

1. Call to Order

Council President Kris Cardiff called the meeting to order at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

2. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance

The group participated in moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call – Have the Secretary call the roll

Borough Secretary Nina Solivan took roll: Council President Kris Cardiff, Council Vice-President Pete Ledwich, Councilman Dennis Hockenberry, Councilman Mike Mellon, Councilwoman Morrow, Councilwoman Cheryl Petersen, Councilman Casey Shoub and Mayor Llewellyn were all present.

Others in attendance were Borough Manager Rich Sahar, and Solicitor Dane Dice.

4. Consideration of Emergency Medical Services for Trafford Borough

Motion: Move to appoint PENN-TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE as Trafford Borough's Emergency Medical Services Provider beginning JANUARY 1, 2017.

Motion: Councilman Hockenberry

Second: Councilwoman Morrow

Discussion / Public Comment:

-Councilman Shoub commented, he was under the assumption the work session he missed due to surgery the proposals would have been discussed and explained which would allow public input. Councilman Cardiff stated there was an executive session to review the proposals. Councilman Shoub said yes but that was just for council there should have been a meeting where the proposals were explained and the public could comment and ask questions.

-Councilman Hockenberry stated TEMS' proposal is predicated on volunteerism. A regular emergency medical service with 2 people on duty, seven days a week, 24 hours a day payroll runs about \$250,000 a year. TEMS is about \$90,000 in payroll. TEMS payroll is predicated on volunteers to fill those spots that will not have paid staff. I think as everyone can see in Trafford and all across America volunteerism is declining. My problem is if not this year but what do we do in the event that the volunteers that TEMS does have get another job, illness, move out of town etc. We would be back in the same position as we are today and at that point we may not get a proposal from Penn-Township or North Huntingdon.

-Councilman Mellon stated at a meeting last week with TEMS he is very impressed with the operations and bookkeeping. Mellon commended TEMS for all of their hard work and years of service to the town. Mellon feels that what is being said at monthly meetings is a huge misconception.

-Carol Richardson 225 First Street; Agrees with Councilman Shoub even though the proposals were discussed at an executive session it should have been brought out to the public on who the proposals were from, what the terms of the proposals were, and how much it's going to cost the borough. The public should have been made aware so they could have given additional input if necessary before a vote was taken. Councilman Ledwich stated at the last meeting we did announce who we received proposals from Penn-Township with a \$5,000 stipend a year, North Huntingdon with a \$100,000 a year stipend, TEMS with a \$15,000 stipend a year, and Trafford Fire Department did not require any funding.

-Donna Rickens 87 First Street; Would like an explanation on what each place would be giving Trafford and how they would work. Are they going to be in TEMS building or are they going to be out in Penn-Township? Would we have to pay a fee? The public should know how it's going to work. Councilman Cardiff stated Penn-Township EMS will not be stationed at the TEMS facility at this time. Today's purpose of the meeting is just to determine who will be receiving the first call from Westmoreland 911. We do not have any control over what TEMS does they are their own organization. The reason why we have come to this decision is because there were some misconceptions on some financial information that concerned us for coverage if TEMS closed their doors. This is why we scrambled to get proposals to ensure the safety of the borough and community. Councilman Cardiff, Councilman Mellon and Borough Manager Rich Sahar met with TEMS last week to go over some financial information. The information that was originally provided was not accurate. TEMS is breaking even and that is a concern for instance if a vehicle breaks down. Our whole concern is the safety of the community. Penn-Townships proposal states they will come from Sandy Hill Road and is clocked at 6-8 minutes. Ms. Rickens asked if PTEMS has more than one vehicle. Councilman Ledwich stated they do have more vehicles and more staff. Ms. Rickens asked what will happen with the TEMS building? Councilman Cardiff stated it is their building they own it, they are a separate organization. TEMS may still run transfers or backup calls but that is up to them. Ms. Rickens mentioned before things started going south for TEMS more should have been done to let the public know of the situation. One of the things that we could benefit from is if more young people were introduced to this they could learn and volunteer. Another option is a fee directly charged to the residents for service or they wouldn't be covered.

-Councilman Mellon stated he was impressed with their financial records he was able to see TEMS was in a large hole in 2001 and 2012. It was encouraging that TEMS was able to climb out of debt. That is one positive thing that I took from last Thursdays meeting.

-Carol Richardson 225 First Street; If council decides to vote with Penn-Township what is Trafford's backup plan if all of Penn-Townships units are tied up? Councilman Cardiff stated it will go through the

same system that it goes through now. Right now the first call goes to TEMS Westmoreland County 911 gives TEMS five minutes to respond to the call if no one responds it goes to Penn-Township or North Huntingdon. Penn-Townships backups are Murrysville and Jeannette. Ms. Richardson questioned if she needed a transfer for a non-emergency does she still have to call 911 or can she just call TEMS? Councilman Cardiff stated transfers are all usually setup through the hospital or medical facility.

Roll call vote was taken Councilman Cardiff Yes, Councilman Hockenberry Yes, Councilman Ledwich yes, Councilwoman Morrow Yes, Councilman Mellon No, Councilwoman Petersen No, and Councilman Shoub No.

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5. Adjournment

Councilman Hockenberry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Ledwich.

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