EMAILS AND LETTERS RECEIVED FOR THE MARCH 14, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

1. Margaret Rogel is not in favor of raising taxes for EMS. Leave it alone another year to allow a study and comparison. A raise in taxes is difficult for those on social security.
2. Jeff Backus is not in favor of a millage increase for EMS. We should not rush into this decision but look at all options, choose the best to save money and lower taxes.
3. James Tomsa is not in favor of a millage increase for EMS. Other options should be considered which may lower taxes and save money. I understand we pay approx. $500,000. Per year for approx. 70 calls or $7,100 per call. The Board needs to be fiscally responsible.
4. Bill Backus is not in favor of a millage increase for EMS. Don’t rush into a decision, look at all options, chose what is best to save money and lower taxes. I understand we pay approx. $500,000. Per year for approx. 70 calls or $7,100 per call. The Board needs to be fiscally responsible.
5. Donna & Jerry Klinefelter would like to go to ALS, keep the service within the Township. Would be willing to pay more taxes if necessary.
6. Bruce Pulleyblank writes to express support for ALS service and for the Township to continue to operate its own EMS services.
7. Karen Stone supports a millage increase to provide health insurance, increase wages and provide funds for supplies and training. The township should explore privatization in the future.
8. Edwin Klove states the Board should decide this issue so citizens can benefit from services and equipment without concern regarding cost.
9. Kathy & John Peterson support a tax increase if needed to go ALS, provide a decent wage and health benefits. Send out bids later for privatizing but keep our service local for now.
10. Peter Tolias supports maintaining local township-sponsored EMS and elevating our service to full ALS status. Privatization would not be a good idea, but rather build upon the current system, offer better pay and benefits—this is more incentive to retain qualified people.
11. Jerry Kulka believes we should move to ALS, even if it means a millage increase, but keep the option open to look into other options in the future.
12. Veronica Welter supports a move to ALS, with a possible millage increase to increase wages, health insurance and certifications. Does not support a move to privatize.
13. Jan & George Watkins support local in-house service at the ALS level.
14. Bob & Jill Spencer ask, as a public service to Township residents, to enact locally owned and operated ALS services here in Torch Lake Township.
15. Marsha Petersen personally supports a move to ALS status, would support a temporary millage to proceed until in-depth bid proposals can be completed.