

Hanover Township Board Special Meeting January 20th 2025

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm

Board Members Rich Niemeyer and Marilyn Kaper were present.

New Business

Motion to approve St. John Fire contract for year 2025

Motion made by Marilyn Kaper to approve, second by Rich Niemeyer motion approved. 2-0

Fire Department Equipment Discussion:

Members of the Cedar Lake Fire Department, Cedar Lake Town Council and Board of Safety were in attendance to discuss possible purchase of a new ambulance by the Hanover Township Board of Trustees.

Four Different proposals of "Stock Unit" ambulances were presented to the group. Trustee Kevin Toth presented the difference between a stock unit and a custom build and also discussed the availability of each unit. The stock units are available throughout the year as units come off the line. A custom build would be up to 2 years out. A stock unit would also be a better value to the Township. Discussion continued about the pros and cons of purchasing a stock unit over a custom build and whether a stock unit would serve our needs.

Chief Wilkening stated that a stock unit could serve our needs, but there might be a few things that would need to be added. Discussion continued on additions such as a refrigerator, lock box and cot loader. Also for the addition of the power cot and monitor that would be needed equipment for the vehicle. Discussion also continued on the possibility of the Town supplying the Power Cot, Loader and Monitor if the Township will provide the Vehicle.

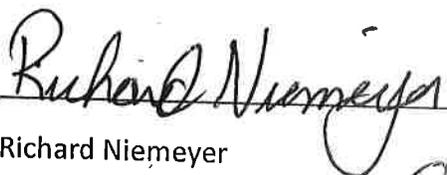
Discussion also continued on how the Township would go forward on making the purchase. We have options available in State Statute to move forward if so desired. This is a decision the Board would have to make if they decide to move forward with a purchase. Trustee Toth mentioned that all of the purchase options

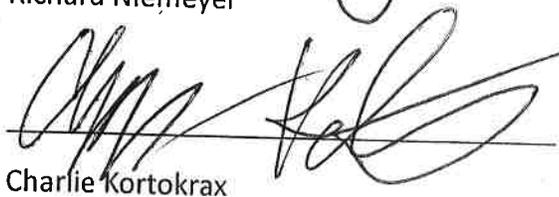
in the Statutes are being reviewed by our Attorney and if we decide to move forward it will be with his advice.

Mr. Niemeyer questioned the possibility of making the purchase outright from a manufacturer, whether we needed to go to bids or would it eliminate a lot of problems if we used one of the other options in Statute. He also had some questions as to where the Township vehicles would be stationed. He stated that they should not be stationed at the new facility when it opens, because it is located outside of our Township. Chief Wilkening stated that Township vehicles would stay at the current location which is in Hanover Township.

Mr. Recupito had some concerns about the ambulance having a diesel engine. The Town has had some issues with the maintenance of a diesel and have incurred some major expenses with engine repairs. He was concerned about who would be responsible for these repairs if something happened to the Township vehicle. It was explained that our current contract states that the Town is responsible for regular maintenance of the vehicles which the Township provides. Any major repairs, in the past, have been taken care of by the Trustee's office or the Town depending on what caused the need for the major repair. In other word's if the repair was caused by an accident or operator error the Town would be responsible. More discussion took place on the possibility of getting this unit with a gas engine. All will be looked into and discussed at our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm


Richard Niemeyer


Charlie Kortokrax


Marilyn Kaper