

Genoa Township Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

March 7, 2023 – Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by John McHale
 - a. Attendance was recorded – Committee members present in person were Duane Knauer, Fred Johnson, John McHale, Mary Fehskens, Tracy Damschroder, Chris Chesson, David Heisel, Tammy Sroufe, Mark Antonetz, Jodie Streeter, George Schultz and Joe Ponzi (Fire Chief). Frank Michell attended virtually. Absent were Mark Noble and Jerrad Christian.

Guests attending the meeting in person were Paul Keene and Tom Munley.
 - b. Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from January 3, 2023, by George Schutz. Fred Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Update from Chief Ponzi.
 - a. Run Stats review.
 - i. Reviewed data for January and February 2023.
 - ii. It was explained that “No Response from 440” stats reflect that Delaware Medic 7 responded.
 - iii. The stats are based on all of the dispatch calls from the Delaware call Center.
 - b. State ARP Grant Funds - Amount requested / Amount received.
 - i. Requested ~\$32,000.
 - ii. Three (3) ARP grant requests were submitted and waiting for feedback on whether approved.
 1. Health wellness / fitness training.
 2. Specialized yoga/stretching/de-stress (stress reduction).
 3. Confidential mental health check-ups.
 - iii. Working with GTPD for health and wellness / fitness.

- iv. Was advised that will need to bid the services to finalize the grant request process.
- c. Federal Grants Applied For (AFG, SAFER) - Amount Requested / Amount received.
 - i. The Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG):
 - 1. Applied for \$292,950. If not approved can re-apply.
 - a. Includes \$170,000 for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment. Note that the air bottles have a 15-year life and timing for the grant matches up with the need to replacement them.
 - b. Includes \$52,250 for a new SCBA compressor and air fill station. Which will have higher capacity than the existing 1995 vintage compressor and fill station installed.
 - c. Includes \$70,700 for a vehicle exhaust system which is considered part of cancer prevention for the Fire/EMS staff.
 - 2. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER).
 - a. Applied for \$1,389,641.40 for three (3) additional staff over 3-years which includes estimates for salaries, benefits and other items included in the union agreement. Funds would be received in the fall of 2023.
 - b. GTFD can apply for an extension of the original 3 positions for a total of 6 years if the extension is approved which would result in a total of \$2.7+M in funding for the 3-positions.
- d. Eastside Station Project.
 - i. Chief Ponzi has met with each of the Genoa Township Trustees to discuss response times and to recommend conducting a study by a specialty contractor to do an independent analysis / review of whether an additional fire station is needed to serve all of Genoa Township with adequate “run times”.

- ii. It was agreed to begin gathering information needed to conduct the study which is anticipated to cost ~\$18,000.
 - iii. Will be looking for possible grant(s) to help to fund the study.
- 3. Update from John McHale, Chair.
 - a. John thanked committee members for their participation and acknowledged the members that are rotating off the committee on 3/31/2023; Jodie Streeter, David Heisel, Mark Noble and Jerrad Christian.
 - b. Will be voting on filling committee positions for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary during the meeting on April 4th.
 - c. Resolved meeting conflicts as follows:
 - i. July 4th - Moved to July 11th.
 - ii. August 1st – Canceled.
 - iii. December 5th – Canceled.
- 4. Announcements.
 - a. Next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023.
 - b. The Vice Chair will chair the June 6th meeting.
 - c. During the April 4th meeting will be electing Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions for the Committee. Members interested in serving for any of these leadership positions should let John McHale know.
- 5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.