quarterly invoicing). Extensive public comment included:

Supervisor DeLello asked about a millage for long term and per call payment starting. He stated that this might need to be adjusted.

Supervisor Betz clarified the amount that the Township would expect to pay. He also clarified that this would only be for Skippack EMS.

Supervisor Quigly stated that funding for Skippack EMS is important.

- **Bob Andorn** requested comprehensive analysis of EMS services across all providers, questioning financial exposure, funding sources, and call volume analysis.
- **Vicki Petri (resident and Skippack EMS volunteer)** detailed operational costs, service needs, and requested township support for maintaining essential services.

- **Ed Moore** expressed support, noting the critical services provided by EMS, comparable to township fire services.
- **Christine Steer** questioned implementation timing and potential financial cap to manage costs.
- **Bill McGrane** emphasized the need for equitable support for all EMS providers serving the township.

Motion by Rick DeLello, seconded by Steve Quigley, to approve funding. Vote:
Passed 2-0 (Betz abstained).

Other Business:

- Supervisor Betz requested clarification regarding compliance status at Berwick Wastewater Treatment Plant. Manager DeMeno and Engineer John confirmed current compliance and clarified necessary actions related to potential development.

Public Comment (Final):

No additional comments.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.