

EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP

EASTTOWN CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Easttown Township Building, Berwyn, PA

March 13, 2017

**Attendees:** Tom McGurk, Pete Motel, Betsy Fadem, Alessandra Nicolas, Buck Buchanan, Stacey Ballard, Kevin Melich, Chris Polites and Ron Mintz

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM

- Introduction to ECAC members of Ron Mintz.
- Betsy provided an update of the Task Force findings as it relates to the Berwyn and Paoli Fire Company's (BFC and PFC)
  - The Task Force met on March 2 and March 7.
  - BFC made clear to the Task Force that a new BFC building is on the backburner to funding. Funding is the Fire Co.'s priority.
  - The workman's comp formula was discussed. It is based on a formula that takes into consideration the amount of Township residents. Amerihealth Casualty sends the bill to the Township.
  - Betsy reviewed the Excel analysis she created. Please see attached documents.
  - As it relates to Fire Hydrants; there are 902 Hydrants in the Township. It costs \$75.75 annually per hydrant and is paid to AQUA.
  - The Fireman's Relief fund is a tax that Insurance Companies have to pay to the state to do business in a state they are not headquartered in.
  - There is precedent in Arizona set that the Township runs it's own Fire Company.
  - 75% of runs are ambulance vs. fire.
  - There was discussion around having a duty to know where BFC and PFC put their monies since the Township is providing them taxpayer dollars.
  - Task Force is skipping the April meeting and will meet again in May.
- Alessandra needs a hiatus from Secretary; we discussed Stacey Ballard assuming the Secretary role starting in April.
- Buck and Stacey worked on Baseline Metrics for the BFC and PFC. Please see their comments in the documents attached.
  - Discussion on ISO and the most recent report for the BFC and PFC. ISO indicates no weakness except with some training deficiencies.
  - Next ISO is when demographics would drastically change in a community.
  - Overall rating is good.
  - Issue with billing and how the ambulance service gets re-imbursed from insurance. If there is no ambulance run to the hospital but services were administered then the Fire Co does not receive payment from the insurance company despite services being rendered and performed.

- Alessandra reported the next Hilltop House Committee Meeting is Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5.30p to 6.30p at the Township Building.
- Tom asked Kevin to put together some questions for Karen's visit to our April ECAC meeting. Please see the list attached of items that Karen presented to ECAC back in September/October of 2016. These are the items that she was going to work on.
- ECAC questioned the BoS, Chris and Betsy, to ask what deliverable they would like from ECAC as it related to the Fire Co.'s.
  - Response from BoS was to find out what the Fire Co.'s actually need in terms of funding using a model to budget this number as well as a method in which to educate the Fire Co. as to the Township decision.

Betsy Fadem TO DO's:

- Who does Tredyffrin use for purchasing Workman's comp?
- What is the formula for the Workman's comp number? Did we create it or is it a state given formula?
- Why the 10% decrease in the General Fund Operating Expense from 2016 to 2017?
- What is our Police Per Capita tax contribution?

Chris Polites TO DO's:

- See if Karen and Dan can come on April 18<sup>th</sup> to ECAC meetings instead of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Karen will be coming to our April ECAC meeting to report on the Action Plan that she presented in the October ECAC meeting, as well as anything related to the Audit and her findings.

Meeting concluded at 8.30p.

Next ECAC meeting is scheduled for Monday April 10, 2017 at 6:15PM at the Township Building. Since it is a holiday week, Chris will see if Karen and Dan can make it on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.15p instead of April 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Alessandra Nicolas, Recording Secretary