

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Special Session**  
**September 11, 2014**

The German Township Trustees and the Pike Township Trustees met in a joint special session to discuss EMS operations on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The session is called into order by Mr. Rodney Kaffenbarger, President.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Clark – present; Mr. Metzger – present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present

**Other Township Personnel:** Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Chad Eubanks, Deputy Chief

**Pike Township Representatives present:** Trustees: Adam Steele, James Davidson, Greg Kaffenbarger; Cheryl Sigler, Fiscal Officer; Clifford Christy; Roger Manemann

**PLEDGE OF Allegiance**

**Summary of Discussion:**

Mr. Steele: Pike Township requested to meet with German Township to discuss the possibility of creating an EMS District or some type of cooperative agreement to help Pike Township provide EMS coverage to its residents.

Chief Holman: Forming an EMS District would not be beneficial to us or to them due in part to the fact that it would separate out our Fire Department, and new levies would be required by all.

Ms. Sigler: They are looking more for a cooperative agreement than a District, but something more than just providing mutual aide, which we have now.

Mr. Rod Kaffenbarger: A couple of options would be to provide coverage 24/7 based on a charge per call. Or a flat fee contract based on the average number of calls per year plus soft billing.

Currently German Township provides contracted services to the Village of Tremont City, and to Mad River Township in Champaign County. The contract is a flat fee based on the number of runs in the areas, plus soft billing. We provide all equipment and personnel.

German Township currently provides one EMS team 24 hours a day. A second team is on duty from 10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. However, our night runs have been increasing. Currently we have 44 personnel and make over 1700 runs per year.

What are the key times that Pike Township needs the most help?

Mr. Christy: Hard time staffing on weekends, especially Sunday; and anytime at night.

Mr. Davidson stated already has employees who would want to work together to provide services. But first Pike Township needs to break down their runs for Chief Holman and have further discussion. We need to always have a meeting like this each year to talk about our community, not just when there is a special need.

Mr. Metzger suggested we have another meeting in three or four weeks concerning this matter.

Reasons/ Concerns Pike Township are looking into this agreement with German Township:

- They are a small department with only one ambulance
- Funding is limited
- Short staffed- many shifts are not filled – especially weekends
- Response times are longer when responding from homes or due to calling for mutual aide.
- They would like to keep Dayton or Miami Valley as destinations for residents, not just Springfield Regional.
- Continue to provide their residents with EMS services

Concerns for German Township:

- Hard to keep to the 1500 hour rule for part time without adding more personnel
- Do we run from both stations?
- Who manages the personnel, who handles the discipline?
- Hesitant in combing personnel from both departments
- Currently we only go to Urbana Hospital or Springfield Regional due to time constraints
- Cost of the additional personnel

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

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Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

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Mr. Metzger, Vice President

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Robert Clark, Member

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer