



# SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

## Board of Supervisors

George C. Fluhr, Gregory P. Hoepfer, Keith W. Raser  
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## SPECIAL MEETING

February 11, 2013

### ATTENDANCE:

Supervisors; Chairman George C. Fluhr, Vice-Chairman, Gregory Hoepfer, Supervisor, Keith Raser, Solicitor, Jason Ohliger, Secretary, Diana Blume, and representing the Fire Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief, Chris Malzahn, Chairman Fluhr called the meeting to order at 11:07am.

### New Business:

- Ambulance Services In Shohola Township

Michael Scovil, Starr Grolimund and Anthony Faffino from Atlantic Ambulance Services attended the meeting in order to present the services their company provides.

Michael Scovil began the meeting by giving the Board a briefing on Atlantic Ambulances services and the overview of the company and the areas currently servicing in Pike County as the primary ambulance service. They advised that their units are stationed in Milford and Blooming Grove which will best service both ends of Shohola Township.

It was a question and answer session between the parties as follows:

Chairman Fluhr – asked about the Corporation itself. **Michael Scovil** advised that they were affiliated with Atlantic Health, which is the parent company, yet they are a sub-corporation and answer to their own board.

Chairman Fluhr- asked for a copy of their financials just to make sure the solvency of their corporation before making any decisions.

Chairman Fluhr – asked if an ambulance is needed would they take the patient to whatever hospital they request? Starr Grolimund advised that if it is not a life threatening situation they will take a patient to whatever hospital they are comfortable going to, however, if a life or death situation, they are obligated to get the patient to the closest facility.

Supervisor Raser – asked what their billing procedures are. Anthony Faffino advised that if there is a situation that people can prove they cannot pay, by proof of hardship they do not pursue a patient. If they find they are able to pay, they will make payment arrangements. Also, anyone without insurance gets an automatic discount.

Chairman Fluhr – asked how the “Obama Care” will affect the way they bill. Antony Faffino advised that they are not exactly sure how it will pan out. However, the only impact they can see so far is that the purchasing of their equipment will no longer be tax free.

Solicitor Ohliger - asked if there was a problem with the service Shohola is receiving, who would we call. Anthony Faffino advised that Michael and Starr will be the first contacts.

Chris Malzahn – advised that if Atlantic Ambulance needed to park a truck in Shohola, they would offer them space at Station 2, for no charge.

Solicitor Ohliger – asked what type of equipment is on the least rigged out unite. Starr advised that the least we will get on any given call will be an ALS which is anything you need. Any unit that arrives on any call will be equipment with advanced airway equipment, ALS monitor, all medicine needed, I.V. pumps as well as back up equipment, so they can do multiple calls without return to base.

Supervisor Raser – asked if a crew was available 24 hours per day and what the response time would be. Michael advised that they are a 90 second rule to leave the building. They did not prepare to answer the exact response time from Blooming Grove to the Village as well as Milford to the Twin Lakes Area.

Supervisor Raser – asked if they were equipped with GPS. Michael advised they are equipped with GPS and monitor so they can see where all their vehicles are located.

Chris Malzahn – asked is the units were equipped with chains for inclement weather. They advised they have four units with chains, three have automatic drop chains and only one unit needs manual chains.

Chairman Fluhr asked Chris Malzahn that if they were to change services to Atlantic Ambulance what the procedure would be. Chris advised that they would need to write a letter to the Communication Center.

Vice-Chair Hoepfer asked Chris Malzahn where the locations for landing a helicopter in Shohola. Chris advised the areas are Station 1, Shohola Elementary, Trails End ball field, and Sagamore’s ball field.

Supervisor Raser – asked what other townships is Atlantic working with. Starr advised they are working with Milford Township, Milford Boro, Dingmans Township, Delaware Township, Westfall Township, and Matamoras for BLS service, Promise Land, Lackawaxen.

Anthony Faffino asked the Supervisors would like to see an Ambulance. Ambulance and equipment on the ALS and BLS were inspected.

**Other matters:**

**Motion** to pay the Verizon bill via debit card, made by **Keith Raser, second by Chairman Fluhr, motion carried.**

**Public Comments:**

- **None**

**Motion** to adjourn at 12:28pm made by **Chairman Fluhr, second by Vice-Chair Hoepfer, motion carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**  
**Diana Blume**  
**Township Secretary**