

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of

Meeting

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Held

June 23, 2016

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Call to Order

The Concord Township Board of Trustees met in special session on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Concord Township Administrative Building. Chairman Bart Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m., and noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss township EMS billing, and the EMS proposal before the County Commissioners.

It was made a matter of record that the special meeting was advertised in the Delaware Gazette and on the Concord Township website.

The roll was called; attending were Trustees Jason Haney, Joe Garrett, and Bart Johnson.

Commissioners EMS Proposal

An EMS proposal was sent to the Delaware County Commissioners from the Delaware City Fire Department, and Genoa, Harlem, Liberty and Orange Township Fire Departments. The proposal requested a portion of EMS public safety funds collected through county tax be distributed to the named fire departments to reimburse their EMS programs. Mr. Garrett would like Concord Township to send an official response to the proposal, expecting payment if the Commissioners approve the reimbursements. He noted the proposal made a mistake of not mentioning the reimbursement portion of other entities that provide EMS, which could nearly double the county's payment amount. Mr. Johnson does not feel the proposal is good government and does not fairly serve the taxpayers of Delaware County. Chief Cooper noted the County EMS makes about one-third of the EMS runs in the entire County, but receives 100% of the tax revenue for EMS. Mr. Haney noted the executive summary does mention funding other EMS areas as non-compulsory, but available. Mr. Garrett shared some background on the "public safety" tax. Concord Township did not join the proposal group because the Trustees disagree with the premise of the reimbursement proposal. That being said, if the Commissioners decide to approve the reimbursement, Concord Township expects to be reimbursed under the same structure and formula as the named entities in the proposal. Mr. Garrett wondered if the reimbursement policy would affect the township; if the county gives us money, would they dictate how our EMS is run? Would the policy negatively affect residents or result in a loss or change in service level? The Trustees worked on their response letter to the County Commissioners.

Township EMS Billing

Chairman Johnson mentioned the township has contacted three companies about EMS billing proposals, with two providing presentations. Mr. Garrett felt the program would net the township about \$100,000.00. (The EMS billing payments would be reimbursed to the township from fees that are already included in insurance premiums). Therefore, after much discussion, **Mr. Garrett moved to enter into contract negotiations with Medicount Management for Concord Township EMS billing services. Mr. Haney seconded this motion. Vote: Haney-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.** Details regarding how to set up the program were discussed. Mutual aid partner runs would be soft-billed like township residents. Letters will be sent to the vendors and the Medicount contract forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

As there was no further business, **Mr. Garrett moved and Mr. Haney seconded to adjourn. Vote: Haney-yes, Garrett-yes, Johnson-yes.**

ATTEST


Fiscal Officer, Jill Davis

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Jason Haney


Joe Garrett


Bart Johnson