

Emergency Services Committee
September 19, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting began at 6:44 PM at the Township Building with the following Members in attendance: Michael Foltz, Chair, Ed Simser, Barry Gross, Adam Ruffner, Rodney Wagner, Mike Zomolsky and Lawrence “Bill” Tully. Special Counsel John Muir from Kozloff Stoudt Attorneys was also present. Committee members Frank Burzynski, Terry Jones, and Kim McGrath, and Township Manager, Troy Bingaman were not present.

Approval of Notes: Mr. Foltz drafted notes for the July 18, 2024, meeting. Mr. Foltz asked if anyone had any concerns or changes. No objections were offered, and the notes were approved as written. Mr. Foltz continued down the agenda.

Open Issues:

- a) Discussion on status of Amity Township Fireman’s Relief Association:
Mr. Muir reported out that he had visited with both fire companies since the last meeting; Amity Fire Company on July 30, 2024, and Monarch on August 14, 2024.

Mr. Muir said that he explained the proposed by-laws for the new Relief Association including the make-up of the officers, appointed neutral inaugural president, Ed Simser, and the terms of office for the various officers of the new Association.

In addressing the Amity Fire Company membership, Mr. Muir said that Frank Burzynski raised the following questions: the need for the new Relief Association and inquired about what would happen if either Fire Company does not appoint anyone to the new Association. Mr. Muir explained why the Township wanted to move toward a single Fireman’s Relief Association. He also said he explained that if one of the companies chose not to appoint members to the Amity Township Fireman’s Relief Association, that the entity could still move forward however it would not have stake in the Relief Association business, which would not benefit that entity.

Mr. Muir said when he met with Monarch Fore Company, they had no questions or comments.

To date, Mr. Muir has had no further follow-up or comments offered by either company since his attendance at their meetings.

Amity Fire Chief Mike Zomolsky asked if the current budgets for Workers’ comp could be paid out of the newly formed Relief Association funds. Mr. Muir felt they could but would do more research and report back.

Mr. Muir reviewed the proposed by-laws with the Committee. He stated the 2024 Relief funds are due to be released in mid-September at which time the Township would have 60 days to disburse the funds. He said the fire companies need to select inaugural officers for the following positions: Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. They also would have to select (3) voting members from each company and (1) alternate. Both Amity Fire

Company and Monarch Fire Company representatives were prepared and selected the following members to serve in the positions:

Vice President: Lawrence "Bill" Tully (Amity Fire Co.)
Recording Secretary: Austin Mora (Monarch Fire Co.)
Financial Secretary: Brittany Tate (Amity Fire Co.)
Treasurer: Beth Wagner (Monarch Fire Co.)

Voting Members:

Amity Fire Co: Kayla Keefer, Austin Bernard, and Frank Burzynski
Alternate – Zachary Zechman

Monarch Fire Co: Tyler Harris, Dustin Wolfe, and Rodney Wagner
Alternate – Clarence Kline

Auditors: Edward Keefer (Amity Fire Co.)
Adam Ruffner (Monarch Fire Co.)

The committee adopted a meeting date for the newly formed Amity Township Fireman's Relief Association to be held on October 1, 2024 at the Amity Township Building at 7PM.

- b) Review proposed standardized Mission/Vision Statements:
Frank Burzynski was not present. He was working on samples. This was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.
- c) Review the 2021 study completed by VFIS and continue addressing those recommendations:
Mr. Foltz suggested the members of the committee take time before next meeting to review the study suggestions/recommendations and be prepared to discuss actions on those items.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

For the next meeting, the companies are requested to provide a standardized Mission/Vision statement.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: Mike Foltz adjourned the meeting at approx. 7:34 PM.

Notes for the meeting submitted by: Michael Foltz