

Emergency Services Committee
May 16, 2022

The meeting began at 6:30PM at Township Building with the following in attendance: Members, Michael Foltz, Chair, Kim McGrath, Paul Weller (in Mr. Jones's absence), Ed Simser, Keith Gable, Rodney Wagner, Gary Weiler, Michael Zomolsky and Anthony Tucci; and, Others; Troy Bingaman, Township Manager.

Mr. Foltz led the conversation by revisiting the recommendations within the VFIS report.

Discussion ensued on creating standard procedures and guidelines to be used by both stations under the Amity Township Fire Dept. umbrella. Mr. Foltz asked the Fire representatives if they could get to work on those and bring the same back to the committee for consideration. The Fire Chiefs agreed.

Mr. Tucci offered to share his SOPs for use and/or reference.

Mrs. McGrath asked if the Township could obtain a tax ID for the Amity Township Emergency Services Dept. to address the Work Comp issue for the fire companies. Mr. Bingaman will look into this.

There was discussion on whether Emergency Service Impact Fees could be implemented. Mr. Bingaman will research this.

A question was raised, whether a fire station would be permitted on the open space parcel at Morlatton & Old Airport Roads. Mr. Bingaman was asked to look into this as well. Mr. Tucci stated USDA offers funding for buildings. Mr. Bingaman offered to reach out to obtain details.

The topic of tax credits for volunteers was discussed. Mr. Bingaman understood from previous conversations that many of our volunteers are not residents of Amity thus the credits are not a major benefit. Mr. Bingaman will present information at the next meeting.

Mr. Zomolsky suggested the Township address the issue of tagout/lockout and who from the Township will be tasked with this process as they encounter issues. Mr. Bingaman indicated the Building Code Official would be responsible for this.

Mr. Bingaman stated he is awaiting a return call from ISO to re-survey Amity's fire companies to see if the rating can be improved with the inclusion of Monarch Fire.

Mr. Foltz suggested we look to schedule a meeting for July. It was agreed to meet on the 18th at 6:30pm at the Township Building to give the fire companies time to work on the SOPs & SOGs.