

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 14TH, 2009**

The Medina Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Medina Township Hall on January 14th, 2009, to conduct the business of the Township. President Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm with the following Trustees in attendance: Rita M. Holt, Michael D. Todd and Mead Wilkins. Also in attendance were Assistant County Prosecutor Brian Richter, Chief David Arbogast, Officer Oyler and Sgt. Zieja. Also in attendance were several towing company representatives and the general public.

Medina Township Police Department Towing Policy

Mr. Wilkins asked that people wishing to speak give their names and addresses for the record. He then asked for input from those in attendance.

Gene Javinski, Heidi's Towing, said the storage fees requested are too low and the insurance qualifications are too high. He also suggested having a simple rotation list that is accountable. He said the township should not regulate what the towing companies charge for storage.

Dean Frantz, Shue's Towing, said he understands the Township wants to keep the towing companies from gouging the public but no one else sets the rates for the towing companies. He feels the township should follow the State Highway Patrol towing regulations.

John Cameron, Attorney, said a rotation list is necessary and should be open and equal to all.

Chief Arbogast said numerous towing policies were reviewed before finalizing the township policy. It was then given to the County Prosecutors office for review before it was finalized. He also spoke with an independent insurance agent that was not used by any towing company or the township regarding the amount of insurance coverage.

Mr. Todd had two concerns, response time and the township towing criteria being met by any subcontracting towing company, if there is a need for assistance.

Chief Arbogast's concern is the security of the impound lots. Mileage and response time was also discussed.

Mr. Todd made the following revisions to the towing policy:

1. Inside storage fee will be \$25.00 and outside storage fee will be \$20.00. It will generally be the towing company's choice of where the vehicle is stored; the exception to that rule will be if the Police Department feels there are special safety needs and they order the vehicle held indoors.

2. Liability insurance will be \$250,000.00.

3. If the township releases a vehicle without the tow truck company being paid for the tow by the owner, then the township will pay the towing bill.

4. All towing companies have to reapply.

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5. One truck/two truck standard: If you are on the rotation, no matter how many trucks you have, you will be required to pick up all the vehicles within the time frame allotted. If you can not do so then you need to tell dispatch or you will be found to be in non-compliance with the policy. If you are in non-compliance you will be removed from the rotation list. Any subcontract trucks should meet the criteria that the towing company is held under by the township policy.

John Cameron, Attorney, asked if there will be an accountability of the towing rotation. Chief Arbogast said there is a log book for public review. Mr. Todd said a public records request can be made to view the log.

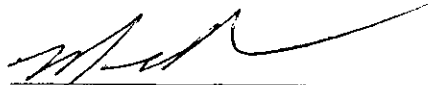
Mr. Todd said the towing companies should continue to do business as usual until the towing policy changes are made and reviewed by the Prosecutor. Another public meeting with the towing companies will be held before the policy is adopted. It was also noted that the deadline is the deadline.

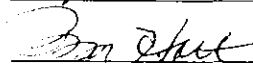
Mr. Wilkins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Mrs. Holt seconded the motion. Voting aye thereon: Mr. Wilkins, Mrs. Holt and Mr. Todd.


There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



Medina Township Fiscal Officer







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