



Warwick Emergency Services Commission

Minutes of December 6, 2021 WESC Meeting, held at Brickerville Fire Station.

In Attendance: Brian Donmoyer, Sonny Ebersol, Brett Fassnacht, Jeff Garner, Andy Greiner, Brian Harris, Rodney May, Zach Miller, Duane Ober, Keith Rothermel, Mike Smith, Dennis Strauss, Chris Strayer, Elijah Yearick, Greg Young, John Zeswitz, and Dan Zimmerman.

Meeting was called to order by Treasurer Andy Greiner at 6:30pm.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Greiner reviewed the current year-to-date budget and updated 2022 Budget Worksheet. Mike Smith made a motion to accept the budget as presented; seconded by Greg Young and approved.

Previous Minutes: Jeff Garner made a motion to approve the October 2021 meeting minutes; seconded by Mike Smith and approved.

Unfinished Business

Leadership Succession Planning / Continuity Plans: Board Member John Zeswitz presented topics that he has covered with other clients about continuity and strategic planning. A short discussion was held as we continue to move forward towards a large group discussion on the topic and how it applies to the fire companies and ambulance agencies. It was shared that a larger discussion will be held on continuity and strategic planning at our April WESC meeting, to be held at Rothsville Fire Station.

New Business

5-year Analysis of Volunteer Members – Duane shared information relating to statistics of new members who have joined in the past five years, their status, information about existing members, and roles served in the fire companies by the new and existing members. Since January 1, 2017, there has been 123 new volunteers brought into the fire companies and Rothsville ambulance. Of those 123 new volunteers, 74 remain as contributing members (60%).

Comments from Agencies

Brickerville – Chief Dennis Strauss reported that they are hosting a Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher class on January 3rd & 10th, and an Awareness class on January 24th.

Brunnerville – President Jeff Garner reported that they are beginning a station renovation of their kitchen and banquet hall area. The Rescue is still getting equipment mounted and should be completed soon.

Lititz – Nothing to report.

Rothsville – Fire Chief Greg Young reported that they had 2 members recently complete Essentials Module 4.

Warwick Ambulance – Brian Donmoyer reported that they are still waiting on the salvage title for the 2021 ambulance that crashed in September. The new chassis has been ordered to replace it, but due to supply shortage, it could be mid-2022 until it arrives. There has been a large increase in the number of COVID positive patients in the last two weeks, but staff has been able to stay healthy. The wait times at the hospital have improved; the longest wait in the past two weeks has been 30 minutes. Medicare has imposed a new data collection instrument which Warwick will be required to start using in January. This will be a time-consuming task and a change to some of their accounting practices. Lastly, three officers recently completed a 40-hour “EMS Officer 1” course at HACC.

Rothsville Ambulance – Chief Young reported that the ambulance corps has ordered a new Ford F550 4-wheeled drive ambulance to replace their 2009 Chevrolet ambulance. Due to supply shortages, they do not expect to take delivery until April 2023. He also shared that they have been very busy lately, responding to more than 100 calls per month for the past several months. A discussion followed on the status of EMS staffing and responses in the county, as well as wait times at the local hospitals.

Lititz Borough – Elijah Yearick gave an update on construction projects in the borough: Norfolk Southern and PennDOT have been working to abandon the rail crossings on Cedar and Water streets. The Route 772 paving project could possibly be pushed to 2023. The Cedar Street bridge project is planned to start in late March 2022, finishing in late summer.

Warwick Township – Brian Harris reported that they will be adopting their 2022 budget on December 15th. The township is working to finalize the vacation of Carpenter Road in January. The Lincoln Road bridge is now open again. Brian also shared an update on the Pierson Road, Siegrist Farm Road and Sixth Street projects.

For his last meeting, Dan Zimmerman was recognized by all with a card and word of thanks for his service to WESA / WESC from the very beginning, over 20 years ago. A retirement gift has been ordered and will be presented to Dan later.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next meeting is February 7, 2022, at Warwick Ambulance, at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Fire Commissioner Duane Ober, December 10, 2021.