

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
01/10/2017

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Board meeting to order at 5:00 pm, leading with the Pledge of Allegiance dedicating it to the military who defend this nation and the law enforcement who protect our freedoms. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; Will Duvall, Fire Chief. Hart asked that all cell phones be muted along with all fire radios except those present requiring the need.

Visitors

MECC Medical Director Paul Zeeb, MECC EMS Chief Jeff Sharps, Kristen Krile, Brian Irwin

Special Meeting Announcement

The following announcements were sent to the Eagle Gazette and placed on the website: *Rushcreek Township Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting on January 10th at 5pm. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with the medical director to discuss the MECC protocol, software, and contract. The meeting will be held at the Township office, 213 Marietta Street, Bremen.*

Business

Dr. Paul Zeeb was introduced and advised he is a part time medical director and an emergency room physician. Over five years ago Metropolitan Emergency Consortium Emergency Medical Services was formed to establish EMS protocol. Entering into contract with MECC provides paramedic protocol updates regarding protocol as needed, oversee, monitor, review, and revise the common EMS protocol for all MECC agencies in cooperation with MECC agency EMS Coordinators, develop quarterly EMS training sessions open to all MECC personnel, a process for run-review and performance improvements, monthly meetings with MECC EMS Chiefs to give status reports, bi-monthly meetings with MECC EMS Coordinators, work in conjunction with an associate medical director specializing in trauma and pediatrics to provide input on the protocol and run review, monthly Chief's meetings, provide a means that the medical directors can review the required high-risk runs and provide feedback, cost share of expenses including Responsoft electronic protocol, and provides discounts on supplies and equipment.

Protocol is updated every two years (even) with adjustments done in the odd year with many of those for mandated protocol. There are currently sixteen departments utilizing the MECC program with Pleasant and Richland being the closest in proximity. Currently Fairfield County [EMS departments'] protocol isn't uniform nor is there availability of protocol or a medical director.

MECC EMS Chief Jeff Sharps explained the emphasis on education within the group and the importance of being active participants. Facebook has a social media called "Work Place" that they are looking into using as an education tool. He also stressed the use of "Committee Work" and how useful the structure is for the entire organization. Committee voting is based on agency not population, an example given was the City of Columbus has forty hour full time employees dealing with protocol. These individuals bring that information to committee and voting then takes place after in-depth discussion.

Chief Duvall gave a synopsis of the dynamics of Bremen-Rushcreek Fire Department including the current renovation project. . Both Dr. Zeeb and MECC EMS Chief Sharps commented on the renovation plan and commended the Board and Department for their forward thinking.

Assistant Chief Brian Irwin stated that his primary employer Whitehall has been utilizing MECC for many years and has found it very beneficial. He checked into the program but found Whitehall was paying over \$20,000 for the service. He was quite surprised to find out that MECC charges based on the amount of use therefore, Rushcreek's assessment is much more financially feasible. Brian stated that in this past year he has seen the greatest improvements Bremen-Rushcreek Fire Department has had in nineteen years. Adding MECC to this progress is an asset for the community and personnel. Chairman Van Horn agreed and emphasized that the improvements of the under the management of Chief Duvall and support

from Assistant Chief Irwin, Kristin Krile and others has brought the fire department to the level of service that the community needs.

Trustee Van Horn asked who makes the major purchases of equipment. Dr. Zeeb responded that Violet Township is the keeper of the funds. Violet Township coordinates the purchases and then invoices the individual members. One of the latest purchases was the LifePak-15's. With the group making a large purchase the individual cost was \$4,000 below government cost.

Trustee Van Horn asked if there were additional costs involved in starting up the program that would impact the budget. Kristen Krile responded that she has been monitoring the EMS supply orders and many of the medications are ready to be sent back for restocking which would be a credit. She did not feel Bremen-Rushcreek medical supplies would be impacted and in fact is looking forward to the cost savings on medical supplies from which MECC members' benefit.

All three Trustees commended Kristen for the outstanding job she has been doing with the EMS program and appreciated the behind the scene work she has been doing to get the MECC program in place. Full credit was given to EMS Coordinator Kristen Krile.

Cost of the program is \$3,500 for the first year and \$2,500 annually thereafter with an annual maintenance fee of \$174. The MECC fee is billed from Violet Township and the maintenance fee is billed from Responsoft.

Bill Myers made a motion to provide \$3,500.00 and to give Chief Duvall authority to enter into a contractual agreement with MECC and any associated software or licensing agreements. Dave Myers seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:12pm.

SPECIAL MEETING #2

1/10/17

Hart Van Horn, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustees Special meeting to order at 6:15pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Dave Myers, Trustee; Bill Myers, Trustee; Connie Moyer, Fiscal Officer; and Robert Suer, Road Superintendent.

The following announcements were sent to the Eagle Gazette and placed on the website: *The Rushcreek Township Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting on January 10, 2017 following the Special Meeting already scheduled at 5pm for the purpose of reviewing candidates to fill the open job position of Road Superintendent. The Trustees will immediately go into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment of a public employee according to ORC 121.22(G)(1).*

At 6:16pm Bill Myers made a motion to enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee and Hart seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye; Bill, aye.

Executive Session Ended: 7:15pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16pm.