

**Genoa Township Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizen Advisory Committee
Meeting**

September 6, 2022 – Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by John McHale
 - a. Attendance was recorded – Present in person were Frank Michell, Jerrad Christian, Fred Johnson, John McHale, Mary Fehskens, George Schultz, Tracy Damschroder, Chris Chesson, and Joe Ponzi (Fire Chief). Absent were Duane Knauer, Jodie Streeter, Mark Noble, David Heisel, Tammy Sroufe and Mark Antonetz.

Nobody attended virtually.
 - b. Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from July 5, 2022, by George Schultz. Jerrad Christian seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - i. **NOTE: After approval of the July 5th minutes, during a discussion about the July’ 2022 Run Statistics, it was noted that a correction/clarification is needed to the following item in the 7/5 minutes:**

“The response times are recorded automatically using GEO technology. Electronics log the time the vehicle leaves the fire station and when it arrives at the destination for all responses.”

The response time included in the Run Statistic data is from when the request is received at the Fire Station from the dispatcher to arrival at the destination.
2. Update from Chief Ponzi.
 - a. Run Stats review.
 - i. Reviewed data for July’ 2022 and August’ 2022 (including year to date).
 - ii. The data was about expected (average) based on prior history.
 - b. New Ladder Truck.

- i. Chief Ponzi formed a committee of GFD personnel in May' 2022 to recommend specifications / features for the new truck.
 - ii. Chief Ponzi presented a drawing of the new truck and explained features that are considered improvements over the existing 15+ year old Ladder Truck. Some features are improvements made by the manufacturer over time and others are requested options such as "side cab air bags" to protect the occupants in the event of a "tilt / roll-over" event.
 - iii. The Genoa Township Trustees approved purchasing the new truck on 9/1/2022 and the order was placed with Sutphen Corporation (<https://www.sutphen.com>) located in Dublin, Ohio, right away. Sutphen furnished the existing Ladder Truck and submitted a competitive bid with acceptable terms and conditions.
 - iv. Cost for the new Ladder Truck is ~\$1.6M. GFD has annually been including funds that total ~\$1.3M to pay for the truck (cash deal). Fire Truck (and EMS vehicles) cost and lead times (currently 20-24 months) have significantly increased since the start of the pandemic. Chief Ponzi is requesting use of some of the American Rescue Funds that have been provided to Genoa Township to cover the difference between the (budgeted) available funds/cash and committed firm purchase price (~\$355K).
 - c. Pulse Point App.
 - i. Due to lack of participation by the public, effective Aug. 29, Delaware County did not renew its contract with Pulse Point.
- 3. Delaware County Sheriff's Office underwater drone.
 - a. Prior to the 9/6, Advisory Committee Meeting Frank distributed a copy of a Columbus Dispatch article dated 8/22/2022 to the committee members.
 - b. Chief Ponzi will reach out to Lt. David Buttler of the Delaware County Sheriff's office who was cited in the article.
- 4. Delaware County Change to Sales Tax.

- a. The Delaware County 0.5% EMS related sales tax revenue will be going to the County's General fund.
 - i. No impact on Genoa Township Fire/EMS Department which is levy funded.
- 5. Committee Projects for 2022-23
 - a. Fire Hydrant Study – needs / grants.
 - i. Chief Ponzi explained some of the issues/complexities involved with updating some of the “older” areas of Genoa Township being served with undersized water lines precluding adding additional hydrants.
 - 1. Chief Ponzi advised that a considerable amount of work has been done to evaluate the current water main/hydrant infrastructure.
 - a. Preliminary evaluation indicates that 13 new hydrants at approximately \$3,500/ea. can be installed on existing water main lines that are large enough to supply the required flowrate.
 - b. American Rescue Funds cannot be used for retrofitting new hydrants and/or upgrading size of the existing water main lines.
 - c. Chief Ponzi will distribute information done for the hydrant study to Advisory Committee Members for their review.
- 6. East Side Fire/EMS Station Annex.
 - i. Probably ~ 10 years out but planning needs done soon. Will discuss during future Committee Meetings.
- 7. Announcements.
 - a. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2022 (please hold the first Tuesday of every month for our committee meetings). Attending the September 6th meeting virtually will be an option but will only be able to watch and hear and not speak.
- 8. New Business.
 - a. The Advisory Committee agreed to have the committee roster distributed to committee members.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.