

Millcreek Township Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commission

Thursday January 17th, 2018 | 19:00 | Millcreek Township Municipal Building

In Attendance:

Tom Dolak	Rebecca Kessler
Eric Danielson	Randy Lachowski
Brian Salvatore	Caleb Dixon
John Marsden	Dan Ouellet
Scott Heidt	Mark Shaw
Kirk McCaslin	Tedd Duncan (A)
John Stephens	

Called to Order:

- 19:00
- Pledge of Allegiance

Reelection / Realignment

- First order of business tonight is voting on a chair, vice chair, and a secretary position, as this is the first meeting of 2019.
- First Nomination: 2019 Chairman
 - Randy Lachowski nominated by John Marsden, seconded by Dan Ouellet. Yea-9 Nay-0
- Second Nomination: 2019 Vice Chairman
 - Dan Ouellet nominated by Tom Dolak, seconded by Kirk McCaslin. – Yea-9 Nay-0.
- Third Nomination: 2019 Secretary
 - Bill Martin nominated by Randy Lachowski, seconded by Dan Ouellet. Nomination accepted by Eric Danielson on behalf of Bill Martin – Yea-9 Nay-0.

Minutes Approved:

- *Motion to approve last month's minutes made by Tom Dolak, seconded by John Marsden, Approved.*

Subcommittee Reports:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Comprised of: Mark Z, Gary Sieb, Bill Bridger, and Randy Lachowski
 - Randy Lachowski: We are going to ask them to stay on the committee for 2019.

OPERATIONS

- Randy Lachowski: We have received the names for the committee, Caleb Dixon will name them.
- Caleb Dixon stated that the following will be on the 2019 Operations Committee: Caleb Dixon, Zach Kuhn, Brian Salvatore, Dominic Quadri, Jerry DeRosa, and Tedd Duncan

Old / Unfinished Business:

- Randy Lachowski: Finance committee met after our last meeting and the issue with the SCBAs was brought up, for a low or no interest loan to help support. Mark Z. said they will do that, believes the supervisors are going to set aside a fund to help loan to our departments.

- As we get closer to doing something, unsure of the process will speak to Mark Z. directly.
- The Township has agreed to act as the bank for the fire departments.
- Fuel, the capability to dispense gasoline should be in place in about a month or so, getting the card reader and getting everything worked out.
 - Working out logistics and waiting on some parts but we are moving forward.
 - Waiting to hear back on MPS
 - Eric Danielson said that Bill looked and found that there isn't a reason as to why they cannot participate.
- Maintained, spoke with Gary earlier in the day and I know he has had some discussion about the group.
 - Randy Lachowski: Trying to get a meeting with Dan Karges as of last week, Gary met with Joe Yatzor and Dan Karges. Also met with Erie FD mechanic.
 - Randy Lachowski: After a 3-hour meeting, Dan Karges is on board to start doing maintenance for Millcreek Township Fire apparatus.
 - Randy Lachowski said he will be meeting with Mark Shaw to resolve the questions of liability with the maintenance.
- Randy Lachowski: Another meeting will be held next week with Jerry Derosa, Gary Snyder, and myself to put the slate together in terms of what parts of this we want to input right away – will have a report at next month's meeting.
- John Stephens asked: Are we getting the ability to get diesel from the east side township building?
 - M. Shaw - We talked about that as well, and there may be a way to get above ground tanks placed there, that would be diesel and gas only for Fire Department use. Discussion followed of how things could be handled if this happens.
- Randy Lachowski: Request the Commission made to have Task Force created by the Supervisors
 - Task Force would advise the Supervisors of what the long-term vision for Firefighting and EMS would be for the Township.
 - We went back and forth on the Supervisors potentially leading the task force, and the resolution for multiple reasons came to a resolution that was passed a couple weeks ago.
 - Help create a clear vision for the Supervisors
 - Randy stated that the Chairman can appoint members of this committee, including non-Commission members.
 - The resolution was read aloud, and discussion followed.
 - Subcommittee will be chaired by Randy Lachowski, Dan Ouellet has accepted a position, Melanne Page who is the Millcreek Township Assistant Treasurer and Mark Shaw have both accepted a position on the subcommittee as well. Human Resources position is yet to be determined. Randy is also attempting to locate a Millcreek business owner that would be willing to serve.
 - Randy Lachowski: Intention is to start meetings by the first week of February and have our findings ready by the May Meeting.
 - Request was made to respond quickly to questions regarding the subcommittee findings / progress.

New Business:

- **NONE.**

Good of the Order:

- Caleb Dixon
 - Please make sure you sign in and fill out your contact information for the updated 2019 contact list.

Public Comment:

- John Groh:
 - In regards to the task force, will they be taking public comment or will it be something where they only take information from the task force itself?
 - Randy Lachowski: Yes and No, as we start the process, the early part will be no because once we start – we must get everyone on the same page first. Once we get the processes established and the tasks are identified, that’s when we would be soliciting input.
- Rebecca Kessler:
 - What now is the mission of this Commission?
 - Randy Lachowski: Primarily to work on a capital budget and assist with the needs that are raised by our departments. As we identify opportunities, we can hopefully start identifying solutions.

Adjournment:

- *Motion for adjournment made by Tom Dolak, seconded by John Marsden. Approved.*
- 7:25 PM