

Elk Rapids Township
Special Meeting / Budget Workshop Minutes
Monday, March 3, 2014, 1:00 PM
315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids

Present: Dorance Amos, Aaron Isenhardt, Bill White, Mike Szymanski, Shelley Boisvert

Also Present: Ambulance Chief Eileen Hedin, Fire Chief Pete VanDenBerge: 32 Audience Members

1. Meeting Called to Order: 1:05 PM
2. Public Comment: None at this time
3. Approval of the Agenda: MOTION/S: Amos/Szymanski to approve the agenda. Motion APPROVED.
4. Discussion of Proposals for Ambulance Service: Bids from three Companies were reviewed North Flight, Allied EMS Services, and MMR – Mobile Medical Response. The Board discussed what they got out of the proposals. There is clarification needed and some questions the Board and members of the audience have for these companies so Supervisor White will arrange for at least two of the companies to come in with presentations and to answer questions.

A letter was submitted before the meeting from Karen L. Ferguson, PLC representing the Concerned Citizens Committee. The letter presented the committee's financial analysis of the three proposals in comparison to the Elk Rapids EMS Department; A page titled "Issues With Outsourcing Beyond Direct Costs" compiled by the citizens group and a memorandum describing lawsuits involving MMR that indicates further disclosure from the company.

5. Discussion of Budgets:
 - a. Ambulance: White stated he thought that the projected revenues were too high. Both Amos and White would like to address the budget further and have the Chief come up with a more realistic number for ambulance fees to be collected. The amount budgeted for "on-call" time was brought up for discussion and Boisvert had other questions that included training pay and capital outlay.
 - b. Fire: Questions on the proposed position for the full time fire employee were asked and clarified by the Chief VanDenBerge.
 - c. General Fund: White summarized the proposed budget for the General Fund.

This was just a workshop to discuss the budgets before the Annual Meeting on Tuesday March 25, 2014. No action was taken.

6. Public Comment: B. Holland, J. Braun, T. Pressman, D. Reynolds, T. Way, P. Brady, C. Keenan.

The workshop ended at 3:15 PM


Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk

Minutes are subject to Approval at the next regular Board Meeting