

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 25, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Scott Harper
David Connors
Robert Weer

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven C. Brown, Manager
1 audience member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scott Harper opened the meeting at 6 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

He asked for public comment and there was none.

III. NEW BUSINESS

The only item of business was to listen to a presentation from William Jenaway, Executive Vice President of VFIS (Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Services), regarding a needs assessment for emergency services in the Township. Mr. Jenaway asked the Board to describe the issues the Township faces. Mr. Connors said one issue is making sure that both fire companies/ambulance services operate in a fiscally responsible manner. Mr. Connors stated their services were good. Mr. Scott Harper said the Township does not know what its needs and costs are. Mr. Connors said the Board would like to investigate police services as well as the State Police will not address the smaller, “quality of life” issues in the Township. Mr. Scott Harper also said the Board would like to look at regionalization of services to address costs and manpower issues.

Mr. Jenaway said his company would perform a needs assessment and risk profile for the Township. They would look at the current model of service delivery and see if it meets the demand. He further explained some of the data that they collect and analyze. Mr. Jenaway said the final step is for them to develop options and review them with the community. He said the scope of work would be tailored for the Township and reviewed a model scope with the Board.

Mr. Scott Harper asked if it made sense to do our own study or to do a regional one? Mr. Jenaway said you could do either but recommended reaching out to the other communities. Discussion continued regarding the benefits of each type of study. Mr. Jenaway stated it is possible that the Township could start its own study and then invite other communities in. Mr. Scott Harper stated he would like the study to consider whether the Township needs to have two fire companies, the 60/40 split of services in the Township between the two

companies and how to fund the services. Mr. Jenaway said all of those would be included in the study.

The Supervisors and Mr. Jenaway discussed a separate study for police services. The Board advised Mr. Jenaway that they want to proceed with the emergency services needs assessment and would like a proposal from him. Mr. Jenaway stated that he would draft two separate proposals for the Board to consider at their June 1, 2016 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Brown
Township Manager