

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 8, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Adam Kosheba	Director of Public Safety
Rich Needham	Fire Marshall
Jason Campbell	South Central EMS
Dustin Ross	Paxtonia Fire Company
Tim Pramik	Colonial Park Fire Company
John Fogg	Colonial Park Fire Company
Ed Crum	Linglestown Fire Company
Dan Crum	Linglestown Fire Company
Nicolas DiSanto	Linglestown Fire Company
Nicholas Kimmel	Paxtonia Fire Company
Amanda Zerbe	Lower Paxton Township
Steve Stine	Township Solicitor
Irv Spoonhour	Approved Code Services

CALL TO THE ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Director Kosheba at 2:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kosheba led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ed Crum motioned to approve the minutes from May 9, 2022. Mr. Jason Campbell seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote followed and the May 9, 2022, minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Code Enforcement & Knox Boxes

Director Kosheba opened discussion with each company to Ms. Zerbe, Mr. Spoonhour, and Mr. Stine on the current issues the companies are facing. Discussion from each company followed. Mr. Fogg noted that what UCC defines as a life safety issue is different than what the fire company defines as a life safety issue. Mr. Fogg questioned what is the definition of a life safety issue that would trigger an inspection. Mr. Spoonhour gave an example of a sprinkler being tripped but the alarm did not sound. Ms. Zerbe questioned if they would adopt the IFC? Mr. Spoonhour noted it does not add any specific requirements in the build, but it does allow for a municipality to do regular inspections. He noted that having someone to do the inspections does take extra personal. Director Kosheba noted that the Township Supervisors did not want to adopt the IFC and requested Ms. Zerbe's interpretation of this. Ms. Zerbe noted the Supervisors did not want to adopt the code due to enforcement. Director Kosheba suggested if the Board were to adopt the IFC he would add into the 2023 fire budget fire code enforcement personal. Discussion followed regarding issues with the Knox Box, and the inspections of a Knox Box. Ms. Zerbe noted Knox Boxes fall under the township ordinance and not for Approved Code to inspect. Discussion followed regarding the inspection of a Knox box and if it could be included with Chapter 59. Mr. Stine noted he would have to investigate Chapter 59. Ms. Zerbe commented the ordinance notes the Knox box is required but the UCC does not require it, so under the building code a permit cannot be held because of a certificate. Ms. Zerbe continued that a copy of the Certificate of Occupancy will come to the Police Department. Director Kosheba noted that this responsibility would go to the Deputy Fire Chief and not to the volunteer fire companies. Ms. Zerbe noted their needs to be a change to the ordinance and Director Kosheba noted he will meet with Ms. Zerbe and Mr. Stine to discuss further the Knox Box and where it will be placed in the Township Ordinance.

Emergency Station Lights

Director Kosheba noted Mr. Nolt has been in contact with PennDOT and there is another hold up noting that with this application PennDOT requires wig wag lights that are side by side. HRG contacted PennDOT and requested them to reconsider this case since the lights have already been purchased. They are investing the right of way and a signature maybe required from the property owner since the lights will be installed on private property. Discussion followed with the installation of the lights and the purchase of an additional light set for Linglestown and a complete new set for Colonial Park if needed. Mr. Pramik questioned if there was anything the fire companies could do to help. Director Kosheba noted they are waiting for PennDOT.

Hiring Process Deputy Fire Chief

Director Kosheba noted changes were made to the application and to date has received two applications. Director Kosheba enquired for any feedback from the application. Mr. Fogg commented the salary is not ambitious enough to have someone leave, it will bring in someone new in their career or someone who is heading into retirement. Mr. Ross suggested that if they do not have a quality applicant that the focus needs to shift to codes.

Insurance

Mr. Pramik is scheduled to reach out to Mr. Miller next week, once he does, he will follow up with Director Kosheba. Discussion followed between the three companies regarding coverage. Director Kosheba noted this began when Mr. Miller saw three separate invoices with drastically different amounts.

LOSAP/Stipend

Director Kosheba noted he had a good discussion with Mr. Miller and will follow up with Mr. Miller.

NEW BUSINESS

Radio Replacement Grant

Director Kosheba reached out to Mr. Sly. Mr. Ross noted they have begun to gather information as well. Mr. Fogg questioned the issue, and it was noted the age of the radios. Mr. Fogg noted he felt paying Mr. Sly to help with the grant is worth it, noting to the amount of monies that will be needed for the radios and suggested to seeking the casino grant. Mr. Pramik noted to the problem of aging radios and not having the parts to repair them. Mr. D. Crum suggested reaching out to the Dauphin County Commissioners to alert them that the infrastructure will fail without a radio update. Director Kosheba noted he would contact Mr. Sly.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

Colonial Park Fire Company

Mr. Fogg noted he sent out an email that the truck will be out of service for one to two weeks. Their Open House is scheduled for October 2, 2022, at 10 a.m. Rescue 33 was in an accident on the highway noting the only damage was cosmetic.

Linglestown Fire Company

Mr. D. Crum questioned when the budget meeting began for Public Safety. Director Kosheba noted to September and questioned Mr. Crum if he would like to come to a meeting. Mr. D. Crum noted they would like to be a part of the process. Engine 35 will be going out of service for ten days at the end of August for warranty repairs. Mr. D. Crum questioned to Narcan being placed on fire apparatus. Mr. Campbell noted to a class that must be taken. Mr. Kimmel noted it is safer for a patient when given by a medical trained provider.

Paxtonia Fire Company

Paxtonia's open house will be October 8, 2022, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Mr. Ross suggested with price hikes happening to begin to consider fire apparatus replacement or refurbishment. Director Kosheba noted that build time is two years.

South Central EMS

No comment.

Police Department

Director Kosheba thanked everyone for their participation in National Night out. The public gave positive feedback with Lower Paxton's emergency services. Director Kosheba noted that if a company receives a radio request to cancel, and make an effort to travel to the scene non-emergency, noting to liability issues. Director Kosheba noted that the Police Department does have radios available if a company is in need.

Fire Marshal

No comment

Emergency Management Coordinator

No comment.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. D. Crum motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Jason Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next Public Safety Committee is scheduled for November 7, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi Focht

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Recording Secretary