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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Joint Meeting of West Caln Township & West Brandywine Township September 24th, 2012

A joint meeting was held between the Supervisors of West Caln Township and West Brandywine Township on Monday September 24th, 2012 at the West Caln Township Municipal Meeting. There were 8 citizens present and the following Supervisors were present:

West Caln Township – Chairman Paul Pfitzenmeyer, Vice Chairman Harry Price, and Supervisor Don Martz.

West Brandywine Township – Chairman Josef Obernier, Vice Chairman Thomas McCaffrey (Arrived Late), and Supervisor William Webb.

Paul Pfitzenmeyer opened the meeting at 7:30 PM and explained that this was a meeting between both municipalities to discuss a fuel allotment for the Westwood Ambulance Service, Ambulance 144, which serves West Caln and West Brandywine Townships.

Josef Obernier thanked West Caln Township for providing fuel for Westwood Ambulance the past year and stated that it is prudent for West Brandywine Township to pick up their share of this cost. William Webb thanked West Caln Township as well and agreed with Mr. Obernier that West Brandywine Township should contribute. All Supervisors in attendance echoed the sentiments that fuel should be provided as Ambulance 144 is still in its infancy and will continue to provide it until the service is profitable.

Paul Pfitzenmeyer made a motion for West Caln Township to enter into an agreement with West Brandywine Township to share fuel costs for Westwood Ambulance Service with a second by Don Martz. With there being no comments the motion passed 3-0.

William Webb made a motion for West Brandywine Township to share fuel costs with West Caln Township for Westwood Ambulance Service. The fuel will be provided by West Brandywine Township and West Caln Township will be billed by West Brandywine Township as deemed necessary by the respective Township Managers. The motion was seconded by Josef Obernier. With there being no comments the motion passed 2-0. Josef Obernier thanked the West Caln Township Supervisors for their participation to make this agreement work and Paul Pfitzenmeyer thanked the West Brandywine Township Supervisors as well.

Thomas McCaffrey arrived at 7:41 PM.

John Sly, EMS Chief of the Westwood Ambulance Service, thanked both Township Boards of

Supervisors, the Wagontown Fire Company and the staff of Ambulance 144 for their work and dedication to make the service operate. John Sly gave an update and overview of the Ambulance operations. My. Sly also reported that he has met with representatives from Freedom Village and Spring Run Estates to discuss their service with them. In addition he is working on grants from the Brandywine Health Foundation and DCED for funding for the Ambulance operations.

John Sly also reported that Ambulance Fund Drive returns were down and he is working to correct this as this year's mailing is expected to go out in October. William Webb reported that he has been informed that the Washington Hose Company Ambulance has sent fund drive requests to residents of West Brandywine Township. Chris Smith, Career Staff Supervisor of the Washington Hose Company Ambulance, was present in the audience and stated that this was an error in their mailing list and they would look into correcting this. The West Brandywine Supervisors in the meantime have placed information on their website and in their newsletter informing their residents on who was their correct Ambulance provider. A discussion ensued from all parties present on how to better get the word out to the residents of West Brandywine and West Caln that Westwood Ambulance, housed at the Wagontown Fire Company, is their Ambulance provider.

Don Martz motioned for West Caln Township to support the efforts to obtain a DCED grant with a second by Paul Pfitzenmeyer. With there being no comments the motion passed 3-0.

Josef Obernier motioned for West Brandywine Township to support the efforts to obtain a DCED grant with a second by William Webb. With there being co comments the motion passed 3-0.

Paul Pfitzenmeyer reviewed the decision made on the fuel allotment with Thomas McCaffrey. Mr. McCaffrey stated he had no objections with the service that Westwood Ambulance is providing to the residents but was against the increase cost that this would incur to the Township. Josef Obernier stated that at the last West Brandywine Township meeting it was agreed that if Mr. McCaffrey wanted other agencies to put in a proposal that they would be heard. Mr. McCaffrey acknowledged he did not want to do that. John Sly stated that the contract costs were not going up, this was an issue between the two townships. Mr. McCaffrey asked if a determination has been made on when this allotment will stop. Josef Obernier stated that a viable solution would be at the end of the year the financials can be looked at from Westwood Ambulance and they can pay back what they can at that time. No one in attendance had an objection with this.

With no further business at hand, Harry Price moved for adjournment at 8:17 PM and the motion was seconded by William Webb. With there being no objections the motion passed 6-0.