

**ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
3-26-22**

The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township met in special session to discuss Fire and EMS contracts.

David Fulmer was present and handed out copies of information for the Trustees.

Jeff Brown was also present.

Sam started with Richmond Volunteer Fire Department. Asking Brian Hare if he had questions regarding the contract. Brian had some concerns about the insurance language. Sam explained that our insurance carrier, OTARMA, requested this language. Brian also had some training concerns, and concerns on the billing reports. He felt the contract was geared more towards a paid staff but not Volunteers. Dave explained the State guidelines and Jeff revisited the Ohio Revised Code language. Dave felt that your EMS billing should be able to provide the reports to keep them in compliance.

Rob Herrington explained that the report is lengthy and most likely wouldn't pertain to Island Creek every month. The reports aren't set up to divide out the different political subdivisions he deals with. Quarterly would be better. Jeff Brown suggested email any reports to the Township and then the Departments would be in compliance. Brian stated that they cover such a small portion, that he's not sure it's worth it. Jeff agreed that the law isn't always balanced. Brian added that if they don't contract with the Township, then someone else will have to cover their portion, which includes the high school.

Rob Herrington, Wintersville questioned the two installments and the percentages. He feels he covers as much as TEMS in the Township.

Sam explained that you guys (the departments) no the distances and times better than this Board would know. And the facts on who can get wherever the fastest. This Boards concern is to provide the best Fire & EMS protection for out citizens.

Rob stated that he wants to work with the Board and work through any issues. But we need to all sit down, each department with one of the board members and lay out the coverage areas. The contracts needed to be in better shape.

Rob added why pay an agency an additional \$85,000.00 more. When we did more also.

Dave reminded the Trustees about his request for funds to do a Geographic overlay that would show the areas covered.

Brian Applegarth made a motion to purchase the GIS Mapping from the EMS Levy for \$1,000.00
Bub Grimm second. All in favor.

Sam felt that the levies aren't producing the money needed. He would also like something on
the ballot for the citizens to vote on.

Chuck Pollen added that we need a plan.

Dave explained that he was trying to come up with a plan, but some departments were not
forthcoming with request he made to compile information for recommendations. There are
Pro's and Con's to each option, whether joining Seven Ranges or TEMS District. Dave added
that the basic service for EMS should not be different from anywhere in the State of Ohio. The
long-term goal is to benefit the Citizens of Island Creek Township.

Rob explained the training differences to Pottery and Pleasant Hill. And Dave noted that the
deadline for training dates had been updated on the contract to allow them time. A level one
training is required by law. It was also noted that getting volunteers is getting harder and
harder.

Rob ask about a six-month contract, allowing time for the overlay study. And sitting down as a
group to discuss areas.

Brian Hare, Richmond was fine with his coverage area, not wanting anymore.

The Departments agreed to a 6-month Fire contract with the following percentages:

Wintersville 12.297%
Richmond 5%

The remaining balance:
Pottery Addition Fired Department 47.5%
Pleasant Hill Fire Department 47.5%

Paying from the actual tax money received in.

The following was set up for the EMS Funding

Wintersville 45%
TEMS 45%
Richmond 10%

Paying from the Auditors Estimate of the EMS Levy, divided by two, until the final contracts are signed.

Extending the contracts for 3 months with an option to three additional months.

TEMS was unable to have a representative at the meeting.

Dave will call Monday morning to get information on ordering the mapping overlay program.

Sam moved to adjourn the meeting, adding the Trustees will sign the contracts immediately following adjournment.

Bub second. All in favor.

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER