

Regional Emergency Services Task Force

Meeting Minutes

4/1/2010

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:

Glen Hess – Highville Fire Co.
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.
Craig Hohman – West Lancaster Fire Co.
Mark Lauriello – West Lancaster Fire Co. – Citizen

Unable to attend:

Carl Harnish – Highville Fire Co. – Citizen
Scott Haverstick – Washington Boro Fire Co. – Citizen
Gregory G. Noll – Community-at-large – Citizen

Others attending:

Matthew Creme – Legal Counsel
Brett A. Graham – Washington Boro Fire Co.
Ted Gingrich – West Lancaster Fire Co.
Bill Hapke – Highville Fire Co.
Richard Schock – Washington Boro Fire Co.

III. Request to Pay Lancaster Newspaper bill to advertise the joint meeting with Manor Twp. Supervisors and Millersville Boro Council (\$102.65) and Matthew Creme bill (\$800.00)

Motion by Jim Eshleman to approve payment to LNP bill for \$102.65.

Second by Mark Lauriello.

Motion passed.

Motion by Jim Eshleman to approve payment to Matt Creme for \$800.00.

Second by Mark Lauriello.

Motion passed.

IV. Discussion of March 4th “Rollout” Meeting Discussion

Several members expressed satisfaction with the course and results of the meeting.

Jay Breneman said the Township Supervisors will be voting Monday and he sees no problems.

Follow-up letters of support will be sent by each Fire Co. to the Supervisors and Council.

Matt Creme said we need three documents to come out of this process: 1) an ordinance adopted by each of the municipalities which adopts the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement, 2) the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement, which creates the governing body, and 3) a document creating the new 501(c)3 organization which will succeed the existing four companies.

Matt has drafted an initial draft of the Inter Municipal Cooperation Agreement for discussion and will email it to all.

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

Russ Guthrie presented for discussion several models for an Implementation Task Force.

Phil Lastowski said the Boro Council adopted a motion authorizing the continuation of the Task Force for another six months.

Jay Breneman said the implementation should be completed by members of this Task Force as it has the body of knowledge that has been developed so far.

Consensus was that the existing Task Force members should continue. Some said there might be some who wish to withdraw.

Robert Thompson expressed concern that Millersville Boro Council may not fully grasp that they are being asked to fund a board at a fixed rate for a number of years and that it then is up to the Commission to develop a budget and work within the funding limitations. Several others expressed agreement, and concern that Manor Township is “further along” in accepting this concept that is Millersville Borough.

Several members called for 2009 company financial audits be completed by an accounting firm (Millersville already did one for 2008), to provide common financial statements for consideration of the municipalities.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Jay Breneman to adjourn.

Second by Robert Thompson.

Motion Passed. Chairman Guthrie adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

VII. Next Meeting

Time – 7:00 p.m.

Date – May 6, 2010

Place – Manor Township Maintenance Building

Route 999 and Supervisor Road

Minutes submitted by: Don McCann, Recording Secretary