

RAPHO AREA FIRE ADVISORY COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

March 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members:

Fire Department **Primary** Representatives:

Phil Colvin (Sta 7-5) X Mark Duttera (Sta 2-7) X Daniel Reif (Sta 2-6) X

Fire Department **Alternate** Representatives:

Matt Kratz (Sta 7-5) X Troy "Butch" Montgomery (Sta 2-7) _____ *Andrew Kirchner (Sta 2-6) X

Community Representatives:

Dale Murray (12/22) X Pat Shupp (12/23) X *Jerry Earhart (12/24) X Gary Good (12/23) X

Ex-Officio Member:

Township Supervisor

*Jere Swarr X

Also in Attendance:

Emergency Management Coordinator

Lori Shenk _____

Township Manager

Randall Wenger X

*** New Member for 2022**

CALL TO ORDER at 7:02PM by Phil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 21, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Dan, 2nd by Pat: Approved

REORGANIZATION

Elected Fire Advisory Council leaders for 2022 are:

Chairman: Phil Colvin

Vice Chair: Dan Reif

Secretary: Dale Murray

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

No significant activity to note this period.

Financial Reports:

Manheim formed a building upgrade committee with a \$1.4M tentative budget. This will cover station upgrades to be completed within 2022 calendar year. May need RT capital funds.

FDMJ: Installing sprinklers using a grant. Forming a vehicle committee to replace squad and traffic vehicles.

Kicked off Strategic Plan initiative. Hired a consultant and have a representative from each municipality.

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Capital reserve fund balances:

FDMJ \$326,084.03

Mastersonville \$170,373.92

Manheim \$434,284.04

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR CAPITAL FUNDS

Mastersonville needs \$70K for a new QRS vehicle but these funds will come from Mount Joy Township.

DISCUSSION ON SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON FUTURE OF FIRE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairman Phil led a discussion on the purpose of the FAC and ways to reduce meeting overhead and be more effective. Pat, Lori and Dale had replied to Phil's request for input.

Generally, FAC is seen as a liaison or conduit to BoS if needed.

Jere: Genesis of FAC was unexpected requests for a new engine. Also, to get a more consistent feel for fire company support of RT. Would like to have three fire company reps appear before the BoS for requests in Aug-Sept.

Randall: Suggested one company rep rotating each quarter along with police chief to cover activity and major events. [This was further refined below.]

Mark: Suggest two FAC meetings per year plus one for budget. The second regular meeting should be at one of the company facilities.

Gary: BoS put the FAC together to get the three fire companies to work together.

Dale: There is value to the FAC but we should be able to reduce overhead.

Phil: Have first meeting earlier [mid-Feb?] and make the Sept meeting for budget instead of October.

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Dan: Cancel the June 21, October 18 and Dec 20 meetings and make Sept 20 the budget meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Per Jere's request, the Chiefs will come quarterly to the BoS 3rd Thursday meetings to give brief operational reports: The schedule below was passed by a motion from Dan, 2nd by Dale.

Mastersonville: April 21, July 21 and Oct 20

Manheim: May 19, Aug 18 and Nov 17

FDMJ: June 16, Sept 15 and Dec 15

In addition, all three fire company Presidents should come to the Oct 6 BoS meeting for financial and budget presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

ADVERTISED 2022 MEETING DATES – 7:00 PM at Rapho Township Building

Mar. 15, 2022

~~June 21, 2022~~

Sept. 20, 2022 (now Budget Workshop)

~~Oct. 18, 2022 (Budget Workshop),~~

~~Dec. 20, 2022~~