

**Minutes**  
**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL**  
**MARCH 20, 2024 - 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor DeLello at 6:33 PM.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Township Manager announced the meeting was being recorded for future broadcast.

Supervisor DeLello announced that the Board of Supervisors met in executive session on February 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss personnel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Supervisor DeLello and Supervisor Betz were in attendance.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**WORK SESSION TOPIC**

Dan Grew and Barry Evans of Skippack EMS were present to give an update on funding. They started by giving a brief introduction on the ambulance corps. Skippack EMS was founded in 1982 as an all-volunteer unit. In recent years, they have switched to most staff being paid. This allows them to guarantee a response. In 2023 Skippack EMS responded to 2,768 calls at their sub station and main station. About 24% of those calls were for Worcester residents.

The representatives spoke briefly about their financial situation. Difficulties within the EMS community include personnel shortage and payroll cost increases. The inability to collect full payment on over half of the calls also creates challenges for ambulance companies.

Supervisor DeLello asked about the business model and per call deficit with Medicare patients.

The representatives of Skippack EMS responded indicating that they can only bill when they transport a patient and that Medicare often pays about half of the total bill.

Supervisor DeLello asked for Mr. Grew and Mr. Evans to expand on the subscription model.

They described difficulties in the subscription model because of the changing coverage area and non-reciprocation amongst ambulance corps in the region.

Supervisor Betz asked if they had reached out to State Representative Bradford.

Mr. Evans thanked Representative Bradford for past help, but added it did not help to fix the funding.

Supervisor DeLello thanked Mr. Evans and Mr. Grew for their time.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Supervisor DeLello announced that next month Trooper William Webb, Pennsylvania State Police – Community Liaison for Worcester Township, Troop K Barracks, would be in attendance to talk to the board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 by Supervisor DeLello.