

Genoa Twp Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes: April 2019

In Attendance:

Deb Lindblom
Brandy Lomo
Jodie Streeter
Raymond Welty
Renee Vaughan
George Schultz
Mike Wallace
John McHale
Mark Swenson
Joe Ponzi
Garry Honeycutt
Connie Goodman

Meeting called to order by vice-chair John McHale at 7pm/ adjourned 8:09pm

1. Approved minutes of last meeting.
2. Welcomed new member, Mark Swenson
3. Chief discussed the “countywide pre-hospital care system board of directors.” This is a newly created board of representatives from all the transportation agencies. This board may have authority over how to improve county wide response. First meeting is April 4th.
4. Chief described the equipment issues with Engine 442 and Medic 442. He explained:
 - a. The cost involved with repairing the current equipment, the worth of the equipment to resell if it were working, and the cost of new equipment.
 - b. The virtue of leasing versus borrowing versus buying.
 - c. The ratio of equipment to population in other local areas. Genoa Twp, with 2 engines and 2 medics, is still under served, comparatively.
 - d. The budgeting process. The budget has prepared for replacing these vehicles, and this is one reason the Fire budget appears to have such a large surplus.
 - e. The EMS billing and income generated to off-set cost.
 - f. The replacement schedule and time to order new.
5. After an extensive discussion concerning the status of the equipment and budget, the committee unanimously agreed to make a formal recommendation to the Trustees.

Formal recommendation:

The Genoa Twp Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizens Advisory Committee recommends the immediate replacement of Engine 442 and Medic 442.

6. The Trustees will meet Thursday May 2 at 6:30 pm at the Administrative building. Committee members are encouraged to attend to help support the formal recommendation.

7. Next Meeting agenda item: The township has an underserved population of citizens who are unable to get assistance due to the affluence of the community. In some cases, firefighters are volunteering to assist these citizens, but a longer term solution needs to be made.

Meeting notes taken by Deb Lindblom