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Maintain public trust with Forks EMS audit

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I attended the Forks Township Board of Supervisors meeting on Oct. 18. The supervisors discussed the financial condition of the Forks Township EMS squad.

Let me be clear. I am a supporter of the Forks EMS squad and strongly believe the township needs a vibrant and financially healthy squad. However, I was very concerned when the Forks EMS leadership team was not prepared to discuss the financial condition of the squad. They also stated that the EMS squad's financial reports should not be made available to the public.

I am urging the supervisors to authorize an independent audit of the Forks EMS financial condition. This audit is a critical step in maintaining the public trust and ensuring that we have a financially sound emergency squad.

I realize the members of the Forks EMS squad are professional and dedicated to serving the people of our community. This audit is not a criticism of the department, but a suggestion for the EMS leadership team to create a level of transparency between the squad and the public.

Transparency will maintain the public trust and goodwill that has been built up over the past six months. I look forward to a full public accounting of the Forks EMS financial condition.

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