

Millcreek Township Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commission

Minutes of July 21, 2022 Regularly Scheduled Meeting in Township Municipal Building

Meeting Called To Order by Chairman Jim Rosenbaum at 6:04 pm

Present: Dan Ouelett, John Marsden, Mark Shaw, Matthew Parker, Kirk McCaslin, Guy Santone, Randy Lachowski, Brian Salvatore, Bill Martin, Jeremy Moreland, Shalan Anderson, Jim Rosenbaum.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call was taken by commission members.

Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Bill Martin, seconded by Matt Parker; Approved by all present. So moved to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Task Force Update. Randy Lachowski reported the Task Force was no longer active or viable. A combination of differing FEMSC visions, and turnover from the initial Task Force's make-up, has made the Task Force no longer viable.

Chairman Rosenbaum clarified that only elements of the original Task Force plan were questioned but that the concept of a unified Township fire department was still the direction of the FEMSC. Much comment was made about incorporating the essential elements of the Task Force Vision however, changes might be needed.

Mark Shaw suggested identifying which members of the original Task Force were still willing to serve then completing the roster.

Lastly, discussion took place about the need for external expertise to assist in the plan to consolidate. Most were under agreement that a consultant was needed.

Motion #1. Motion made for the Township to hire a consultant to assist on the implementation of the Task Force Vision. Motion made by Bill Martin, seconded by Jeremy Moreland; Approved 5 votes yes to 1 vote no.

Reports.

- a.) **Operations Sub-Committee.** Matthew Parker reported the Operations Sub-Committee was working on making the records management system (Emergency Reporting) more efficient.
- b.) **Finance Sub-Committee.** Randy Lachowski reported the Finance Sub-Committee was not presently meeting therefore, nothing to report.

Old Business.

- a.) Consolidated records management system covered by Matt Parker under the Operations Sub-Committee report above.
- b.) **Township Updates:** Nothing to report

New Business.

1.) Daytime Staffing issues. Daytime staffing continues to be a challenge.

In light of continuing staffing challenges, discussion took place about now being the time to recommend to the Township Supervisors the urgent need for a paid Fire Chief and job descriptions for paid firefighters.

Motion #2. Motion made to forward a recommendation to the Township for a paid fire chief and firefighters. Also, a recommendation to develop illustrative job descriptions and identify a hiring process. Motion made by Matt Parker, seconded by Guy Santone; approved unanimously.

2.) Update on Apparatus Replacement. Jeremy Moreland (BVFD) reported that Belle Valley VFD had purchased a new QRS vehicle. No funding was necessary. The purchase was possible under a grant.

Public Comment: Gary Carver made a formal presentation to the FEMSC. Gary had some knowledge, and had researched, The Fair Labor Law as it pertained to paid volunteers. Gary was of the opinion that as long as volunteers did something different than their normal volunteer efforts, while volunteering, they could receive compensation and not run afoul of labor laws. Township counsel, Mark Shaw disagreed.

Comments from Members: None.

Announcements: Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting (3Q22): October 20, 2022 @ 6:00pm in the Township Municipal Building.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn @ 7:46 p.m. by Matt Parker, seconded by Jeremy Moreland. All present in agreement. Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by: John Marsden, Acting Secretary.