

UNION TOWNSHIP BOONE COUNTY INDIANA

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Mr. Ken McCormack
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RE: Union Township/Worth Township Interlocal

Dear Ken:

As you are probably aware, Union Township notified Rob Guest, Worth Township Trustee on April 30, 2007, that Union Township would like to be released from the Union/Worth Interlocal Fire Contract effective June 30, 2007.

I would like to take a few minutes to advise you, in case you are not aware, of the offer presented by Union Township to Rob Guest, Worth Township Trustee, on August 22, 2007.

A Check was issued in the amount of \$124,568.00. This represented the \$132,568 stated as Union Township's first six months portion of the 2007 budget, less \$8,000.00 that Union Township paid December 31, 2006, but did not count as a 2006 payment because it was not received by Worth until January 2007. Union was told at our March 8, 2007 Fire Board Meeting that the \$8,000.00 would be counted as a 2007 payment.

Union proposed that with the acceptance of this check, Worth Township would:

1. Agree to immediately terminate the Interlocal agreement with Union Township effective June 30, 2007, and no further funds would be due;
2. Worth Township agrees to return to Union Township the tanker truck; and
3. Union Township agrees to forego its interest in the ambulance if the above terms are accepted.

The (10) days this offer was good for expired Friday, September 7th.

Rob did counter offer with a dead line of September 5, 2007, which Union Township did not respond to as it was declined.

There are a few items I would like to make you aware of while pondering this situation. They are:

- 1. During the course of 2006, while the Interlocal states the contractual payments are due June 30th and December 30th, Union Township made the following payments:

02/23/2006	\$30,000.00
03/15/2006	6,000.00
03/13/2006	8,149.00
04/20/2006	5,125.00
05/10/2006	20,000.00
06/13/2006	25,000.00
08/13/2006	20,000.00
08/31/2006	20,000.00
09/25/2006	20,000.00
11/11/2006	40,000.00
12/31/2006	8,000.00 (This payment was not allowed in 2006,

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does not seem to be credited in 2007 either toward Union firefighting contract.)

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This payment structure along with the previously attested to fact the Worth Township reportedly balance of \$179,150.39 in their firefighting budget as of December 11, leads me to the opinion that the “fire personnel laid off”, training and performance were not a result of a financial cause but a management/administrative cause.

- 2. Union Township approved at a publicly held Township Board meeting, to appropriate \$60,000.00 for their share of purchasing and ambulance with Worth Township. The \$60,000.00 was available in Union Township funds. However:, the approved \$60,000.00 was spent in the following manner:

4/11/2005	Donely & Associates	\$30,000.00	Ambulance
6/23/2005	Donely & Associates	1,103.72	Ambulance
6/23/2005	Bound Tree Medical	7,755.12	Ambulance Supplies
07/24/2005	Bound Tree Medical	750.50	Ambulance Supplies
08/29/2005	Bound Tree Medical	2,038.06	Ambulance Supplies
11/27/2006	Bound Tree Medical	110.07	Ambulance Supplies
11/27/2005	GALLS	4,499.60	WP Systems Parkas
12/18/2005	Embroidery Plus	1,100.00	55 Shirts
12/18/2005	Worth Township	1,876.20	Software for Ambulance
03/31/2006	Five Alarm Fire	4,552.12	Nightfighter Receivers
07/14/2006	Southwestern Fire & Safety	6,364.20	Firefighting

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All invoices for the above mentioned items are made out to and addressed to Worth Township. Meaning they were forwarded onto Union Township for payment. How the \$60,000.00 that Union Township appropriated was disbursed was not at the direction of the former Union Township trustee. She was advised to disburse the money in this manner.

September 22, 2007

These are just a few of the concerns Union Township has had and has tried since our March 8, 2007 Fire Board to get some financial accounting of. As of this date it has not happened.

The concerns of the ability and qualifications of the firemen employed by Worth Township Fire Department has no bearing on the individual firefighters themselves as much as the management and qualifications of the Worth Township Fire Department administrative and supervision personnel. Putting firefighters in the position that they might not have personally had the training or skills for is a great injustice to that individual fireman. Leadership begins at the top. You have to have qualified administrative leadership at the top.

When the alarm sounds and you have a working fire or multi-vehicle entrapment, your standard procedure should not be send two men in an ambulance and wait and hope someone else might come to the station to assist. The dispatcher should be immediately told you need assistance. You can always cancel a added response, but there is not excuse for lag time in requesting additional assistance. These practices have put both Worth and Union Township residents at risk of not only getting needed medical aid, but also at risk for financial liability.

I am personally extending Union Townships offer until end of business day Wednesday, September 12th. I have copied Rob, Worth Township legal Counsel, Union Township Board and legal Counsel. I want to make sure all of us concerned are aware of the offer that was made.

Sincerely,

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Union Township Trustee

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