

CAMBRIDGE TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the supervisor at 5:00 P.M.

Board members present: Hawkins, Richardson, Johncox, Gentner; absent- Garrison. Also present: Scott Damon, Jeff Armstrong, Larry Wibbeler, Bruce Nickel, Phil Schaedler.

The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss the issue of a cost recovery ordinance for the township. Those present joined a conference call with Mike Rivera from Fire Recovery Corp. He explained the services of his company in regards to the billing and collection of fees under the ordinance. Mr. Rivera indicated that the fee for this would be 20% of the amount billed, which amount would be deducted from the amount collected before remitting the balance to the township. Mr. Rivera also indicated that his company was the largest such company doing this service in the United States and that they have a 70-90% collection rate on amounts billed.

There were questions about billing for police services, as Fire Recovery Corp. deals primarily with fire departments. He indicated that they would be able to bill for police charges as well, although there was some discussion on what types of police services could be billed for, according to Mr. Rivera.

Attorney Schaedler also shared a copy of an ordinance currently in place in the City of Hudsonville, MI in Ottawa County.

There was a desire on the part of some of those present to listen to a presentation again from the representative of Cost Recovery Corp., which was the first company that the township investigated on the issue of cost recovery ordinances.

It was decided to try and get that representative here to meet with the group and research further before taking any action.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick W. Richardson, Clerk