



Warwick Emergency Services Commission

Minutes of February 7, 2022 WESC Meeting, held at Warwick Ambulance station.

In Attendance: Chris Buchmoyer, Justin Cracroft, Michael Diehl, Brian Donmoyer, Sonny Ebersol, Jeff Garner, Andy Greiner, Brian Harris, Aaron Hoover, Jim Hoover, Frank Kenavan, Edna Kline, Rodney May, Lynn Mearig, Zach Miller, Duane Ober, Keith Rothermel, Mike Smith, Dennis Strauss, Chris Strayer, Greg Young, and John Zeswitz.

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

Reorganization: Mike Smith made a motion to approve Jeff Tennis as Chairman, Andy Greiner as Vice-Chairman, Michael Diehl as Treasurer, and Duane Ober as Secretary; seconded by Jeff Garner and approved.

The following appointment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates was motioned to approve by Lynn Mearig, seconded by Greg Young, and approved.

Brickerville Fire Company – Dennis Strauss and Keith Rothermel; Brunnerville Fire Company – Lynn Mearig and Jeff Garner; Lititz Fire Company – Mike Smith and Zach Miller; Rothsville Fire Company – Greg Young and Aaron Hoover; Warwick EMS – Frank Kenavan and Chris Buchmoyer; Rothsville EMS – Jim Hoover and Justin Cracroft; Northwest EMS – Scott Kingsboro and Edna Kline; Elizabeth Township Citizen Representative – Eli Ebersol; Lititz Borough Citizen Representative – Chris Strayer; and Warwick Township Citizen Representative – John Zeswitz.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Greiner reviewed the final 2021 Financial Report and the current year-to-date budget. Justin Cracroft made a motion to accept the report as presented; seconded by Mike Smith and approved.

Previous Minutes: Mike Smith made a motion to approve the December 2021 meeting minutes; seconded by Aaron Hoover and approved.

Unfinished Business

Leadership Succession Planning / Continuity Plans: Board Member John Zeswitz stated that he will send out a questionnaire about a month before the April WESC meeting so the fire companies and ambulance agencies have time to review, discuss, and prepare for the open discussion in April.

New Business

Review of 2021 Goals – Duane reviewed the goals that were established at the start of 2021 and the results in 2021. The goals included: Hiring of a part-time employee; responding to incidents, including

low priority incidents; assisting fire companies with purchase of new vehicles in 2021; continuing the evaluation of the local emergency services; and building community relationships.

Review of 2021 Fire and EMS Stats – Duane reviewed the 2021 statistics for the four fire companies and the three ambulance agencies.

2021 Automatic Fire Alarms Data – Duane reviewed the statistics of the automatic fire alarms in the region in 2021; the number of alarms, the causes of alarms and the locations with the most fire alarms.

False Alarm Ordinance and Fee Schedule – Duane reviewed the current fee schedules for false alarms in Warwick Township and Lititz Borough, and shared information from several nearby municipalities. A discussion was held about the appropriate value of the fees or fines that should be levied against a property owner for multiple false alarms; whether or not it is more of a code enforcement issue because of maintenance-related issues; and the need to provide more education to the property owners of the impact of false alarms on the region's volunteer fire service. Duane will continue to research more information and options on this topic.

Tax Credit for Volunteers – All three municipalities stated that they have money in their budgets for providing the \$200 Earned Income Tax Credit for 2021 to the volunteers who meet eligibility. Duane will send the documentation to the agency leaders soon. A suggestion was made to consider increasing the tax credit amount next year.

Comments from Agencies

Brickerville – No report.

Brunnerville – Chief Mearig reported that the new Rescue is in service and the station is undergoing renovations to the meeting room, kitchen, bathrooms and offices.

Lititz – Chief Smith reported that seven members are enrolled in the Firefighter 1 certification class this year and three of their junior firefighters have applied to be in the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (CTC) Protective Services Program for next school year.

Rothsville – Fire Chief Greg Young reported that they have a breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 12th. He would also like to see a bigger promotion to homeowners to have their addresses more visible from the street.

Warwick Ambulance – President Kenavan reported that they added an EMT to their staff who was a recipient of a scholarship to complete EMT class. They also have an EMT who completed Advanced EMT training recently, and three more EMT's currently taking Advanced EMT training. Lastly, they just placed a new 2022 ambulance in service to replace the unit that was crashed last fall.

Rothsville Ambulance – President Hoover reported that their call volume has slowed down recently. He stated that they purchased a power load system for their ambulance and for the new one coming, that

will make loading a patient into the ambulance much easier. He also reviewed with everyone the use of the call sign Ambulance 24-3 and how it helps communicate with their volunteers about availability of staff during dispatches.

Northwest EMS – Edna Kline reported that one of their ambulances is being refurbished with a four-wheeled drive chassis. They also have power loads in their units and have added new stair chairs to their ambulances. She also shared the Brickerville ambulance had 93 calls in January, which is higher than in 2021.

Lititz Borough – Duane read a report that Elijah Yearick provided to him – Cedar Street should be closed by mid-March to begin the bridge project, and the Main Street / Water Street paving project is scheduled for mid-April.

Warwick Township – Brian Harris reported that he met with Elijah from Lititz Borough and Loren Miller from Elizabeth Township to review the regional Comprehensive Plan to collect ideas. Warwick Township is also updating their community map.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next meeting is April 4th at Rothsville Fire Station, starting at 6:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Fire Commissioner Duane Ober, February 11, 2022.