

# Suburban will honor Forks fees

**RESIDENTS** won't have to make second EMS subscription payment.

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**FORKS TWP.** | An agreement between Suburban EMS and township supervisors provides peace of mind to residents who had paid for subscriptions to the now defunct Forks EMS.

Suburban EMS agreed to honor township residents' subscription payments made between now and the beginning of the current 2008-09 subscription drive in accordance with an agreement passed unanimously by the township supervisors Thursday night.

"I think that goes a long way in putting a rest to this confusion," said Chairman

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**Suburban EMS agreed to honor subscriptions paid for by Forks Township residents to the now-defunct Forks EMS squad.**

David Howell.

Details for the agreement were drawn up during the township's public safety committee meeting Tuesday, said Supervisor Erik Chuss.

The township will reimburse Suburban EMS for its work in the township "during difficult circumstances over the past two-and-a-half years," said Karl Kline, township solicitor.

In addition to the \$2,677 contributed to the Suburban EMS in early November, the

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township plans to make a one-time contribution of \$17,322 for those services which had not been paid for by Forks EMS.

Suburban EMS representative Barry Albertson said residents who paid for Forks EMS subscriptions will receive a membership card from their new emergency provider.

"That's so they know and acknowledge that we've seen" their payment, Albertson said.

The agreement also made clear that the township will not set additional funds aside for Suburban EMS in the 2009 budget.

Forks EMS abruptly ceased emergency services in July 2006. Restructured a month later, the provider was ultimately unable to recover from serious financial setbacks.

In October 2008, the township adopted Suburban EMS as the sole provider for emergency services, forcing Forks EMS to close its doors.

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