

Hinckley Township Board of Trustees – Special Meeting 2
September 21, 2020

Chairman Ray Schulte called the Special Meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 1:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on Internet, telephone and electronic connectivity within the Township Departments. Present were Trustees Augustine, Burns and Schulte, Chief Centner via phone, Mike Profant and one resident.

Mr. Profant began by sharing a history of the interview process and cost assessment strategy the Township undertook in 2015 when Medina County Fiber was installed in Township buildings to coincide with the new fire station construction. Discussion included the contract between the Township and Fidelity (Fusion) and Medina County Fiber. He explained to the Trustees that when the Trustees authorized additional bandwidth speed for the police department in 2019 the existing contract went from month-to-month to a 36-month contract. If the Township changed carriers, a contractual obligation to Fidelity (Fusion) would still exist for the remainder of the 36-month term in excess of \$1,000.00 per month.

Mr. Profant provided a white board illustration as to how the co-dependent relationship between Medina County Fiber and other carriers impact Township services. He further outlined bandwidth speed and suggested the Township assess departmental needs to determine an optimal bandwidth to purchase.

He also explained how the fire station and service garage buildings share internet services through an internal cable originating from the Medina County Fiber cable. Mr. Profant illustrated the relationship between the Township internet and telephone carriers and recommended that the Township review its needs and contracts periodically. Discussion continued as to working with the Township IT vendor – currently Lighthouse – in identifying current technology needs and assistance in determining usage that will aide in developing future services and price points.

Everyone thanked Mr. Profant for his time and expertise.

Mr. Schulte made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 1:59 p.m. Burns second. Vote: A-yes, B-yes, S-yes.

Meeting minutes approved by:
