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Re: Franklin Township Fire District #3 – Contract with East Franklin Fire Department

Dear Suzanne:

As you are aware, this firm represents Franklin Township Fire District #3. To that end, this communication follows-up both a counter draft contract that you submitted and your telephone call to me last evening before the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting.

Following general business, the Board met in Executive Session. The consensus of the Board was for me to communicate with you today. The Board reviewed the draft contract and determined that the proposed changes are not acceptable. The District again presents the original contact to East Franklin Fire Department (EFFD) for consideration and acceptance. That offer remains open until the end of the June 2024 when the three-month contract extension expires.

The District remains hopeful that EFFD will execute the contract. However, to ensure public safety, the District will also begin significant efforts to engage *per diem* firefighters to ensure coverage.

The District will continue to monitor and administer all financial issues during this extension period. As always, EFFD should not attempt to encumber any District funds without first discussing such costs with the Chair and the Treasurer.

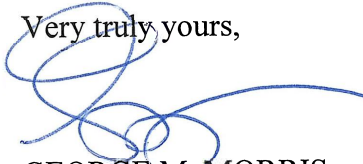
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If EFFD does not execute the contract, we will need to set up a process to retrieve all equipment currently assigned to EFFD including, but not limited to, turnout gear, radios, and, of course, the apparatus. Failure to sign will also affect payments to EFFD, training, LOSAP, insurance, etc. We would further expect that some firefighters may seek to transition to Community Fire House. If that is the case, we will also need to determine an orderly process for transitioning members to ensure they remain on the insurance and to account for gear and equipment.

Again, it is hopeful that EFFD will reconsider its position and execute the District's contract. Please call on me if you have any additional questions.

Very truly yours,



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