



# Warwick Emergency Services Commission

**Minutes of December 5, 2022 WESC Meeting**, held at the Warwick Township municipal building.

**In Attendance (15):** Chris Buchmoyer, Justin Cracroft, Mike Diehl, Eli Ebersol, Brett Fassnacht, Jeff Garner, Andy Greiner, Brian Harris, Aaron Hoover, Rodney May, Lynn Mearig, Duane Ober, Keith Rothermel, Dennis Strauss, and Greg Young.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Andy Greiner at 6:30pm.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Diehl reviewed the year-to-date budget. Chris Buchmoyer made a motion to accept the report as presented; seconded by Aaron Hoover and approved.

**Previous Minutes:** Justin Cracroft made a motion to accept the October 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented; seconded by Zach Miller and approved.

## Unfinished Business

**EMS Authority:** Duane read an email sent to him from Scott Kingsboro about the status of the EMS Authority. Also, Elizabeth Township held a public meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> and the residents who spoke at the meeting all spoke in favor of the Authority. Elizabeth Township has voted in favor to advertise the ordinance for the creation of the Authority.

**Discussion on Deputy Fire Commissioner role:** A review of the status of adding a WESC Deputy Fire Commissioner took place. The job description was reviewed, as well as a letter from Lititz Fire Company, requesting a partnership with WESC, with the fire company providing an annual donation of \$30,000 for 5 years and the necessary resources required for the Deputy Fire Commissioner (vehicle, equipment, PPE, office space, etc.). Conditionally, the Lititz Fire Company has endorsed a candidate for the position. Representatives from all emergency services agencies, as well as Mike Diehl from Elizabeth Twp, spoke in favor of hiring the candidate endorsed by Lititz Fire Company.

All three municipalities have added funds into their draft 2023 budgets for the role. A discussion followed on the necessity to advertise the position, of which the consensus of the board members was opposed to due to having a qualified internal candidate. Following further discussion, Zach Miller made a motion to update the proposed 2023 WESC budget to include additional funds to fill the Deputy Fire Commissioner for nine months in 2023, with an April 2023 start date; seconded by Chris Buchmoyer and approved.

**Tax Credit:** Duane reported that the State Fire Commissioner's Office has requested information from all municipalities who are providing tax credits to their volunteers. Duane submitted the information on behalf of the three municipalities.

**ISO Reports:** Duane reviewed the results of the ISO Reports that were completed this year. Instead of the scores relating to the municipality, they now refer to the fire district. The scores are lower than they were at the most recent review (2015) and Duane feels that some key information may have been overlooked, which resulted in lower scores. Duane has a meeting set up with the local ISO representative next week to request additional consideration to our scores.

### **New Business**

**2023 Goals of WESC Fire Commissioner:** Duane reviewed the list of goals that he presented during his annual employee evaluation in September.

### **Comments from Agencies**

**Brickerville FC** – No report.

**Brunnerville FC** – Lynn Mearig advised their building renovations are close to being done, just dealing with some final issues with the contractor.

**Lititz FC** – Zach Miller reported that they have been busy lately but are doing well with staffing levels.

**Rothsville FC** – Greg Young reported they added a gym space in their apparatus bay for their volunteers. They just recently received their battery-powered rescue tools.

**Warwick Ambulance** – Chris Buchmoyer shared that they are still waiting on a chassis for their new ambulance.

**Rothsville Ambulance** – Justin Cracroft reported they received their new ambulance, and it recently passed the Department of Health certification. They are focused on driver training to get it into service soon. It is a 2023 Ford F550 ambulance, with four-wheel drive and gas engine, and cost approximately \$263,000, including a power load stretcher set-up.

**Elizabeth Township** – No report.

**Lititz Borough** – Andy read a report about current street, housing, and business projects in Lititz Borough.

**Warwick Township** – Brian Harris reported that Rock Lititz is continuing to grow, Orchard Road housing project will begin soon, Warwick Crossing housing project is entering Phases 2/3, and the new Governor's Inauguration festivities will be held at Rock Lititz.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm. Next meeting is February 6, 2023 at Rothsville Fire Station, starting at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Fire Commissioner Duane Ober, December 7, 2022.