

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

May 9, 2022

**ATTENDANCE**

Adam Kosheba	Director of Public Safety
Rich Needham	Fire Marshall
Ralph Palm	Lower Paxton Police Department
Jason Campbell	South Central EMS
Tim Pramik	Colonial Park Fire Company
Maude Lallemand	Colonial Park Fire Company
Che Kerestes	Colonial Park Fire Company
Ed Crum	Linglestown Fire Company
Dan Crum	Linglestown Fire Company
Nicolas DiSanto	Linglestown Fire Company
Richard Sylvia	Linglestown Fire Company
Sean Harp	Linglestown Fire Company
Dustin Ross	Paxtonia Fire Company
Nicholas Kimmel	Paxtonia Fire Company
Ryan Murphy	Paxtonia Fire Company

**CALL TO THE ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Director Kosheba at 2:29 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kosheba led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Campbell motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022, meeting. Mr. DiSanto seconded the motion. A unanimous voice vote followed and the February 7, 2022, minutes were approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ed Crum questioned if there would be an additional meeting with LOSAP. Director Kosheba answered there will be another meeting, he will send information out to the Chiefs.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Emergency Flashing Lights**

Director Kosheba followed up with Mr. Nolt, Public Works Director, they are waiting on the permits from PennDOT. The lights contain batteries and prior to them being installed they should be checked to see if they need to be replaced. The installation of the lights will begin at Paxtonia Fire Company then move to Colonial Park Fire Company and finish at Linglestown Fire Company. Mr. Ross noted his concern that more vehicles are passing them as they are backing into the station. Mr. DiSanto updated the permit process and noted to an additional proposal from TBD if needed to get the project completed.

### **Hiring Process (Meet & Greet) Deputy Fire Chief**

Director Kosheba noted to nine interviews that will take place on Monday, May 23, 2022, with a four-person panel. The second interview panel will be done on Thursday, June 16, 2022. On June 16<sup>th</sup> the final three applicants will be escorted to each station for a meet and greet. Director Kosheba requested as many members be available as possible for the meet and greet. The meet and greet will last for an hour at each station, beginning with a brief tour followed by reasonable questions from the members to the applicants. Each Station Commander or President will have a form to complete that will be included in the interview process.

### **Fire Study RFP & DCED**

Director Kosheba noted that the DCED stalled, and he has decided to use the RFP with Municipal Resources from Plymouth, New Hampshire. Mr. DiSanto questioned if this will be done by the end of the year. Director Kosheba explained that from the time they start they have a six-month time window to complete. Mr. DiSanto noted to the conclusion of the study and questioned if there will be an internal meeting if the position is to be unfounded. Director Kosheba answered no and explained that with the amount of administrative workload for this position, this position is not something to eliminate.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Box Alarm Templet Update**

Director Kosheba requested Mr. Ross to email the templet to the stations for their review.

### **Insurance Coverage**

Mr. DiSanto stated that Linglestown has lost \$22,000 this past year alone. Director Kosheba noted that from the Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director, Sam Miller, last year was an oddity due to the year prior of not collecting taxes. Director Kosheba explained he has spoken with both the Township Manager and Assistant Township Manager and there will be further discussions about this.

### **Consideration for abuse of Emergency Services Ordinance (35)**

Mr. DiSanto questioned if there has been any follow up from the last meeting. Director Kosheba will be addressing that in the future. Ms. Focht has drafted a new false alarm fee schedule but they fees may have to be presented to the Board at the end of this year to be approved for 2023. Mr. DiSanto noted they would be willing to draft a letter to submit to the committee. Mr. Pramik commented that ordinances can be written but there must be enforcement and a way to track the money. Mr. Kerestes noted to a pattern of false alarms they are continuing to have. Director Kosheba requested each fire company to email their reports to him and he will have Ms. Focht draft fine letters. Currently each fine letter is only twenty-five dollars (\$25).

## MEMBER'S REPORTS

### **Colonial Park Fire Company**

No comment.

### **Linglestown Fire Company**

Mr. D. Crum noted that Fireworks will be here before the next meeting. He will send out an email when he has more information.

Mr. DiSanto questioned the email from Mark Lebo. Director Kosheba explained Mr. Lebo is working to create an overall asset list on all Township equipment and may request information on the equipment.

### **Paxtonia Fire Company**

No comment.

### **South Central EMS**

No comment.

**Police Department**

National Night Out will be held August 2, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Fire Marshal**

No comment.

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

No Comment.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. D. Crum motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm. The next Public Safety Committee is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristi Focht

Recording Secretary