

KINGSVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING
Special Meeting
August 31, 2025

The August 31, 2025 special meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Michael Cliff. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the purchase of an ambulance for the Fire Department.

The trustees discussed a number of options presented by Fire Chief Dave West for replacing Unit 609. Everything from remounting an existing chassis to a whole new vehicle was considered. Specific options included:

- Remounting the existing Type 3 box on a new chassis (Ford E-450) at an estimated cost of \$231,675.
- Purchasing a new Type 1 (F-550, gas, 4WD) — approximately \$265,000.
- Purchasing a new Type 3 (E-450, gas) — approximately \$225,000.

The board noted that the cost difference between a remount and a new Type 3 is minimal, making a new purchase more attractive. The Medix brand was used for the sample quote. Trustees requested additional quotes from Lifeline and Braun to compare prices and specifications. The board agreed that the new unit should be a Type 3, as a second 4WD vehicle is not necessary.

There was additional discussion of Sheffield Township's ambulances and how our partnership may affect the purchase but at this time it was agreed that we would pursue an independent purchase and only rely on Sheffield's equipment as backup.

Trustees discussed potential financing for the ambulance with a loan of \$200,000 over five years being the most to consider with the potential to pay off early and/or finance a smaller amount based on current available funds and the down payment.

Further discussion centered around existing equipment that could be transferred from the older ambulance to a new unit and the availability of units for sale. Remounts and new units may take 6 months or more while available demo units may be available in as little as 2 months.

At this point, trustees agreed to have Fire Chief Dave West seek formal quotes and explore financing terms in preparation to proceed with the purchase of a Type 3 ambulance.

Karl made a motion to adjourn the August 31, 2025 special meeting of the Kingsville Township Trustees. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Michael Cliff, Chairman

Michael DeFazio, Fiscal Officer