

Genoa Twp Fire/Rescue/EMS Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes: December 3, 2019, taken by Deb Lindblom

In Attendance:

Steve Rike
Deb Lindblom
Jodie Streeter
George Schultz
John McHale
Mark Swenson
Joe Ponzi
Garry Honeycutt
Connie Goodman

Meeting called to order by Steve Rike at 7:04 pm/ adjourned 8:15 pm.

1. Approved minutes of last meeting (John McHale moved to accept, George Schultz seconded).
2. Approved 2020 meeting dates: 2/4; 4/7; 6/2; 7/28 (due to National Night Out 8/4); 10/6 and 12/1.
3. Reminded committee term expirations and need to reapply if wish to serve a second term.
4. Election of new committee officers will be during the 4/7 meeting (new term starts 4/1). John McHale, if renewed, will lead that meeting. Otherwise, Chief Honeycutt can.
5. Levy will not be held in May (due to cost of special election) but will be November 2020.
6. Committee members may not campaign in the role of committee representative, but may join a PAC or campaign as a private citizen.
7. Cost of Fire Department is less than communities around us. For instance, Genoa Twnshp is ~\$156 per 100K versus ~\$350 per 100K in Westerville.
8. Goal of this committee: Information dissemination. Encourage citizens to become educated as to services: attend Citizen Academy, educate at HOA meetings, etc.
9. Attending and commenting at Trustee meetings does have a positive impact. Committee can only make recommendations to the Trustees.
10. Del-Co owns the fire hydrants. Fire Department tests (~1300 in township and takes a month to test all), but Del-Co must repair. Best thing citizens can do is keep the hydrants clear/visible. Do NOT paint.
11. Engine 442 sold on Govdeals for \$5700; Medic2 \$3200.
12. Had pre-construction meeting for new engine; at least 12 months.
13. New medic in production. Expect delivery March or April.
14. In future, highly recommend this committee to encourage Trustees to follow replacement schedule.
 - a. Avoids borrowing (which may not be available and if damaged during use, township must repair)
 - b. Higher resale
 - c. Ensures Fire Department can support community
15. Fire Department working on better utilizing Social Media to communicate to community