

BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
November 20, 2018
Dispatch

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm for the purpose of discussing dispatch services. The meeting was held at the Township Police Station, 505 Substation Rd.

Trustee Esber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm noting it was properly advertised.

Attendance: Trustees Michael Esber and Christina Kusnerak, Chief Sopkovich, Chief Strazzo, Hinckley Chief Centner, Asst. Fire Chief Haas, Police Sgt. Bors and reporter from the Gazette.

Kusnerak noted that she had several concerns with current service and that the revised 3 year contract does not address those concerns. For instance, the draft agreement states that they would review peak times for emergency call volume and adjust staffing depending on availability and operational concerns. Kusnerak's concern is that there is no guarantee on additional personnel. Which is what they had been saying over the years with no implementation. The rest of the agreement is the same as in past years.

Esber explained the steps he took to research the problems with cost difference and if/or when the tower would be built.

There have been meetings between the 3 agencies with Chief Sopkovich and Chief Centner being left out of those discussions.

Chief Centner stated that Sherriff Miller will be putting in a tower at Rt. 303 and Stoney Hill with additional talk paths and will be funded through donations and other means with the county budget. He stated that both police and fire are having problems with the city dispatch service and that Hinckley is also considering to contract with the Sheriff's dept.

Strazzo stated that the Sherriff dispatch does not meet the needs and would like to see how the upgrades will be made and the Sherriff does not have the ability to use the paging system

Sopkovich stated that his budget pays approx. \$8,000 per year for the TAC reporting system and it has been extremely difficult to get a TAC representative to even return phone calls and our IT people is not allowed to have access to their system for simple fixes.

Everyone agreed that there is more information that needs to be considered

Esber moved to adjourn Kusnerak 2nd, voting yes Kusnerak and Esber

Adjourned at 2:31 pm

Michael Esber, Trustee Chair

John Witthuhn, Trustee Vice Chair

Christina Kusnerak, Trustee

Katherine Esber, Fiscal Officer