

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORK SESSION WITH SHARON FIRE  
HELD AT THE SHARON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND  
VIA GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 12, 2021**

Meeting opened by Chairman Mr. Brian Guccion at 6:05 PM. Trustees present: Brian Guccion, Joe Canestraro and Kimberly Miller, Fiscal Officer: Christine Lawson. Guests: Fire Chief Rob Haas, Assistant Chief Mike Stanec and Lieutenant Maggie Hobson.

The Board of Trustees met in a work session with Sharon Fire Department to discuss soft billing non-residents only for EMS calls. Maggie Hobson presented comparisons around the county of what other townships charge. Sharon Township has never charged a fee for going on calls or transporting individuals to the hospital. In the past few years, there has been an increase in mutual aid calls as well as accidents where we are transporting non-residents. The department would like to begin soft billing non-residents only. Soft billing would only entail billing their insurance companies. The trustees asked numerous questions and the proposal was discussed in detail. Mr. Guccion stated the Township prides itself in not charging, but understands that it is becoming necessary. The revenue from billing would go to the EMS fund. A fee would be taken directly from the vendor prior to anything going into the EMS fund. Only non-residents who are transported would be billed.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to pass a resolution to soft bill (insurance only) non-residents only with details to be worked out and implemented by April 1, 2021.

Mr. Guccion seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Mrs. Miller – yes; Mr. Guccion – yes; Mr. Canestraro – yes.

Chief Haas presented to the trustees the proposal for a new fire engine. The proposed engine is a 2021 Pierce Enforcer. A committee within the fire department has been working on this proposal for over a year. The purchase would be through Atlantic Emergency Solutions (previously Finley Fire). The quoted price is \$789,755.00 good through the end of January. If we prepay 100%, we would get a discount and the cost would be \$766,627.00. Mr. Guccion stated he would like to prepay 90% and withhold 10% upon inspection at delivery. Delivery is estimated at 10 months if we order this month. Chief Haas stated he intends to keep the old engine for a back up.

Mr. Canestraro made motion to pass a resolution to purchase a 2021 Pierce Enforcer fire engine from Atlantic Emergency Solutions (formerly known as Finley Fire) at a cost of \$766,627.00 and retain 10% to be paid upon inspection and delivery.

Mr. Guccion seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Mrs. Miller – yes; Mr. Guccion – yes; Mr. Canestraro – yes.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM

Mr. Canestraro seconded the motion.

All trustees voted yes.

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