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Re: Concerned Republican

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Date: Sun, Jan 13, 2019 at 11:37 AM -0500

Subject: Re: Concerned Republican

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Thank you for the reply, however I do not see answers to my questions with two minor exceptions. Here is what is left to be answered (your best available numbers to the first question would be greatly appreciated):

- What is the actual response time to each area of Liberty Township (please be specific where the areas of concern are and what areas appear overserved).
 - Response time of EMS
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 - Response time of Police? (as a side note County Sherriff response time to the southern end of LT is poor and unacceptable – I live south of four corners and would be concerned at how this impacts my neighbors as it is certain that Powell is going to form their own FD if this goes through).
- Will the contract with DCEMS guarantee equal service levels to all areas of LT? If they do not perform to the guarantee what will be the penalty (beyond the risk to personal welfare)?
- You have said over and over that you want the voters to decide. How do you see that happening?
- Why not contract with the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians to assist in a review and selection of a Medical Director? Let's let professionals in the field give us a slate of candidates.
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It is a mistake to think that City of Powell has no voice in this. They put their businesses and residents safety in our hands.

Further, it is a mistake to dismiss the opposition to this as left wing liberal union types. We are NOT, this is a very bipartisan support group for maintaining our current staffing and service. By your word choice alone you have motivated so many conservatives to work harder with the Save Our Services organization. And is it wonderful that we live in a country where we can freely voice our opinions, campaign for those we believe in and disagree about it all and STILL love our neighbors?

Laurie Karr

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 13, 2019, at 1:34 AM, Melanie Leneghan <mellen5288@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Laurie,

Thank you for your feedback. We have a broken EMS system. We can and must do better for our residents. I have been disgusted about these shortcomings for years. The sustainability of our EMS services is also of concern. The plan that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners has proposed will not raise you insurance in any way shape or form and if someone has told you that I can only guess that they misunderstand the proposed scenario. Our ISO ratings will not be impacted by increasing EMS staffing. Most people who have reached out to me do misunderstand.

I am thankful that two of the commissioners have offered to help the township. Mike and I are exploring ways to correct some very serious problems and to increase your service levels. We are exploring steps that can be taken to ensure long term sustainability. It would be dereliction of duty to not acknowledge the problems and to ignore opportunities to make our EMS better and opportunities to ensure sustainability. I am most concerned about providing better service, solving the very significant problems, and ensuring sustainability. The \$3 million of savings that will be realized if we choose to have Delaware County EMS employees staff our trucks in our stations and add 2 EMS medic trucks within closer proximity to some of our residents than our two medics is an added bonus that many residents would like to realize.

The leftist and union family members do represent many of those in attendance. They have been to all three meetings. I am not referring to everyone. One of the main organizers of the self named "resistance" was the Hillary Clinton campaign worker on campus, went door to door for Barack Obama as a minor and ran the Louise Valentine campaign. The other is a life long liberal democrat. Some are "establishment" republicans. The disruptive bullying tactics are disgraceful. Many people call me and apologize that they aren't coming to the meeting and explain that they are afraid of "those people". As for a task force, in my professional opinion and as a member of two earlier resident task forces and creator of a more recent task force, I do not believe that this topic is a "resident task force" topic. Instead I have spoken to Powell Police Chief Vest and he has pulled together a task force of professionals and experts in the industry. A group of residents can't tell them anything they don't already know or make recommendations on how to run our safety services. These are life long industry professionals. They are working on those problems that I referred to. Chief Vest acknowledges the problems as do many others as does the report that was provided by a well recognized consultant. These problems must be fixed and as a result of 4 elected officials' willingness to go through this process, I am encouraged that they will be. It is shameful that an elected official would try to continue to sweep these problems under the rug. One major problem is being worked on right now and the improvements are already taking place. Not seconding a motion is very customary in government.

Our staff and BOT is more than capable of selecting and entering into a contract for a medical director.

The City of Powell's letter is so irrelevant that we haven't even responded. They have no right to tell our government how to run our departments.

Their voters clearly don't want any increases in taxes.

Delaware County EMS attempts to provide the best service they can to all residents.

I don't have a first choice for medical director but hope to by next Friday. I am only one trustee so I can't tell you who we will enter into a contract with.

Again, thank you for your feedback. I hope I have addressed your questions.

I am not seeing an attached email. I apologize.

Have A Wonderfully Blessed Sunday

Melanie

On Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 9:53 AM Laurie Karr <swimbuckeye@gmail.com> wrote:

Melanie,

I am writing to you as a very concerned fiscal conservative Republican after reading the attached email and attending and speaking at the Dec. 3 meeting. I was happy to see a lot of my friends and neighbors in attendance and getting involved in the politics of our not so little township. You are mistaken to think that

those in attendance and vocal about the EMS issue are left wing Union supporters. All of the conversation I have had in the weeks leading to that meeting and since have centered around disgust and complete frustration in the direction of the Delaware County Republican Party. We all are frustrated that we have such POOR representation of our deeply held Republican values in you Ms. Leneghan. You are so far off the mark in what your constituents want, and your inability to listen to us further deepens the distrust. Here are the facts:

- We are NOT unnecessarily double taxed. Let's dispel that myth right now. The Delaware County tax is a sales tax for a service provided within the county. Should you happen to find yourself out and about in Delaware County and need their EMS services, they are there for you. Here's a link to a neat little article about what a half percent sales tax means to your wallet. As you can see, if you spend all of your money in the county it's not much – for most about \$100 for a family of 4 making around \$140K. But as we know we don't spend all of our money in one place. And if you're really bothered by the tax you can simply spend elsewhere- that's what a lot of people did when DC was a half percent higher than the surrounding counties. https://www.cleveland.com/datacentral/index.ssf/2015/02/how_much_would_an_ohio_sales_t.html
- The best you can say is all sales taxes are double taxes. With your way of thinking you should be bothered by the fact that you get no use of the sales tax dollars spent in other counties where you make purchases.
- I spoke at the 12/3 meeting because I am aware that business insurance for higher risk businesses such as mine (swim lessons, swim team, commercial pools) will increase if our ISO ratings change to the worse. That is fact. It only takes seconds to drown and 6 minutes for irreversible brain damage to occur. I take the safety of my swimmers VERY seriously. All it takes is for the teacher to glance away for a few seconds and a child could be in serious trouble. It is risky enough that commercial pool owners coordinate with their EMS for preferred response scenarios.
- Your savings projection will look great in a political campaign, it'll be big numbers. That is a fact. It is unfortunate that it does not tell the entire story.
- Insurance rates will increase – we have now heard from enough insurance agents that we can state this as fact. The estimates negate your savings.
- The Republican party has a long history of supporting police and fire fighter unions. The IAFF exists to protect its members. They fight for its members for better wages, benefits, working conditions and improved safety of its members. They put their lives on the line as part of their job, they deserved to have an organized voice to help improve their working conditions and safety. One of the main reasons Republicans support Police, Fire and EMS is they are seen as our domestic defense (we Republicans love to spend money on defense, myself included).
- Personal fact: I am not and have never been 'Team Shyra.' She has absolutely earned my respect as I sit through these meetings. I have no affiliation with any Union. I have a degree in Mathematics from The Ohio State University. I have over 30 years' experience running my own business, managing businesses, training staff and training young people to grow into great people. I am more than capable of reading and analyzing the Fitch report and understanding the statistics behind this. From what I have read, the Fitch report is clear in that Liberty Townships EMS is far superior and the DCEMS model needs help. Further, I have been a part of many committees that work on the National Stage of swimming, and have been to many meetings. I have *never* seen the opposition on an issue not second a motion. They always second the motion to allow for open and transparent discussion before then voting the measure down. Why is this transparency missing from our meetings?

My questions:

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- What measures have you taken to prevent a lawsuit by the City of Powell over the CEDA violation that will occur should we make this move?

- Will the contract with DCEMS guarantee equal service levels to all areas of LT? If they do not perform to the guarantee what will be the penalty (beyond the risk to personal welfare)?
- You have said over and over that you want the voters to decide. How do you see that happening?
- Why do you oppose forming a task force of professionals to look into this? You have a degree in business, not medical. Why not get a few medical professionals on board that understand the inner workings of EMS, Emergency Department, Union contracts, etc. We have plenty within our township.
- Why not contract with the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians to assist in a review and selection of a Medical Director? Let's let professionals in the field give us a slate of candidates.
- Does your first choice for Medical Director have FACEP designation?

Thank you for your time,

Laurie Karr

22 year resident of Liberty Township