

Lower Macungie

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Public Safety Advisory Committee *Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2023*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman, Vince Tranguch. Members present were John Parish, John Reinbold, Travis Kocher, David Nosal, Christopher Greb & Barbara Ferri. Also, in attendance was Bruce Beitel, Township Manager. There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting was held at the Lower Macungie Township Municipal Campus, Meeting Room B, 3400 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. 18062.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes - None

Old Business - None

New Business – Vince Tranguch gave an update on the organization of the new committee and introductions of members. Bruce Beitel welcomed all members and gave an overview and objectives of the tasks and responsibilities of the new committee.

David Nosal gave the history and background on the LMFD which began in Wescoesville in 1924 to most recent events to include the new Brandywine Fire Station in 2010 and merging with the Alburtis Fire Station in 2018. In the early 80's call level was around 170 per year and now they are around 600 per year. Discussion on false alarms and how it effects call volume and ways the Township is trying to reduce those due to the fire and life safety inspection program.

Chris Greb gave a background on the Macungie Ambulance and its role within the Township. Explained how call volume has increased due to population increases since the start of the organization in 1955. The organization not only responds to emergency calls but performs community outreach programs in the form of CPR classes, transports and a member of the joint rehab task force. One point of concern is calls to community homes in a residential setting due to the frequency of calls. Travis Kocher was familiar with these types of residential settings and would forward the Borough of Macungie Ordinance for review.

Barbara Ferri gave a background on the LMT Emergency Management Organization and its role within the Community. Reported that during emergencies that temporary shelters have been utilized and as most recently as TS Isaias.

A general discussion was generated on types of issues the committee can deal with moving forward.

Adjournment – 7:30 p.m.