

Clifford Township Supervisors Emergency Meeting March 27, 2020

Supervisors Present: Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle, Chris Marcho

Secretary: Joan Hertzog

Chairman, Dennis Knowlton, called to order an emergency meeting at 11:30am with Clifford Volunteer Fire Department President, Alan Fortuner, Fire Chief, Trent Turner and EMT, Michael Zeshonski to discuss the lack of volunteer ambulance coverage in Clifford Township due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Zeshonski spoke with Cottage Hose Company and learned that they had recently laid off all of their part time employees and were very willing to help out. Mr. Turner is aware of other facilities using third party contactors and everything is working out well for them.

After discussion the conclusion was:

- To present a 30-day contract to Cottage Hose Company; contract can be extended or terminated as needed
- Coverage would be needed for twelve hours per day; Including mutual aid calls to other communities
- Two professional, seven days a week at approximately \$3,100. per person per week or \$18.95 per hour
- Daily call logs to be completed
- Cottage Hose Company to provide insurance and workman's comp.
- Clifford Township may receive 50% from payments to the Clifford Fire Company if the township is not reimbursed from FEMA
- Cottage Hose Company will present themselves as Clifford Fire Company
- Clifford Township agrees to pay invoices received from Cottage Hose Company
- Mr. Fortuner will contact the 13 Clifford Volunteer Fire Departments Board Members for approval

Mr. Searle made the motion to accept the agreement once approved by the Clifford Volunteer Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Searle made the motion for Clifford Townships Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 pandemic, signed March 20, 2020, to remain in effect as long as Susquehanna Counties Emergency Declaration remains in effect. Seconded by Mr. Knowlton. All in favor.

Mr. Searle advised advertising the limiting of public attendance of the supervisors monthly meeting to a total of ten people due to the Coronavirus as per the Sunshine Law. Notices will also be posted on the community centers doors and on the website in addition to the newspaper ads requesting any comments or questions can be submitted by calling in, email, or mail.

Joan Hertzog Secretary/Treasurer
Adjournment 12:40pm