

PRESS RELEASE FROM VILLAGE OF HILTON MAYOR JOE LEE

The Village of Hilton is having an informational meeting about the continuation of ambulance service at Quest Elementary, 225 West Avenue, on October 24, 2022 at 6 PM. Both Village and Town officials will be present to answer questions. We encourage you to attend.

There has been a lot of misinformation circulating about this issue, so here are the facts:

Fact: Hilton does not have a community ambulance, nor do we have a volunteer ambulance. The Fire Department abolished the Hilton Volunteer Ambulance in 2018 and arranged CHS to be the provider.

Fact: EMS/ambulance services do not fall in the Fire Department's jurisdiction – it is the Town and Village. The Fire Department should have turned it over to the Village/Town when they abolished their services.

Fact: Monroe Ambulance, the proposed company, is the largest provider in our area. The Village will monitor their performance monthly.

Fact: On average, our ambulance service receives 1 to 3 calls in the Village/Town every day.

Fact: CHS wants the Village and Town to fund their current deficit (approx. \$250,000).

Fact: If the Town and Village agreed to a tax district, CHS would receive up to \$800,000 per year from the tax district plus the amount that they bill the taxpayer for the ambulance service.

Fact: CHS has declared they will leave Hilton on December 31, 2022, if the tax district/ subsidy is not approved.

Fact: It is too late to setup a tax district for 2023, the deadline was mid-October. CHS and the Hilton-Parma Fire District did not approach the Village Board until August 2022 with their proposal. This timeframe was simply not long enough for the Village Board to act because of the required advertising window and the need to hold at least one public hearing.

Fact: Monroe will sign a contract with the Village with no subsidy (no tax district). The only payment would be from billing the individual and their insurance company for the ambulance service.

Fact: Monroe Ambulance was the Hilton-Parma Fire Volunteer Ambulance's ALS resource for years before HPFD disbanded in 2018.

Fact: The Hilton-Parma Fire District is creating panic in the community that is unnecessary.

Fact: The Village must adhere to our procurement policy and go out to bid/proposal to make sure we are getting the best service and cost for our residents.

Please join us for our informational meeting on October 24th at 6 P.M. –
225 West Ave – Quest Elementary