

**Fairfield Township
Special Board Meeting – held via Zoom
March 25, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, after the completion of the Siren Testing, by Supervisor Chris McCallister with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please note: Due to restrictions in Michigan in response to COVID-19 and temporarily changing the Open Meetings Act to allow public bodies to conduct their meetings electronically, the meeting was held via Zoom.

McCallister informed the audience that this was a Special Meeting of the Board for Fire Department Updates: EMS Licensure, EMS Agreement, Truck Repairs and Recruitment.

Board members present: Supervisor Chris McCallister, Treasurer Dawn Comar, Trustee Paul Green, Trustee Bonnie Zenk and Clerk Deb Keller.

McCallister opened the meeting with Public Comment. He asked to have participants to give first and last name and limit comments to 3 minutes.

Derek Flory introduced himself and stated he was in attendance to answer questions in regards to EMS Licensure.

EMS Licensure – Derek Flory from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Life Support Agency and Vehicle Licensing Coordinator, explained that the Township's Ambulance license was expiring on March 31, 2021. He laid out the options that were available: 1) attempt to renew at BLS, but we do not have the proper staffing for 24/7 2) Downgrade level to BLS non-transport and then renew. Renewal would be contingent on passing the annual agency inspection and would require one EMT-B to respond on all calls with the vehicle 3) Downgrade license to MFR (Medical Fire Responder) and the renew license. Not required to be inspected. Minimum one MFR required to respond to all calls with vehicle 4) close agency. He explained that at anytime the Township could submit paperwork and upgrade back to BLS Transport. Keller made a motion to downgrade to MFR license and renew, Zenk seconded. Roll call vote: Keller – yes, Comar – yes, Zenk-yes, Green-yes, McCallister - yes. Motion carried.

EMS Agreement – Chief Rank explained that the agreement that he proposed is the same contract used for Ogden and Dover Townships. The contract is ½ mill/year, based on our tax base, which is \$29,785. Residents are treated as Madison Township's own residents. No out-of-pocket expense. Anything not covered by insurance will be written off. The agency that transports is the agency that can bill. Currently Madison direct bills Fairfield Township. For this fiscal year, the Township has been billed approx. \$16,500. Chief Rank will make modifications to the contract to make it monthly bill and with a ~~30~~ 90-day lead time to cancel. McCallister moved to proceed with the Advanced Live Support Services Agreement, second by Green. Roll call vote: Keller – yes, Comar – yes, Zenk-yes, Green-yes, McCallister - yes. Motion passed.

Truck Repairs – McCallister gave an update on the 1995 International Darley that is being worked on at R & R Truck Repair. Working on priority repairs. Parts that were already purchased but not replaced/repaired, were sent with the truck to have R & R do the repairs. McCallister stated that an additional \$6,796 repairs were necessary. Also, the truck will need new tires when all the repairs are complete. Comar made a motion to approve up to \$8,500 in priority repairs, second by Zenk. Roll call vote: Keller – yes, Comar – yes, Zenk-yes, Green-yes, McCallister - yes. Motion carried.

Recruitment – Chief Rank will be working on training along with Morenci. Will need to be building up man power but need Board's requirements. After discussion, the radius to station should be 15 minutes to the station under normal drive time. Applications are on the website and at the office. Pass along information to neighbors. Chief Rank restated that he is working to build back up the Department. He complimented everyone that is still there. They are working hard getting the Fire Station in order.

Keller made a motion to adjourn, second by Comar. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Keller, Clerk