

**Lawrence Township Special Joint Meeting
With Arlington Township
February 1, 2018
Arlington Township Hall**

Lawrence Township Present: Spenner, Thompson, Reynnells, Stroud, Campagna

Arlington Township Present: Phillip Pitts, Jacque Phillippe, Douglas DeLeo, William Pugsley, Jeff Melvin

Also: Brien Heckman (Lawrence Twp Attorney), Mike Anchor (LTES Chief), Brian Knotek (Arlington Twp Attorney), Mike & Dawn Koshar (south Arlington residents), Pastor Glen Cowles (south Arlington resident), Chief Derik Babcock (ABB Fire District), Pete Staninslawski (ABB bookkeeper), Paul Garrod (family member of south Arlington resident)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Trustee Phillip Pitts started discussion with thoughts that current agreement costs Arlington Township residents too much and restated their offer of \$16,000 for the services provided by Lawrence Township Emergency Services (LTES), which includes both fire and EMS.

Trustee Russ Reynnells asked where/how the \$16,000 was determined. The response was that it was half of what they were currently paying. Reynnells stated that there has been no increase in cost to Arlington Township for 12 years.

Chief Anchor presented information of improved ISO ratings from 6/8B to 4/4Y. This will result in a cost savings to property owners on their insurance for residential, commercial or industrial properties.

Chief Babcock talked about the possibility of adding a satellite station near the center of the township.

Thompson stated that we are all Lawrence. It doesn't matter to the community if they are Lawrence Township or Arlington Township. The goal is to quickly protect property and lives. LTES remains committed to providing both and would welcome anything that would further improve the response to those in need.

Thompson provided statistics that showed that Arlington Township is approximately 15% of the combined calls, 10% of the Lawrence revenue and 11% of expenses. At the current cost of \$32,000, Arlington Township would need to assess 2.51 mills against the LTES coverage area (\$12,733,424 taxable value). They currently assess their entire township 2.81 mills. The

opinion of the Lawrence Township Board is the offer of \$16,000 is too low for the services LTES provides.

Lawrence Township offered that LTES bill at the Lawrence Township millage rate or the Arlington Township millage rate (needed to satisfy the ABB Fire Board expense requirements), whichever is lower. For 2018/2019, Lawrence's estimated millage will be 2.55 mills. Arlington's estimated millage for ABB expenses and coverage area is 2.80 mills. LTES would bill at 2.55 mills, resulting in a bill of \$32,470. Arlington rejected this offer.

With no further business to attend to, a motion to adjourn was made by Spenner, 2nd by Reynnells. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Special Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Kim Thompson, Clerk

Donna Spenner, Supervisor