

**DOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
Work Session Minutes  
August 27, 2012**

The Dover Township Board of Supervisors held a work session on Monday, August 27, 2012, which began at 6:00 PM in the Meeting Room of the Dover Township Municipal Building. Dover Township Supervisors present were Chairperson Madelyn Shermeyer, Monica Love, Michael Husson, Charles Richards, and Matthew Menges. Laurel Oswalt, Township Manager; and Dawn Slegel, Recording Secretary were also present. Peggy Durnin of the Dover Area Ambulance Club was in attendance.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the financial operations of the Dover Area Ambulance Club.

Peggy Durnin introduced herself as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Dover Area Ambulance Club. She has been with the Ambulance Club since 1995. She requested that the Board reconsider returning their monetary funding of \$15,000 for the Dover Area Ambulance Club back into the 2013 Budget. She noted that the Ambulance Club is a non-profit organization and relies on service fees which are dwindling due to healthcare reform, Medicare and Medicaid cuts and elderly residents on fixed incomes, individuals without insurance, and people who simply can't afford to pay. Payment from Medicare for the elderly is only for life threatening circumstances. If Medicare denies the claim, the secondary insurance will not cover the expense either. An ABN Form must be presented and completed by the patient if the emergency is not life threatening.

Ms. Durnin reported that financial cutbacks are critical to meet the deficit in their expenses. They have recently experienced a lot of ambulance breakdowns. She noted that delinquent collections are on the rise. Another problem exists in which patients received their insurance check and did not send it to the Ambulance Club to cover their payment. Also, all three ambulances respond to each fire call for Dover Township, which is six EMS employees' salaries. She explained that Dover Township is their largest coverage area. She is investigating another billing company. Ambulance membership subscriptions are part of their fundraising, along with their stand at the Dover Carnival. She noted that the Ambulance Club is currently operating in the red. She asked the Board to reinstate the \$15,000 previously donated to the Ambulance Club which was cut from last year's Township Budget.

Manager Oswalt reported that currently the \$15,000 was placed into the 2013 Township Budget.

Ms. Durnin informed the Board that her present crew of employees is career-oriented. She expressed that the Township's continued financial support is needed to keep their services in operation.

The Board assured her that they would try to meet her budgetary needs for 2013.

The work session was concluded at 6:26 PM into an Executive Session regarding litigation.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Dawn D. Slegel, Secretary

