

Genoa Township Fire/Rescue/EMS Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2021

The WedEx Meeting was started at 6:50 pm to allow people time to join the meeting. The meeting was officially called to order at 7:10pm by Chief Joe Ponzi.

In attendance:

Chief Ponzi, Trustee Renee Vaughn, John McHale, Jodie Streeter, George Schultz, Charlie Seeley, Dave Heisel, Duane Knauer, Jamie Beadle, Tracy Damschroder, and Trevor Parry

Absent:

Arun Chittur, Connor Hines, Darrin Ellero, and Mark Swenson

Chief Ponzi started the meeting by giving an introduction of himself and provided an overview of the services provided by the department, including Fire, EMS, Rescue, training and education. He discussed some of the services provided to residents including replacing batteries in fire detectors and replacing outdated fire detectors. Trustee Vaughn then gave an introduction to her work in the Township, her career, and her family. Prior to becoming a Trustee, Renee served on this committee.

Committee members gave introductions including their time in the township, the development/subdivision where they reside, and a little about themselves. Developments represented include Stone's Throw, Highland Hills, Highland Lakes, Vinmar, Sherbrook, and the Village at Harvest Wind.

Trustee Vaughan, John McHale, and Chief Ponzi discussed the mission of the committee. Chief Ponzi will have the most recent Genoa Township Handbook for Boards, Commissions, & Committees sent electronically to all committee members. John McHale stressed that committee members represent their neighbors, homeowners associations, and all Genoa Township residents by serving as eyes and ears for the Township. Members are encouraged to be outspoken advocates for the Township in their neighborhoods.

Elections were held for Officers. John McHale was elected Chair, Jodie Streeter was voted Vice Chair, and it was decided to hold open the election of a Secretary until the next meeting. John reported that Arun Chittur had expressed interest in serving as Secretary. George Schultz is willing to serve as Vice Chair, if Jodie moves to the Secretary position.

John McHale officially set the meeting dates for 2021 as February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the even months at 7pm. All meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Once the Township approves in person meetings, we will meet in the conference/training room at the Fire Department Safety Complex.

The meeting was adjourned by John at 8:10pm.