

**September 1, 2016**

The special meeting of the Supervisors of Franklin Township was held in the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department, was called to order by Vice Chairman Gary Truitt at 1804 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Present were Supervisors Daniel Netzler, Gary Truitt, James Sachar and Steven Walker and Secretary Ramona Junkins. Visitors present: Jim Carver, Diana Carver, Paul Kohut, Jeff Otteni, Scott Haywood, Karl Ebert, Trisha Parker, Bill McClincy, Joe Cree, Judy Sheffer, John Borland, Dana Erdely, Daryl Parker, Ralph Brieding, Tara Miller, George Plavcan, Kathy Netzler, Bob Herman and Dennis Russin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**Resolution 3 of 2016**

Gary Truitt made a motion to approve Resolution 3 of 2016 consenting to and approving the assignment of the cable franchise and system from Coaxial cable to Armstrong Utilities, Inc. James Sachar seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Daniel Netzler discussed the township's responsibilities in regards to providing Emergency Services to the township residents.

Tim Gruzosky the Emergency Services Director for Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department has explained the BLS (Ambulance – transportable unit) relicensure is up for renewal and at the current time the roster only shows 3 EMT's and 1 EMSVO/EMR who just went away for college. At this time the department does not have enough staff to provide the staffing for a 24/7 staff. With the new ACT 37 it looks like the department will be losing the BLS license.

Ramona discussed that the township is here to work with everyone and to look at what options are even available as the township must provide coverage and the residents can't afford the entire bill of staffing. Some of the options that were mentioned were:

Send out a newsletter to the residents asking what they would like to do.

To have a blended/paid volunteer system put in place.

One department tried paying \$25 driver and \$40.00 per call but that didn't work for them – doesn't mean it won't work for Franklin Township is just didn't work for them.

Subcontracting to Emerge Care or West County.

County an see I AM RESPONDING which is a computer program more departments are using it.

McKean pays 1 EMT from 7am – 5pm.

Perry Highway pays EMT and Medics.

CECPA – is owned by Edinboro/McKean/Franklin townships if Franklin Twp. is out of Service then CECPA is not being called out and gets no income.

Can create a QRS system but realize there would be no billing income for this services.

EMT – training 150-200 hours class then a practical exam, a written exam then get a number issued. Cost \$500-\$750.00.

EMR – 50 hours of training and cost around \$50-\$75.

If the department hired 2 EMT's at \$16/hour x 24 hours x 365 days a year the total would be \$280,320.00.

Daniel Netzler made a motion for Ramona to contact neighboring municipalities, townships, boro's and fire departments to see if anyone is interested in providing BLS services to Franklin Township, with the possibility of breaking up the township by sections. Gary Truitt seconded. Yeas: Gary Truitt, James Sachar, Steven Walker and Daniel Netzler. Nays: none. Carried.

The fire department contract will be reviewed and changes will be made once the EMS portion is figured out as the requirements will be changing.

Gary Truitt moved to adjourn. James Sachar seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1935 hours.

Ramona Junkins, Township Secretary