



# Warwick Emergency Services Commission

**Minutes of June 6, 2022 WESC Meeting**, held at Lititz fire station.

**In Attendance (14):** Justin Cracroft, Mike Diehl, Eli Ebersol, Brett Fassnacht, Jeff Garner, Andy Greiner, Scott Kingsboro, Edna Kline, Rodney May, Zach Miller, Duane Ober, Keith Rothermel, Mike Smith, Jeff Tennis, John Zeswitz.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Tennis at 6:30pm.

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

**Previous Minutes:** Jeff Garner made a motion to accept the April 2022 Meeting Minutes as presented; seconded by Justin Cracroft and approved.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Leadership Succession Planning / Continuity Plans:** John Zeswitz has scheduled meetings with the leader at each WESC agency, having completed two of them already. John will provide an oversight of the meetings at our August WESC board meeting.

## **New Business**

**Emergency Services Authority** – Scott Kingsboro from Northwest EMS gave a presentation about the authority that the twelve municipalities that are served by Northwest EMS are proposing to form. Scott gave a history of NWEMS and the reasons for the decision to pursue an authority. He stated that all municipalities except two have voted to move forward with collecting more information to form the authority. The remaining two municipalities have not voted yet but have until July 29<sup>th</sup> to do so. The new authority will be an emergency services authority, with the ability to bring in the fire service in the future, if needed. Scott will keep WESC updated as they move forward.

## **Comments from Agencies**

**Brickerville FC** – No report.

**Brunnerville FC** – Jeff Garner reported that the fire station renovations are nearly complete.

**Lititz FC** – Mike Smith reported that the fire company has signed a contract with Fire Line Equipment to purchase a new E-One ladder truck, with final price at \$1.064 million. The original contract was 600

days to build the ladder truck, but it is now close to 750 days, with an anticipated arrival date of May 2024 now. He also reported that the Lititz Borough downtown events are starting up for the summer.

**Rothsville FC** – No report.

**Warwick Ambulance** – No report.

**Rothsville Ambulance** – Justin Cracroft reported that they have struggled applying for the EMS Grant through Act 10. The issue is related to updating their SAM.gov identification number. He expressed his frustration with the amount of time spent on this.

**Northwest EMS** – Edna Kline reported that one of their ambulances has been refurbished and will be back in service shortly.

**Elizabeth Township** – Mike Diehl reported that the bridge replacement on Hopeland Road is finished, with some guard rail work to be completed yet. The road is now open.

**Lititz Borough** – Duane read a report that Elijah Yearick provided to him with details about East Main Street and Water Street paving, replacement of the North Cedar Street bridge, paving on East Second Avenue, and water line replacement on South Spruce Street.

**Warwick Township** – Brian Harris provided a report of projects in the township, including intersection work at West Orange Street and Sixth Street, East Sixth Street paving near Warwick Crossing, and vacation of Carpenter Road. Warwick Township also received a \$5 million grant from the Marketing to Attract Tourism Grant, and staff has been working on planning the 2023 update of the regional comprehensive plan. Lastly, four housing projects are moving forward in the township, including Warwick Crossing, Orchard Road, Walton Hill, and West Woods Drive.

**Warwick Township Resident** – John Zeswitz commented about the fuel shortage concerns, specifically relating to diesel fuel and the impact on emergency services.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is August 1, 2022 at Brunnerville Fire Station, starting at 6:30pm.

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