



Warwick Emergency Services Commission

Minutes of October 5, 2020 WESC Meeting, held at Lititz Fire Station.

In Attendance: Scott Barr, Sonny Ebersol, Kurt Gardner, Andy Greiner, Aaron Hoover, Frank Kenavan, Scott Kingsboro, Mark Lovette, Rodney May, Lynn Mearig, Zach Miller, Duane Ober, Mike Smith, Dennis Strauss, Chris Strayer, Brian Wiker, Greg Young, John Zeswitz, and Dan Zimmerman.

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

Introduction: John Zeswitz was introduced as the new citizen representative from Warwick Township.

Treasurer's Report: The current year-to-date budget was reviewed. The budget was accepted as presented.

Previous Minutes: The August 3, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Unfinished Business

Volunteer Tax Credit – Commissioner Ober read a review of the tax credits that were paid out in 2020 – Warwick Township has paid out \$12,200 (for 61 volunteers): 5 at Brunnerville Fire Co., 8 at Lititz Fire Co., 35 at Rothsville Fire Co. and 13 at Rothsville Fire Co. Ambulance. Lititz Borough has paid \$2,000, for 10 volunteers at Lititz Fire Co. No tax credits have been paid at Elizabeth Township – no volunteers have applied for payment.

Final Draft of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement – Kurt Gardner from Brickerville Fire Company suggested several changes / updates to the draft copy, specifically to the duration of the Agreement, Withdrawal of Member Municipalities, and other minor details. Members present approved moving forward with a 10-year agreement but agreed to insert a statement in the agreement that withdrawal requires a 12-month notification to the Commission and can be initiated at any point. After further discussion, a motion was made by Brian Wiker to update the Agreement based on suggested changes and then send to the Warwick Township solicitor for review. Once returned from the Solicitor, the document would be sent to the individual municipalities for action. Motion was seconded by Aaron Hoover and passed.

Final Draft of the WESC Bylaws – One minor change was suggested that a condition of removal from a role on the Commission Board is if a Citizen-at-large Commission member moves outside of his/her municipality that he/she represents. Mike Smith made a motion to accept the Bylaws as drafted with the above change; seconded by Brian Wiker and approved.

Emergency Services Contracts with Municipalities & Standard of Response Coverage – Commissioner Ober reviewed some changes that were suggested prior to this meeting. Discussion was held on the response times, specifically the concern from the EMS side, due to national standards, LCWC's quarterly review, and thoughts of realistic local times. More conversation was held about the Training Standards that are drafted in the Standard of Response Coverage document, specifically by Chief Dennis Strauss and how it affects his fire company. Concern was expressed about liability issues relating to

adopting the standard. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the fire companies and ambulances should finalize their agreements with their specific municipalities and bring it back to our next meeting for review.

COVID-19 Grant Opportunities – Commissioner Ober reported that no news has been received concerning the status of the state grant for COVID-19 relief, which will match the grant that each fire and EMS agency received earlier this year. The COVID-19 grant that was offered by Lancaster County from the CARES Act funding has started being paid – each of the four fire companies has received their \$15,000 check, as did NWEMS. Warwick and Rothsville EMS have both submitted their grants but have not received their checks yet.

New Business

Proposed 2021 WESC Budget – Commissioner Ober reviewed the proposed 2021 WESC Budget, which is comparable to last year's funding needs, with rolled-over money from this year being used to help get started with funding a part-time support role. If the part-time role is successful, there will be a larger impact on the 2022 budget unless there is residual money left-over from the 2021 budget. Lynn Mearig made a motion to accept the proposed 2021 WESC Budget, seconded by Greg Young and approved.

2021 Meeting Dates and Locations – The following dates and locations were chosen for the 2021 WESC meeting schedule and will be publicly advertised by Warwick Township in their regional calendar: 2/1/21 at Brickerville, 4/5/21 at Warwick Ambulance, 6/7/21 at Rothsville, 8/2/21 at Lititz, 10/4/21 at Brunnerville, and 12/6/21 at Brickerville.

Comments from Agencies

Brickerville – Dennis Strauss reported that their new Squad has been ordered. The fire company has a chicken BBQ fund raiser on Saturday, October 31st.

Brunnerville – Lynn Mearig reported that they had a drive-through ham and turkey dinner fund raiser this past weekend and sold 620 meals in about 2 hours. It was a very successful fund raiser.

Lititz – Mike Smith reported that they have four members who will complete suppression-level training requirements by November; five firefighters who are taking Advanced Firefighter and testing for Firefighter 2 Pro-Board status, and one officer who recently passed Fire Instructor 1 and is taking Fire Officer 1 Pro-Board certifications.

Rothsville – Greg Young reported that they just had two of their younger members complete the Essentials classes to become suppression-level firefighters. They also received their new 2020 E-One pumper two weeks ago and have begun driver training and pump training. Equipment mounting will begin near the end of the month.

Rothsville Ambulance – Jim Hoover reported that they have three Emergency Medical Responders currently taking Emergency Medical Technician certification. Scott Barr reported that they had 96 calls in August and 91 calls in September.

Warwick Ambulance – Frank Kenavan reported that their one ambulance is getting refurbished; the exact completion date is unknown right now. Their 2017 ambulance was involved in a crash and is being repaired.

NWEMS – Scott Kingsboro reported that their membership drive is going very well, and they will be ordering a new ambulance very soon.

Lititz Borough – Andy Greiner reported that the Cedar Street bridge replacement is being held up by Windstream, which needs to remove their utilities.

Warwick Township – Dan Zimmerman reported that the roundabout on Woodcrest Avenue should be completed by next week. The Rothsville Road roundabout is delayed due to utility work and will not be completed until the second week of November.

Sonny Ebersole – Thanked the volunteers for their work to move us into the right direction.

Chris Strayer – Thanked everyone for working to find solutions to the problems and not hiding from them.

John Zeswitz – Thanked everyone for the learning experience of his first meeting.

With no further business, Frank Kenavan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lynn Mearig. The meeting ended at 7:50pm.

Next meeting is December 7, 2020 at Brunnerville Fire Station.

Minutes submitted by Fire Commissioner Duane Ober, October 6, 2020.