

## **Emergency Services Committee**

**March 8, 2022**

The meeting began at 7PM with the following in attendance: Member, Kim McGrath, Terry Jones, Michael Foltz, Anthony Tucci, Keith Gable, Robert Kline, Rodney Wagner, Michael Zomolsky, Barry Gross, Frank Burzynski; and, Others; Carrie Frey, WBEMS Alternate and Troy Bingaman, Township Manager.

The Committee began a review of the recommendations on page 66-68 of the VFIS Fire Services Assessment & Plan commissioned by the Board of Supervisors in 2021. The Committee agreed to focus on the recommendations identified as actions for 2021.

Mr. Bingaman stated Resolution 2022-01 was adopted January 3, 2022, establishing the Amity Township Emergency Services Dept. – this completes item 21-01. He also reported the County Communications Center has been working with the ISO which should resolve recommendation 21-10. Mr. Bingaman stated he would reach out to ISO to get a fresh review completed to include both fire companies as the 2018 survey only included Amity.

Training videos and other resources were given to each of the Fire Departments which will assist with addressing several of the recommendations.

A discussion took place on the Key-Box Program indicating all lock boxes are not the same and Amity has a key for which Monarch does not. The Fire Chiefs were tasked with resolving this issue. The Township may ultimately need to update the Ordinance covering this process.

A suggestion was made that more funding is needed for day-time drivers to have two on at each station each day.

The Fire Companies were tasked with working together to address recommendations 21-05 thru 21-08; 21-12; 21-14; 21-18 & 21-19. Amity indicated they had already addressed the issues in the last Relief Audit (21-09).

There was a brief discussion on the issue of FD Workers' Compensation coverage and the need to identify as a volunteer with Monarch even if the injured runs with Amity. Mr. Bingaman explained the State Workers' Comp plan covers Monarch with Amity as an additional insured under the policy. He will look into registering the Amity Township Fire Department to see if we can then have Amity Fire and Monarch identify under that umbrella.

Chief Zomolsky stated they were looking into options to promote the fire services, with the hopes of recruiting. He also stated they propose implementing an incentive program.

There was a brief discussion on creating a single Relief Association with representation from each department and the Township. This will be discussed further at a later date.

The next meeting was set for April 12<sup>th</sup>. A suggestion was made to tour both stations, so everyone has a good idea what each department is dealing with.