

Millcreek Township Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commission

Thursday March 21st 2019 | 19:00 | Millcreek Township Municipal Building

In Attendance:

Tom Dolak	John Stephens
Randy Lachowski - Chair	Mark Shaw
John Marsden	Scott Heidt
Rebecca Kessler	Caleb Dixon
Dan Ouellet	Kirk McCaslin
Tedd Duncan (A)	
Audience: Jim Rosenbaum	

Called to Order:

- 19:00
- Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Subcommittee Reports:

OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Caleb Dixon: We met and discussed our plan for the year and reviewed the types of calls we are responding to.
 - Randy Lachowski asked for clarification on if they had the data already, or if they were working on obtaining it. – Caleb Dixon clarified they already have it.

FUEL SUBCOMMITTEE

- Mark Shaw sent the agreements to the companies.
 - MPS and WRFD Returned
 - Supervisors Meeting Tuesday March 26th, this will be on the agenda.
 - Mark Shaw stated he has not heard back from any of the other departments and that if they want to be approved at the meeting, they must get the agreements back to him.

MAINTENANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

- Gary Snyder drafted a memo and should be sending it shortly.
- M. Shaw has done some edits and sent back to G. Snyder for review
- May need to hire a maintenance staff due to program
- Tom Dolak asked about the volunteer fire department insurance carrier regarding the fuel tanks and maintenance.
 - M. Shaw - The intent of the agreement was that it only covers the facilities at the Township

VISION SUBCOMMITTEE, INITIAL PHASE – 5 OPTIONS

Randy Lachowski:

- 1 – Continue with the Current

- Stay the way we are.
- 2 – Private Hybrid & Volunteer
 - Consolidate all Fire/EMS under one corporate umbrella.
 - Combination Department
 - MPS merged into
 - Using a working number of 9 full time firefighters.
- 3 – Private, Non-Profit Full Time
 - Paid firefighters - would have a fire chief, administration and leadership.
- 4 – Township Hybrid
 - Township Management
 - Township would have one Fire Chief
 - Chief would manage the volunteer departments
- 5. – Township Full Time
- Next phase will be what it will take to get to private hybrid.
- The Township paid option would be in excess of \$10 million
- Tom Dolak: Does not see the donation base being able to support the financials
- Randy Lachowski: A fire tax has not been ruled out.

Old / Unfinished Business:

- D. Ouelett – Previous sub-committee on hydrants had submitted information to M. Exley for installation of new hydrants. No progress has been seen.
- C. Dixon – I do not have that information. Request they forward it on, unsure who may have it. May need to start over. Will contact EWW to see if they have any information.

New Business:

- NONE

Good of the Order:

- Tom Dolak would like to see more on the agenda.
 - Randy Lachowski stated it is something to discuss with Bill Martin because he is the secretary but also that timing is the issue.
 - Caleb Dixon responded that if you would like something on the agenda, please send it to us by the deadline.
- Rebecca Kessler asked what the relationship was between the Task Force and the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Committee.
 - Randy Lachowski explained it is a subcommittee of the FEMSC and stated that the Commission has the ultimate say before items are forwarded to the Supervisors.
- Rebecca Kessler also asked about how staffing is an immediate need, and suggested we find a temporary short-term fix since it's been two years, and nothing has come from it yet.
 - Dan Ouellet recommended a subtle reminder to the Supervisors of the current situation.

Public Comment:

- Jim Rosenbaum agrees with Rebecca

- Ted Duncan stated he wanted to clarify that Option 4 was to be a paid Township Fire Department
- Ted Duncan also believes that fundraising hurts the volunteer departments.

Adjournment:

- *Motion for adjournment made by Tom Dolak, seconded by Dan Ouellet. Approved.*
- 8:04 PM