

Genoa Township Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

June 6, 2022 – Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 7pm by John McHale
 - a. Attendance was recorded – Present in person were Mark Antonetz (Trustee Liaison), Chris Chesson, Jerrad Christian, Tracy Damschroder, David Heisel, Mark Noble, Duane Knauer, Tammy Sroufe, John McHale, Jodie Streeter, Mary Fehskens, Fred Johnson, George Schultz, and Joe Ponzi (Fire Chief). Frank Michell attended virtually.
 - b. Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 5, 2022, by Jodie Streeter. Fred Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Response time Isochrone.
 - a. Mark Noble presented his plot and highlighted the identified relatively long Fire/EMS response times in the plot on the east side of the Township based on average speed of 35MPH.
 - i. Considerable discussion was held on the basis for the plot. It was suggested that consideration be made to produce another plot using average speeds of 45MPH or 50MPH.
 - b. Chief Ponzi explained that it would be best to use actual run data for any response time study. Will look for assembling actual data for the July 6th meeting.
 - i. Recommending that an outside specialty contractor be hired to complete a run time study to evaluate need and location for an additional Fire/EMS station in the Township.
 - ii. Genoa Township purchased property on the east side of Hoover Reservoir 5-8 years ago which may be suitable for a second Fire/EMS station.
 - iii. Experienced 12+/- run times to the east side of Genoa Township is too long. National accepted average is 4-6 minutes.
3. Update from Chief Ponzi.
 - a. Reviewed run stats and definitions for the categories.
 - i. Not many natural gas leaks lately.

- ii. Will work on breaking out “mutual aid” runs from the stats.
 - b. Citizen Fire Academy.
 - i. Frank Michell attended the recently completed academy and advised that the hands-on agenda/program is excellent. All of the Fire/EMS instructors were very accommodating and enjoyed their time working with the class participants.
 - ii. Citizens taking the GT Fire Academy get a very good idea on the many different tasks that the Fire/EMS folks are trained for and ready to complete on a moment’s notice.
 - iii. Chief Ponzi explained that keeping the class attendance to ~12 is optimum to keep everybody engaged in the hands-on activities.
 - iv. Planning on holding the next class late spring ‘2023.
 - c. Narcon Class with GTPD.
 - i. Total of 19 people attended.
 - ii. Had a Delaware County Health Department speaker.
 - iii. Present general knowledge and does not ask why people are attending.
 - d. American Rescue Plan Funds.
 - i. Funds are currently available for distributing to all departments in Genoa Township. Each department is submitting requests to the Township Trustees.
 - ii. Fire/EMS requested funding for overtime and other pandemic related costs of \$387,000 which was approved by the Trustees.
 - e. Pulse Point App.
 - i. Chief Ponzi advised that participation by the public has not met expectations.
 - ii. Monthly report from Delaware County 911 indicates virtually no public responses to cardiac arrests.
 - iii. The 12-month evaluation period for the Pulse Point app is being discussed to determine if it’s worth continuing with its use.
- 4. Select topics for the Committee to tackle in 2022-23
 - a. Fire Hydrant Study – needs / grants.
 - i. Discussion tabled in interest of time.
 - b. Replacement of Boat for Water Rescue (safety concerns for our GTFD)
 - i. Discussion tabled in interest of time.

- c. Run times to east side of Hoover.
 - i. Discussion tabled in interest of time.
- 5. Announcements.
 - a. National Night out will be on August 2, 2022.
 - i. Genoa Township information:
https://www.genoatwp.com/about/national_night_out_2.php.
 - b. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2022 (please hold the first Tuesday of every month for our committee meetings). Attending the July 5th meeting virtually will be an option but will only be able to watch and hear and not speak.
- 6. Stop the Bleed Program.
 - a. Was launched in October of 2015 by the White House, Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. Is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.
 - b. Westerville Schools in GT have kits and staff has been trained in use of basic first aid.
 - c. More information is available on [Office of EMS: Stop the Bleed](#).
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.