

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on April 21, 2022, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Jere Swarr & Mark Erb present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the April 7, 2022 Work Session and the April 7, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2022 Work Session and the April 7, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting as presented; second by Mr. Swarr. All voted in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Officer Hughes reported on the statistics for March 2022 that included 65 traffic tickets, 1 non-traffic ticket, 10 criminal arrests, 33 warnings, 6,142 vehicle miles, 198 incident reports and 18 traffic accidents. He reported that several PennDOT grants were received. They are finishing up the speed details and will be doing click-it-or-ticket and aggressive driving checks in the future. The roving DUI patrols will continue throughout the year. Officer Hughes reported on the various upcoming community events. Officer Hughes, who has served in the township for the 10 years Rapho has been covered by Manheim Police Department, told the Board it is a pleasure working with the township and interacting with the residents. The support of the community means a lot to the officers. Mr. Fry thanked the police department and said he appreciates everything they do for the community.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mastersonville Fire Department

Fire Chief Jeff Siegrist reported to the Board on the activity in Rapho Township for the last quarter. He said it was a slow quarter with 47 total calls. He reviewed with the Board the types of calls and the average man power for the calls. Mr. Swarr asked Mr. Siegrist various questions about the new engine. The new engine holds 1000 gallons water and pumps 1500/minute. There is room for 6 personnel on the engine. Mr. Fry said he is interested in numbers that show personnel and manpower going on the calls. He said he would be interested in hearing in future reports issues that the Board can help the fire company fix and things they like and want to see continued. Mr. Siegrist said he feels their funding allows the fire company to be able to do things that others may not. He noted that some of the companies are so swamped with calls but Mastersonville has the opposite problem since they are located in a rural area. Mr. Fry asked if the first due areas need changed but Mr. Siegrist said if he's not sure that would work and research would need to be done to look at that. He said he feels if neighboring companies get too overwhelmed, Mastersonville may do more mutual aid. He said day time is the most difficult time to get volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

PLANNING - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on proposed NWEMS Authority – Township Manager, Randall Wenger attended a presentation for multiple municipalities where Northwest EMS presented a plan to form an authority for

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their service area. Part of Rapho Township is in that service area. West Donegal Township Manager John Yoder along with Mark Heister of Penn Township, Deb Dupler of Mount Joy Township and Bob Enck, Board Member of Northwest presented their proposal. Mr. Yoder explained that the EMS is in crisis because of the lack of memberships which means a lack of funding causing a deficit. Their proposal is to create a Multi Municipal Authority made up of 11 municipalities which would have the authority to bill each household an annual fee. The hope would be that the EMS would be fully funded. Each participating municipality would have a representative on the Board of Directors and then Articles of Incorporation would be written. The Authority would be formed after a public hearing is held and then a Business Plan and Fee Schedule would need to be developed and approved at another public hearing. There were some questions from the Board concerning who this Authority would answer to. Mr. Fry said it doesn't seem there are checks and balances which would leave the authority with the power to increase fees whenever they want to. Mr. Yoder said there cannot be an increase to the fees without a public hearing. There was some discussion on who would be billed and what the fees would be. Mr. Swarr asked what happens if the household cannot pay the fee. The unpaid fees would be sent to a collection agency and the properties could be liened. Mr. Wenger asked what happens if Northwest answers a call outside of their service area. Mr. Yoder said some municipalities are talking about have their entire municipality covered by one EMS. There was some discussion on what would happen if a municipality joined the authority and then decided to leave it. Mr. Fry has a concern about all the expenses that may be incurred to run the authority and if that will drive the cost up for the residents. Mr. Fry asked if he could see the budget information that this group is working with to form the authority. Mr. Yoder will look into getting copies of the budget information to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance – Note of thanks for contribution

Manheim Historical Society – April, 2022 Issue

LCSWMA -notification of quarterly rebate - \$4,420.37

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST– Mr. Swarr made a motion to approve the disbursement list and pay the bills; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

There being no further public business or public comments the Board entered into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary