

# **Town of Culver**

Culver Town Hall  
200 E. Washington  
Culver, IN 46511

## **Tuesday, November 6, 2012 Work Session – 6 p.m.**

Council president Sally Ricciardi called the work session to order at 6 p.m. Bill Githens, Ginny Munroe, Lynn Overmyer and Ed Pinder were present as well as Town Manager Dave Schoeff, EMS Director Bobby Cooper and several members of EMS.

Mr. Githens stated Township Trustee was invited but was out of town until Friday. Mr. Greeson will receive a copy of the minutes for his files.

Mr. Cooper thanked the council for allowing him and Kimberly Irsa to go to New Jersey in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. He added that the town will be paid for time and the use of the ambulance.

He went on to provide information regarding the changes the State is requiring of Emergency Medical Services in Indiana. As of July 2014, the current EMT level will cease to exist. Services will need to go back to basic EMT level, Advanced , or Full Paramedic. He said the state is trying to do away with departments who are getting by and follow the standards adopted across the country. He provided information regarding the pros and cons of each of the services. When asked about costs, Mr. Cooper responded he wanted to inform and give the council options to get the though process started.

Discussion regarding the need for volunteers, staffing with volunteers, PRNs and paramedics took place and examples of other services with different combinations were mentioned.

Mr. Githens suggested there was a fourth option, contracting out service. He commented he didn't want to give up equipment but wanted to make sure our citizens are covered. Mr. Leonard said Alliance has made an offer. He works for Tri-County and they charge over \$300,000 a year. Ms. Ricciardi said Bourbon signed over their ambulances to a service and got a nice rate at the beginning however then the price went up once they had the ambulances.

Mrs. Overmyer asked if we went paramedic, would the town be responsible for paying for schooling. Mr. Leonard commend it is a lot to ask of someone. Mr. Cooper responded the town pays for EMT training and in return, volunteers sign a contract to stay on Culver's service for one year. If they do not stay, they reimburse the town.

Mr. Cooper was asked to draw up a number of scenarios along with costs.

Mr. Githens thanked Mr. Cooper and Ms. Irsa for going to New Jersey. He asked if EMS had thought about doing a coat drive for those out in New Jersey or a food drive for the food bank. Mr. Cooper said they are assisting with the township gift baskets and possibly supporting Shop with a Cop.

A work session will be scheduled when the information is gathered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

**Culver Town Council**

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Bill Githens

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Ed Pinder

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Ginny Munroe

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Sally Ricciardi

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Lynn Overmyer

ATTEST:

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Karen A. Heim  
Clerk-Treasurer