

Boyne Valley Township Special Meeting

February 19, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Boyne Valley Township Board in public for the purpose of conducting the township's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Minutes

I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Hobbs at 4:00 p.m.
II. Roll Call	Members Present: Matelski, Kelenske, Kondrat, Sparks, Hobbs Members Absent: None Others Present: Bill Cousineau, Russ Koeman, David Matelski, Geneva Towne, Todd Sorenson, Gwen Matelski, Lyon Stephens, John LaMont, Mike Cain, Cindy Grice, Andy Reynolds
III. Recognition of Audience	
IV. Consideration of Ambulance Service Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hobbs explained that township board has been talking to Jordan Valley EMS Authority for some time.JVEMSA Director, Jay Peck, presented. Explained why the JVEMS Authority was created. The authority employs 3 full-time and 1 part-time paramedic. They have 14 dedicated and passionate volunteer EMTs. The authority is currently looking to hire 4 part-time EMTs. Boyne Valley has \$190,000 worth of equipment, according to the BV Township auditors. JVEMSA millage will be on the ballot in 2020, if the voters agree, Boyne Valley will join the authority and will then appoint a member from Boyne Valley Township to the JVEMS Authority Board. Until then, Boyne Valley will work under lease with JVEMSA. The lease can be terminated with six months notice. The first ambulance will leave the Boyne Valley garage, with the mutual aid contract that JVEMSA has with the City of Boyne City, the Boyne City ambulance would be toned out to take any back up calls. Wilson Township is partly covered by the JVEMS Authority and partly covered by the City of Boyne City. They are not a full member of the authority, but they maintain a millage and pay the same at the other townships in the authority. Motion by Kelenske, support by Sparks to pursue joining the Jordan Valley EMS Authority. Matelski – No Kondrat – Yes Kelenske – Yes Sparks – Yes Hobbs – Yes Motion carried 4 to 1.
V. Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gwen Jones, township resident is disgusted with the board for making a decision on EMS without public input. She also stated that the EJEMSA has a posting for EMTs, but the City of Boyne City already has the staff to run 2 rigs. Gwen inquired of Jay what will

happen, when the first ambulance is toned out. Jay Peck explained that the JVEMSA is fully staffed and can staff 4 ambulances. If the City of Boyne City chooses to sever the mutual aid contract, JVEMSA will have to send a second rig to a closer location. Jay answered Gwen's question of what the pay is for a medic: Full-time medics are pay \$18 to \$20 per hour and have a full benefits package. They work a 24 hour shift.

- Hobbs explained that the township board has met with the City of Charlevoix, Emmet County and other townships.
- When asked where backup will come from, Jay Peck reiterated that the authority will get the next closest unit.
- Lyon Stephens inquired as to when the change would take affect?
- Mike Cain, Boyne City, city manager commented that JVEMS is a fine service. He continued that Boyne Valley Township and the City of Boyne City have worked well together for a lot of years. He stated that currently our cooperative agreement allows for a second rig quickly when time is of the essence. The City of Boyne City will not let the people of Boyne Valley Township down. Mike furthered, that the township left the City once and then went back. They will respect our decision, although he is disappointed with our decision because he feels that our residents received good care from the City of Boyne City staff.
- Jay Peck stated that the Boyne Valley station will be staffed at all times.
- An audience member asked if there would be any medic positions created, and Jay responded that at this time the JVEMSA is currently hiring EMT positions only.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to adjourn.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Time adjourned: 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sparks
Clerk