

TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT CONCERNING INDIAN CREEK TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES

In January 2007, Indian Creek Fire Fighters, Inc. (the Corporation) gave the Indian Creek Township Trustee the following request for \$10,100 for maintenance of five of its six emergency vehicles, one item of which was the emergency repair of a vehicle that was "gushing water from underneath". The Corporation had already been paid ample funds to cover all vehicle maintenance, much of which had been spent on matters not related to public safety.

This acknowledgement that the Corporation's equipment was not properly maintained and its budget not properly utilized precipitated the decision of the Trustee to terminate the Corporation's contract if a new contract with stricter performance standards could not be negotiated. The Corporation refused to sign the contract proposed by the Township. With the old contract expiring and no new one available the Township gave notice of termination of the old contract, effective May 9, 2007.

On April 15, 2007 the Corporation provided a proposed contract that would have charged the Township \$500 if the Trustee discussed any allegations of the Corporation's possible breach of contract with the Township Board in a public meeting if written notice of the breach had not been provided a week in advance to the Corporation. The Trustee has a clear right to discuss possible breaches by the Corporation with the Township Board, with or without advance notice to the Corporation. The Corporation's bad faith negotiation was shown in this clause penalizing the Township if the Trustee fulfills the Trustee's duties to discuss Township business with the Township Board in a public meeting.

The Corporation has advised the Township that it will not allow the Township to use the Corporation's equipment for a Township fire department when the contract terminates. The Corporation has advised the Township that it will not allow the Township to use the fire station for a Township fire department.

The refusal of the Corporation to provide its equipment and the fire station, all of which were purchased for the good of the Township with money raised for the benefit of the Township, is the cause of the need for the Indian Creek's temporary contract with Van Buren Township for emergency services.

The Van Buren contract will provide professional coverage 24 per day, 7 days per week. The Corporation's contract provides 50 hours per week of professional coverage. The increase of over 300 % in professional coverage will cost less than one third more money. If the Corporation will turn over its equipment and the fire station, that increased cost will be very temporary.

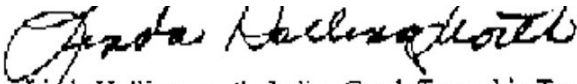
Seven fully trained EMT Indian Creek volunteers are in place to support the Van Buren emergency service providers. All adjoining emergency departments in Monroe, Lawrence and Greene counties have entered into mutual aid agreements with the Township. Current qualified firefighters with the Corporation are welcome to join the new department.

The Corporation has no right to provide fire services to the Township. The parties could not

negotiate a contract. Linda Hollingsworth, the Township Trustee, still wants the Corporation to honor the interest of the residents of Indian Creek Township by facilitating a smooth transition. It is not too late.

Linda Hollingsworth asks one question: Will Indian Creek Fire Fighters, Inc. voluntarily turn over its fire fighting equipment and the Indian Creek Fire Station to Indian Creek Township on May 10, 2007?

April 23, 2007


Linda Hollingsworth, Indian Creek Township Trustee

See Emergency Item below:

| <u>VEHICLE TRUCK REPAIRS:</u> | <u>ESTIMATE</u> |
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| 1. #101 (1969 Backup Pumper) WS Fleet (Work done at station) Repair left side of vacuum pump | \$ 2,100.00 |
| 2. #103 (Main Pumper) Carmichael (Work done in Blgtn) Install straps for gas tank Electrical problem. Cannot give estimate until they "get into it." | 700.00 \$ unknown |
| 3. #103 Repair/rebuild pump WS Fleet (Work done at station) | \$ 2,240.00 |

Emergency item:

**Valve not closing, when primer button pushed, gushing water from underneath — problem just found today (1/31/07)
Truck is out of service, relying on #101. Emergency problem.
Need to call WS Fleet now to get fixed immediately. Steven worked until midnight trying to resolve problem. Can't locate problem.**

Steven said if he can call WS Fleet and get them down here to repair the pump, they may go ahead and resolve the gushing-water problem and (maybe) not charge us for this recently discovered problem, or give a better price. There is a \$60 road charge each time they make a service call. Steven said WS Fleet says they work on everything, so they may be able to do some of the other work listed here.

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| #104 (Tanker) Leaking from oil filter base Front tie rod bent | Carmichaels (Work done in Bloomington) | 4,800.00 |
| 4. Squad #10 (Rescue/EMS Truck) Cable for water pump broken | WS Fleet (Work done at station) | 260.00 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL: \$10,100.00