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Ross Township Law Enforcement Committee Minutes Tuesday,
August 27, 2019 @7:00pm

- I. Call to Order
- A. Meeting Called to Order @7:00pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. In Attendance: Greg Huggett, Peter Plummer, Teri Raymond, Michael Boehme, Lynn Harmon, Karen LeVene, Christina Hutchings. Absent: Jon Bowden
- D. Review/Approve Agenda
- E. Lynn Harmon presented the LEC Recommendations to the Board on 8/20/19 and the Board had additional questions for LEC.
 - a. The Board's job is to ask tough questions.
 - b. The Board's job is to be thorough, and our responsibility is to educate the Board on what they need to fully understand all of the moving parts.
- F. "Deputizing" – The attorney attending the Board meeting 8/20/19 was not totally accurate in explaining the role of KCSD deputizing Richland Village officers.
 - a. Each jurisdiction is assigned ORI/MCOLES unique to the territory in tracking data. This is a nonissue and will not be impacted by the selection of a different police vendor for Ross.
 - b. Ross Township Supervisor (Rob Baker) is responsible for swearing in the police force for Ross Township, there is not a need or requirement to deputize Richland Village police officers for Ross.
- G. Board Question #1: 'What is the timeline for Richland Village Police Dept. going to 24 hour coverage, 7 days a week?'
 - a. There is no set date; however, Village Council desires this service as early as 2020.
 - b. KCSD will continue as always to remain back up to Richland Village Police Department. This will not change.
- H. Board Question #2: 'What is the criteria evaluated which brought Village of Augusta in second?'
 - a. Village of Augusta is presently staffed to serve Village of Augusta, including cruiser availability.
 - b. LEC's priority is to identify a vendor who is immediately available and immediately capable to take on Ross Township. Village of Augusta is not immediately able, and Village of Augusta would need a letter of intent from Ross in order to hire additional manpower and purchase additional cruisers in preparation for the Ross contract.
 - c. Village of Augusta is highly valued, however, there is more dependence financially on ability to buy additional cruisers for back up in case one is wrecked, or ability to easily payroll multiple police officers.
 - d. If Ross Twp. decides to cancel Richland Village Police Dept., there would be little, if any, repercussions to RVPD. With Village of Augusta, it would be financially risky for them – and this is not desirable from a LEC member's perspective.
- I. Board Question #3: 'What is the ideal amount of coverage?'

- a. Based on Ross Twp. residents attending Town Hall meetings and the prior Survey, there is a desire not only of more presence but quicker response times in addition to the 40 hours Ross presently is getting.
 - b. Taking into consideration additional growth through and to Ross, it makes sense to increase police presence as needs arise.
 - c. The desire to cap costs or reduce costs to Ross Twp. has always been LEC's priority.

 - d. Defining metrics will help determine what the ideal amount of coverage will be in Ross. Being able to look at a map of Ross Twp. and pinpoint 'hot zones' where police are being repeatedly dispatched will help further quantify the exact answer to this.
 - e. Richland Village Police Dept. has a map on the wall, and it is used to visually identify areas which are frequently visited, and Chf. Mattioli staffs his team around these areas. This information will be readily accessible to us for Ross Twp., also.
- J. Board Question #4: 'Who is asking for additional police coverage?'
- a. Residents responded in the Survey they wanted increases in police protections.
 - b. Board meeting minutes capture Ross residents' comments asking for additional/better/quicker police attention, in matters of speeding down Ross Twp. streets, to personal situations when a resident had to wait a longer amount of time for KCSD to respond to their 911 calls or accidents.
- K. Board Question #5: 'If we go with Richland, can the call hierarchy be set so the closest police department can respond?'
- a. Richland Village Police Department can partner with Village of Augusta to ensure residents more towards Augusta get faster response time from Village of Augusta directly.
 - b. These nuances would need to be provided in the contract negotiations between Ross Twp. and Richland Village Police Department.
- L. Given that the LEC has made a recommendation to the Board, and the Board is asking for clarification, how will we involve the community before the next Board meeting?
- a. The LEC meeting scheduled for 9/16/2019 will be dedicated to another open meeting, a Town Hall for the residents of Ross to attend to ask questions, give feedback or engage with LEC further on the topic of police protections for Ross.
 - b. Lynn will have Mary Carol generate information regarding the meeting, and if residents cannot attend, they can email questions to the Township and the LEC will answer the resident during the meeting, or get it answered before the Board meeting on 9/17/2019.

September 17, 2019.

N. Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.

M. Lynn will provide a response from our discussions to the Board at the next Board meeting scheduled for

