

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2024 IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Call to Order:**

**Supervisor Shaw** called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Jeff Shaw, Connie Preston, Terry Lautner, Dave Darga, Jordan Gallagher, and Kyle Trevas

**Excused:** Chris Mikowski

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

None

**Public Comment**

Jim O'Rourke

**Agenda Approval**

MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE GALLAGHER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**New Business**

**Public Safety Presentation/Proposal to Upgrade to Provide Advanced Life Support Through Elmwood Fire and Rescue**

Kathryn Dunklow, Elmwood Fire and Rescue Medical Director, presented the case for providing Advanced Life Support for Elmwood Township. Fire Chief Keith Tampa and Public Safety Committee member Karen Britton assisted with the presentation. The Board was provided a power point presentation highlighting the additional interventions that can be administered by a paramedic compared to an EMT. Chief Tampa emphasized that we would be better able to manage quality of care by providing our own ALS service. The Board asked questions regarding the cost breakdown, millage rate, health insurance benefits, and employee retention. The number of missed calls by MMR, our current ALS provider was also questioned. The Public Safety Committee will attend the July 8 regular board meeting with the number of missed ALS calls if it is possible to get that number, staffing and schooling numbers, and the cost of health insurance for the whole department including family members. Clerk Preston explained that at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will need to decide on whether or not to put this before the voters in November. If the Board wishes to proceed, ballot language will be developed by Township Attorney Bryan Graham. The ballot language will then need to be approved by the Township Board by July 30 if it is to be on the November ballot.

**Cherry Bend Park Site Plan**

The Parks and Recreation Committee has been discussing plans to add equipment that is accessible and aimed at younger users, and the addition of pickleball courts. They have

also discussed connecting the trail that is currently being designed by our engineers to the existing sidewalk within Cherry Bend Park. Staff requested proposals from three firms to look at the cost and location of improvements including parking. MOTION BY CLERK PRESTON, SECONDED BY TRUSTEE TREVAS TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR JEFF SHAW TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH BECKETT & RAEDER INC. FOR \$10,500 WITH ADDITIONAL \$2500.00 FOR OPTIONS AND PAID FOR WITH ARPA FUNDS. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.