

Regional Emergency Services Task Force

Meeting Minutes

1/7/2010

Manor Township Maintenance Building

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Guthrie at 7:00.

II. Recognize Present Members and Visitors

Chairman Guthrie recognized members present and welcomed others and asked all to identify themselves.

Roll call

The following task force members were present:

Carl Harnish – Highville Fire Co. – Citizen
Jay Breneman – Manor Twp.
Russell Guthrie – Manor Twp. – Citizen
Phil Lastowski – Millersville Boro Council
Robert Thompson – Millersville Boro. – Citizen
Jim Eshleman – Millersville Fire Co.
Don McCann – Millersville Fire Co. – Citizen
Ron Goe – Washington Boro Fire Co.
Scott Haverstick – Washington Boro Fire Co. – Citizen
Craig Hohman – West Lancaster Fire Co.
Mark Lauriello – West Lancaster Fire Co. – Citizen

Unable to attend:

Glen Hess – Highville Fire Co.
Gregory G. Noll – Community-at-large – Citizen

Others attending:

Debbie Guthrie – Citizen
Ted Gingrich – West Lancaster Fire Co.
Bill Hapke – Highville Fire Co.
Keith Eshleman – Millersville Fire Co.
Richard Schock – Washington Boro Fire Co.

Brett Graham – Washington Boro Fire Co.
Jimmy Knapp – Washington Boro Fire Co.

III. Review and approve 11/5/09 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Scott Haverstick to approve the 11/5/09 minutes.

Second by Ron Goe.

Motion passed.

IV. Request to Pay Dr. Jenaway bill (\$15,000)

Motion by Scott Haverstick to approve payment to Payment of Dr. Jenaway’s bill for \$15,000.

Second by Jim Eshleman.

Motion passed.

V. Review Selected Names of “New Fire Company”

Ron Goe reported the following names suggested by the fire companies.

WLFC – Manor Township Volunteer Fire Company
HFC – Manor Township Fire and Rescue
WBFC – Western Region Fire and Rescue
MFC – Blue Rock Fire and Rescue

This month each company will vote on these names recording the number of votes for each name. Ron will report the vote at the next Task Force meeting. There were several comments and concern that “Manor Township” was not inclusive enough.

VI. Discuss and Approve the “Findings and Recommendations” Report

Chairman Guthrie presented some suggestions in an email he received from Bob Brady who discussed our draft with the State Fire Commissioner and Counsel. Russ also presented a revised schematic of the organization of Board of Fire Commissioners which would be the governing body of the consolidation.

Some suggestions were to include the resolutions that created the task force; Mark Lauriello suggested adding the Mission Statement to the Study Assignment portion, and include Dr. Jenway as an advisor to the task force.

Section 2, the Findings was reviewed and some minor adjustments were made to the language.

Jimmy Knapp will compile 2009 information on volunteer hours so that section 2.6 can be updated with current figures.

Section 3, the Recommendations was reviewed in detail and some suggestions were made by general agreement of the task force which will be incorporated into the final draft.

There was considerable discussion whether we should recommend a specific split of funding between the Township and the Borough.

Jay Breneman raised the question of proportional municipality representation on the Board of Commissioners. Craig Hohman also raised a question about initial proportional representation by the fire companies. It was also recommended that our attorney review the board representation. Although not finally resolved we agreed that, our recommendation notwithstanding, this will be resolved in the Intergovernmental agreement and the Bylaws that will be adopted.

Jimmy Knapp was asked to include the current fire call data along with the update on current volunteer hours, so that Appendix A can be finished.

Russ Guthrie will make changes as result of this discussion in a Draft # 4.

VII. Make a “Rollout” Schedule for the Findings Report

Russ Guthrie asked about rolling out the Findings and Recommendation to the Borough and Township and then news media.

After discussion, it was planned to present to a combined meeting of the Borough Council and the Board of Supervisors in March if a meeting can be arranged.

VIII. Decide “What’s Next” For the Task Force

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Robert Thompson to adjourn.

Second by Jim Eshleman.

Motion Passed. Chairman Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

X. Next Meeting

Time – 7:00 p.m.

Date – February 4, 2010

Place – Manor Township Maintenance Building

Route 999 and Supervisor Road

Minutes submitted by: Don McCann, Recording Secretary