

Millcreek Township Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commission

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

In Attendance:

Randy Lachowski-Chairman
Dan Ouellet-Vice Chair
Kirk McCaslin
Ted Duncan
Jim Bock

Scott Heidt
Mark Shaw
Caleb Dixon
Rebecca Kessler
John Marsden

Called to Order:

- 19:00
- Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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

Reports:

A. OPERATIONS

- Caleb Dixon – Sub-committee was unable to meet in person, however was able to complete the initial project via email.
- The sub-committee recommends the following:
 1. The Operations Sub-committee has reviewed the EMS call dispatching for the Millcreek Township Fire Departments. After discussions with the Erie County Department of Public Safety, Millcreek Paramedic Service and the representatives of the Millcreek Fire Departments a plan to reduce the number of un-necessary calls was developed. The below recommendation has already been put into place by West Ridge Fire Department and has been proven successful in reducing the call volume. The decrease in call volume will have a positive impact on the fire departments by reducing the demand on the members as well as reducing fuel expenditures, leaving funds available for other needs. As with any dispatched emergency over-the-air orders will supersede the preplanned dispatch protocol.
 2. As such, the Operations Sub-committee respectfully recommends that the auto dispatched EMS calls for Millcreek Township be reduced by eliminating all Basic Life Support EMS dispatches, as well as Advanced Life Support Sick Person dispatches.
- Motion by Ted Duncan to forward the sub-committee recommendation to the Township Supervisors for action. Seconded by John Marsden. Vote: Unanimous yes

B. VISION TASK FORCE

- Randy Lachowski – the next step in the process will be to form numerous work groups to tackle the details for implementation.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- A revolving loan program is being founded by the Township. It is a work in progress with WLFM already participating for a roof project. Kearsarge has opted to seek commercial loan services for the airpack replacements. M. Shaw believes there will be a resolution to formally create the program and set details in place. Anticipate that the finance committee will essentially be the gate-keeper for the program.

Communications

- Terry Nicotra, photographer discussed how he came upon an incident in December of 2017 and took photographs. The photos were used in a gallery exhibit in North Carolina. The photos brought to the meeting were for each department. He is open to taking photos for the Millcreek Fire Departments.

Old Business

- Maintenance Status
 - Randy Lachowski discussed the difficulties in implementing due to the garage being down one man. States that they are attempting to find workers, earliest will be October.
- Supervisors Resolutions
 - 929 Resolution
 - Mark Shaw stated that the Township looked at the 929 short comings. A resolution on August 27th, 2019 established guidelines and criteria. Finalizing some details will begin soon.
 - Millcreek Fire and Emergency Service Vision
 - Mark Shaw stated that 2018 R-46 adopted the future vision. In addition, it laid out some direction for the commission. Anticipate a quarterly report for the supervisors.
 - Ted Duncan asked if the fuel program is ready to which he was told yes, you just need key fob to access the pumps.

New Business

- Mark Shaw gave an update on the report on pending legislation that may affect the FD's

Public Comment

- Jim Rosenbaum discussed the IRT program. The manpower shortage is at a critical level, has asked the Fire Chiefs to go back to their departments and ask if they are interested in expanding the program.

Comments from Members

- Ted Duncan thanked the Township for implementing loan program
- Caleb Dixon mentioned that an agenda reminder was sent to all members.
- John Marsden asked if a person has to be a firefighter to join the 929 team. C. Dixon explained that at this time the only membership levels are FF and fire police.

Announcements

- a) Special Meetings: None
- b) Next Regular Meeting: October 17th 2019, 7:00pm, Assembly Room
- c) Other

Adjournment:

- *Motion for adjournment made by Kirk McCaslin, seconded by Dan Ouellet. Approved.*
- 7:52PM