

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2022

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Brandon Coleman, Trevor Reeder and James Hess of the Woolrich Fire Company, Jeff Raab, Ken Leitch, Steve Leith, David DeWald, Elmer Christian, Rich Camerer, Brian Stover of the Avis Fire Company, Gerard Banfill of Lock Haven EMS, Kevin Ferrara, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Chairman Reese explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to have an open forum with members of the Avis Fire Company and Woolrich Fire Company to discuss fire company related issues with the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion:

Brandon Coleman, Chief of the Woolrich Fire Company and Jim Hess, member of the fire company discussed the terms of the contract for fire protection services between the Woolrich Fire and Dunnstable Township.

Chief Coleman also asked if the Supervisors received any complaints from residents about services provided by the Woolrich Fire Company and the Supervisors indicated that they had not received any complaints from the public about the fire company.

Chief Coleman also asked about the responsibilities of the Pine Creek Township Emergency Management Coordinator.

Kevin Ferrara, Pine Creek Township's Emergency Management Coordinator explained that the duties of the EMC are set by the State, not the township Supervisors. He also stated that both the Woolrich and Avis Fire Companies must be licensed and are regulated by Seven Mountains EMS and the Department of Health to provide ambulance services. He indicated that both Woolrich and Avis Fire Companies are not licensed and should not be responding to ambulance calls.

Gerard Banfill of Lock Haven EMS explained the procedure followed by Lock Haven EMS and Woolrich EMS when working together on ambulance calls and the criteria that must be followed.

Mr. Banfill suggested that Avis and Woolrich Fire Companies enter into mutual aid agreements with Jersey Shore EMS and Lock Haven EMS, respectively.

Further discussion ensued regarding the provisions of the Good Samaritan Act, fire tax ordinances and the possibility of entering into mutual aid agreements between ambulance service providers and the Woolrich and Avis Fire Company.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was the consensus that both fire companies would continue to operate "as is" and proceed with entering into a mutual aid agreement with an ambulance service. Mr. Banfill agreed to provide a sample mutual aid agreement to the Township Solicitor and the fire companies for their review and consideration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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