

**NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Monthly Workshop Meeting**  
**September 14, 2021            6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order by Chairman Mario Eckert**

Chairman Eckert called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Proof of publication was available for public inspection.

**Attendance**

Chairman, Mario Eckert  
Vice-Chairman, Maxine Kauffman  
Supervisor, Clair Wintermyer  
Supervisor, Dave Kirkpatrick

Police Lieutenant, Braxton Ditty  
Township Comptroller, Jane Deamer  
Police Chief, Steve Lutz  
Township Manager, Tony Miller

**Public Comment**

Jason Christine, 15 Dubber Dr: Tony read the comments that came through via email. Only comments pertaining to the building were read at the Workshop meeting. Mr. Christine asked what other bids have been secured other than Lobar? He asked if a smaller building can be built, and some money can be given towards EMS. He feels the building is being rushed. Township Manager said the company Gordian did a presentation on how the process works. Tony explained how the bidding is done within the Keystone Purchasing Network. Chairman Eckert said there is a need for the building because the current building can no longer house the Police Department due to size. The board is seeking other avenues for funding so it will not affect taxpayers. Chairman Eckert said the Township did not make the decision to end EMS services. The Newberry Township Fire Department decided to end its EMS services and they do not answer to the Township. Vice-Chair said the project is not being rushed and a lot of thought/time has gone into it. All meetings have been open to the public and streamed so the public can come and give input.

**Minute Approval**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss Plans for multi-use emergency services twp building/Lobar Associates**

Chairman Eckert said the layout of the building has been decided and are currently working on Mechanical options. Supervisor Wintermyer said the Township is picking the lowest cost to do the building. Township Manager Tony Miller said he will talk to the engineer Bill Rudy to see if he can get an electronic copy of the plans to put on the website. The plans for the building are on display currently in the meeting room at the Administration building. Tony Miller said he received feedback from the grant writer that PEMA said we can self-delegate the building as a shelter for the residents. The grant writer is

## **OLD BUSINESS cont.**

going to pursue a separate grant for a generator and an audio/video equipment grant. There might also be a grant to cover the sewer extension on Old Trail Rd.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approve Insurance Coverage provider for STD, LTD**

Tony Miller said Benecon is the current healthcare provider. Short term/Long Term policies were given to the Township and showed a 12% savings in cost.

MOTION by Chairman Eckert to approve switching STD and LTD insurance coverage to Benecon. The motion, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, carried with 4 ayes.

### **Adjournment**

MOTION by Supervisor Kirkpatrick, seconded by Chairman Eckert. Meeting adjourned at 6:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tony Miller, Secretary