

## Indian Creek Firefighters and \$50,000

The following is in reference to a statement by the Trustee in her cover letter (Feb. 9, 2007) to notice of “Termination of Lease and Contract for Fire Protection.”

The statement (par. 2) is: “Despite over \$50,000 paid by the Township to the Corporation in 2006, five of the six emergency vehicles are either completely inoperable or seriously defective. The Corporations request. . for additional maintenance expenses is unjustifiable, when more than sufficient funds were paid.., to maintain the equipment last year.”

To a casual reader, this might seem to imply that there was more than \$50,000 available for vehicle maintenance. Not so. The “over \$50,000” was the *total* amount paid for fire protection and emergency services by the Township. Of this total \$24,000 was for salaries, \$12,000 for insurance, almost \$1,000 for Workman’s Compensation, \$1,200 for EMT training, \$1,300 for replacement of the heating system, and \$2,500 for interest on a loan for a truck, leaving about \$9,000 for a combination of utilities (electricity, water, telephone), fuel for vehicles, fuel for heating, maintenance and replacement of non-vehicular equipment (hoses, turnout-gear, airpacks, etc.), building maintenance—and vehicle maintenance.

The Trustee’s statement is disingenuous.

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