

THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 10, 2014

The Washington Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting with Morgan Township to discuss the proposed joint fire district including Morgan Township, Washington Township and the Village of Utica.

Present were:

Washington Township Trustees Monte Londot, Frank Coad, and Rex Stevenson, and Fiscal Officer Phil Shaw;

Morgan Township Trustees Rod Booth and Troy Rodeniser, and Fiscal Officer Diana McQueen;

and residents Jason Woodruff, Sam Parsons, Greg Vickers, Eric Unger, Craig Fisher, Jennifer Fisher, Lester Grennel, James Quinif, Randy Schilling, Allen Reed, John Torrens, Rick Heath and Donald Robinson.

The Trustees discussed the pros and cons of forming this new government entity.

PROS: More control, faster response times, cross-trained employees, and all agree that it would be best for the residents that the Utica EMS and Utica Fire Department merge into one entity.

CONS: Forming a new government entity, possible increase in taxes by replacing the current levies, and possible increase in paid employees.

Mr. John Torrens suggested that one of the Townships take over both departments, forming a Township Fire Department.

Mr. Donald Robinson asked to see a 5-year plan for the proposed fire district, and said he was not for forming a new government entity.

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Monte L. Londot, President

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Frank G. Coad, Vice President

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Rex J. Stevenson, Board Member

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Phillip M. Shaw, Fiscal Officer