

Genoa Township Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

November 7, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, John McHale.
 - a. Attendance was recorded – Committee members present in person were Tracy Damschroder, Jeff Gale, Fred Johnson, Duane Knauer, John McHale, Frank Michell, Tom Munley, George Schultz, Tammy Sroufe, Trustee Mark Antonetz, and Fire Chief Joe Ponzi. Mary Fehskens attended virtually.

Absent was Chris Chesson.
 - b. Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from October 3, 2023, by George Schultz. Jeff Gale seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Update from Chief Ponzi.
 - a. Run Stats Review
 - i. Reviewed data for October 2023.
 - ii. Some increases in runs are being experienced with the start of the heating season from residents asking for GTFD visits due to “smells” from starting up home natural gas fired furnaces which have been off for several months.
 - b. Battalion Chief Brady Johnson advised that the new vehicle exhaust system and SCBA’s & associated equipment are out for bid. The lowest qualified bidders that meet the GTFD specification requirements will be awarded the purchases.
 - c. The chassis for the ladder truck is expected to be delivered to Sutphen in the next few weeks. Delivery of the new ladder truck is anticipated to be in October 2024 (~24 months after GTFD placed the order).
 - d. GTFD/EMS has been very active in providing CPR training for Genoa Township residents and businesses. Prompt initiation of CPR during a cardiac arrest greatly improves survival and facilitates the likelihood of a full recovery for the patient. A gentleman that has recovered from a

cardiac arrest, received prompt CPR and advanced GTPD EMS life support care visited the fire station to offer thanks for saving his life.

3. Update on the Proposed Fire/Rescue/EMS Survey Questions - Tom Munley & Chelsea Fuller.

- a. The survey has been updated to include comments by the GTFD Advisory Committee during the 10/3 meeting and is currently being reviewed by Chief Ponzi.

4. Approve meeting Schedule for 2024 (Typically the first Tuesday of the Month).

- a. The following dates were agreed to: January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, August (cancelled due to National Night Out), September 3, October 1, November 12 (due to Election Day on 11/5), December (cancelled due to toy drive).
- b. The meeting dates for 2024 will be posted on the township's website.
- c. GTFD is planning a toy drive (donate a new, unwrapped toy) and Christmas tree lighting event Saturday, 12/9/2023, 4:00 – 6:00pm, in McNamara Park ([Welcome to Genoa Township, OH \(genoatwp.com\)](http://www.genoatwp.com)). Activities include meeting Santa, enjoying cookies and cocoa, creating an ornament, leaving a note for Santa and the tree lighting at 5:30 that evening.
- d. GTFD highlighted its 50th anniversary during the Genoa Township Trick or Treat Village and Fire Department open house on 10/28/2023.



5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.