**ROSE TOWNSHIP**

**Special Meeting**

**February 7, 2024**

The Rose Township Board held their Special Meeting February 7, 2024. Meeting was opened by Supervisor Shelley Maleski with the pledge to the flag at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**: Present – Kelli Collins, Shelley Maleski, Pamela McQuarrie, Crystal Harbin, Clifford Esmond.

Absent – None.

**New Business:** New Fire Truck for Lupton Fire Department and contract.

Maleski stated purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck for Lupton Fire Department and a contract. Maleski informed the public that our share of the new truck would be in the amount of 155,837.00.

The Rose Township Board asked for a contract before proceeding with this purchase.

Collins presented her concerns with the new truck and contract.

Esmond also addressed the public with his concerns along with questions to the Lupton Fire Department.

**Public Comments:** Larry Dean, Lupton Fire Departments Secretary/Treasurer addressed the board that Lupton Fire Department is a charitable organization. Dean also, said that Lupton Fire Department would like to be owned by Hill Township and Rose Township.

Residents of Lupton spoke about concerns with response times if Rose Township dissolves with Lupton Fire Department.

Sherriff Brian Gilbert spoke about the township and Fire Department getting together and get a contract in place.

Gilbert Scott, President of Lupton Fire Board stated he would like to have a contract with Rose Township and Hill Township. Scott stated that there was a miscommunication between the Townships and the Fire Department. Scott also stated that the Fire Department is willing the do what is needed to resolve the issue and stay in Lupton.

Rose Township’s Lawyer Tim Freel spoke to the public about members of Hill, Rose and Fire Department getting a meeting in place to have a contract drawn up. Freel feels that if the two Townships merge with Lupton Fire Department it will not have to dissolve.

A meeting with Hill Township, Rose Township and Lupton Fire Department will be discussed and set up.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:36 p.m.by Esmondand seconded by Collins.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Kangas

Deputy Clerk