

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2022

Chad Ashbaugh, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustee Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to American Flag

Roll Call: **Chad:** Present **Tim:** Present **Jim:** Present

Lisa: Present Will: Present Richard: Present

Chad asked that all cell phones be muted except for the Chief's.

VISITORS

Asst. Chief Brian Irwin, Bremen Rushcreek Fire , Trustee Scott Baker, Richland Township, Chief Dalton Vandermark, Richland Township, Tad Moyer, Dave Myers

DISCUSSION: Trustee Ashbaugh opened the floor for comment from visitors. Trustee S. Baker from Richland Township and Chief Vandermark, Richland Township attended to verify that Rushcreek Board of Trustees received Richland Township Trustees' response to our inquiry regarding Fire and EMS mutual aid services. Trustee Downard asked if there was any ability to consider fulltime staffing. Chief Vandermark stated 7 new part time FF have been hired with one already moving on to a larger department. Trustee Baker advised they are not in a position to consider full time personnel for Fire and EMS. Chief Duvall stated one of the major issues in providing mutual aid from an EMS standpoint is the volume of runs to Country Lane Gardens. Chief Duvall inquired if they (Country Lane) contracted with a private ambulance service rather than relying on public aid for all assists & transports. Chief Vandermark advised they have a major concern with the volume of calls related to Country Lane Gardens. He stated they (Country Lane) may not have proper protocols in place to contact private service for transport or assistance, however if the private service is more than one hour away they contact public.

Additionally, Chief Vandermark stated he has discussed this matter with Dr. Zeeb and Country Lane on two separate occasions. Chief Vandermark is arranging for a 3rd meeting to discuss improved protocols and communications for the facility. Chief Duvall stated that Rushcreek Township just recently surpassed 100 mutual aid runs to Richland and that a significant amount of those runs could be eliminated with improved protocols and communications for Country Lane Gardens. Rushcreek Fiscal Officer requested a copy of the mutual aid agreement referred to in the Richland Township letter that advised under 5502.41 we were obligated; stating our Township did not have that document available. Trustee Baker and Chief Duvall will work to locate a copy of that agreement. Richard Campbell (Captain) felt any such agreement may have been made at a County Chief meeting and could be located through the County Chief Assn. Fiscal Officer stated it was possible these agreements referred to Fire and not EMS services. Visitor, Tad Moyer asked if a Fire District had been considered between Richland, Rushcreek and Pleasant. Trustee Baker acknowledged that those type of discussions have occurred over the years but was aware of some barriers. Visitor, Tad Moyer also asked if "hard billing" had been discussed by either Township as a means to better recover costs associated with providing mutual aid. Trustee Baker said they have not considered "hard billing" as an option at this time based on how they levies were presented to their constituents and possible agreements made between Townships.

Trustee Thomas thanked Richland Township Trustee and Fire Chief for their past support of our Township as Rushcreek worked through staffing challenges. Hearing no further discussion at this time;

Trustee Ashbaugh thanked our visitors for their time.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 7 , 2022 meeting was presented for approval. One revision noted. Error in Minutes regarding mutual aid received should have been 0

Approval: Motion: Trustee Downard **Second:** Trustee Thomas

Roll Call: Chad: Aye Tim: Aye Jim: Aye

Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website.

FINANCIAL SECTION

Warrant #'s 42875 through 42892 and EFT 433-2022 through 454-2022 in the amount of \$ 185,677.38.

Purchase Order 19-2022 Spectrum Business through end of year

Motion to accept and pay: Trustee Ashbaugh Second: Trustee Downard

Roll Call: Chad AYE Jim AYE Tim AYE

Fiscal Office

SAS title performed search on Blosser Cemetery as requested. Township does not own property. Title has remained in Blosser name from when Village of Geneva was formed. PA office is reviewing next steps for Township to gain ownership to be able to transfer. Been in contact with Drew Wright (surveyor) funds to pay SAS were from contracted services out of the General.

Met with Tiffany Nash from Fairfield County EMA. 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan participation that will allow us to apply for certain FEMA grants. Tiffany is putting together data for the County by Township and Village and helping to find opportunities.

BWC audit scheduled for October 4th

Fire

MORE GRANT – for light set for Rescue truck. Chief would like to move forward with the purchase through Small Tools and minor equipment 2191 until the MORE grant funds are received.

Chief is requesting to purchase 2 Defibtech LifelineARM's discussed at the last meeting. One for each medic. **Motion: Trustee Ashbaugh** to purchase 2- Defibtech LifelineARM's with batteries and Charger from ONE BEAT MEDICAL & TRAINING in the amount of \$17,900.57 using funds from ARPA(2272 small tools) **Second: Trustee Thomas** **Roll Call: Chad: Aye Tim: Aye Jim: Aye**

Chief is requesting to purchase 4 G4 single band P25 voice pagers and desktop chargers to replace the 460 band we are losing. **Motion: Trustee Thomas** to purchase 4- G4 Single Band p25 pagers and chargers from ONE BEAT MEDICAL & TRAINING in the amount of \$2,834.20 using funds from ARPA(2272 small tools) **Second: Trustee Downard** **Roll Call: Chad: Aye Tim: Aye Jim: Aye**

We have received one of the PPV fans

Fire and EMS runs 9/1/2022 through 9/16/2022.

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| | 25- EMS | 15- transports |
| | 1- Fire | |
| | 2- MVA | |
| | 7-Mutual Aid given | 1- Mutual Aid received |

Mutual Aid Breakdown

| | Given | Received |
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| Berne Township | 0 | 0 |
| Junction City | 0 | 0 |
| Marion | 0 | 0 |
| Lancaster | 0 | |

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| Pleasant | 1 | <u>1</u> |
| Richland | 6 | <u>0</u> |
| Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex | 0 | <u>0</u> |

Zoning

Dawson – Nothing to update

Roberts – McCullough Road – No update from Nichole Need a copy of any correspondence sent

Hackworth – New construction Mt. Zwingli

ESTEP- request received for zoning change. Acknowledged receipt of request, Nichole is reviewing for all needed documentation and fees. Contacted Zoning Commission regarding request and Prosecutors office.

Justice – room addition West Point Road.

Trustee Ashbaugh asked **Trustee Thomas** to look into permit for Coblenz.

Richard stated Shuttleworth has not received their permit.

Lisa asked that copies of any documentation regarding Estep be provided to Fiscal Office for public records safekeeping.

Road Department

Road crew continues cleaning up brush and clearing culverts

Spoke with logging company on Tent Church and Ireland Road and they were able to finish prior to Chip seal.

Chip Seal project for 2022 is complete; approximately 1/10th of a mile was sealed on Tent Church that went into Pleasant Township in error. A letter has been sent to Pleasant Board of Trustees acknowledging the error.

Fall mowing will begin now for the next couple of weeks as weather permits

Addressing Heyd Road concerns on 9/22

Richard will be on vacation Fair week

Administration

Trustee Downard appreciated the discussions with Richland Township and may have some follow up questions as the board continues to monitor the progress of mutual aid calls.

2 contractors have been contacted regarding the office floor. B-level and A-1. Pictures were provided to B-Level prior to their arrival to provide an estimate. A-1 has scheduled a tentative estimate date of October 13th.

Having no further business

Motion to Adjourn: Trustee Ashbaugh

Adjournment time: 7:58 p.m.

Phil Ashbaugh

Joe Downard

Tom Thomas