

Millcreek Township Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commission

Thursday May 16th, 2019 | 19:00 | Millcreek Township Municipal Building

In Attendance:

John Stephens
John Marsden
Brian Salvatore
Dan Ouellet
Randy Lachowski
Mark Shaw

Tom Dolak
Rebecca Kessler
Kirk McCaslin
Caleb Dixon
William Martin

Called to Order:

- 19:02
- Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Reports:

A. OPERATIONS

- Top 3 priorities for committee
 1. EMS Call Response
 2. Staffing of Apparatus
 3. Reporting metrics
- Still having problems getting a meeting scheduled. Reached out to members for alternatives.

B. VISION TASK FORCE

- Proposed Motions:
 1. For the Fire Commission to approve the recommendation of the Subcommittee that the future vision for fire and emergency services in Millcreek Township is that such services will be provided via a private non-profit entity that consolidates the fire departments and Millcreek Paramedic Service that has both volunteer and paid staff.
 - Motion by Dan Ouellet, seconded by Kirk McCaslin.
 - Discussion:
 - Tom Dolak stated he supports the idea but is not sure fundraising can cover, requested to add to the motion that the Supervisors are aware of their need to cover expenses if fundraising doesn't cover it.
 - Randy Lachowski advised this has always been part of the discussion
 - Rebecca Kessler asked how it would be determined how much funding is enough. Response: This is based on financial data
 - Bill Martin asked why they would include Millcreek Paramedic Service (MPS) since they do not get anything from the Township.
 - Mark Shaw explained it may not include MPS.
 - Discussion regarding potential for delayed/denied reimbursements.
 - John Stephens voiced concern about relief funds

- Mark Shaw explained that new organization would still be eligible for all relief funds.
 - Discussion regarding Lake Shore FD's involvement. They will still respond as dispatched and are open to future discussions about involving them further in the new organizational structure.
- 2. For the Fire Commission to approve submitting the approved vision to the Supervisors of Millcreek Township with the following documents as finalized by the subcommittee:
 - A pro forma of the projected annual cost of the vision; and
 - A list of the tasks necessary to achieve the vision.

Communications

- None

Old Business

- Fire Hydrants
 - A GIS wasp will be distributed to the Fire Chiefs for them to make informed recommendations.
 - Webapp will only be accessible for 10 days.

New Business

- None

Public Comment

- None

Comments from Members

- Rebecca Kessler: Expressed concerns about there being an immediate need for fire coverage, however presented plan is a long-term goal.
- Mark Shaw: May have opportunities for some early implementation

Announcements

- a) Special Meetings: None
- b) Next Regular Meeting: May 16th, 2019, 7:00pm, Assembly Room
- c) Other

Adjournment:

- *Motion for adjournment made by Kirk McCaslin, seconded by John Marsden. Approved.*
- 7:50PM