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## **Whitewater Township Emergency Services Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes of Special meeting held Sept 6, 2011**

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Rod Kuncaitis called the meeting to order at 6:35pm at Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan

#### **Roll Call**

Committee members present: Pat Miller, Rod Kuncaitis, Fran Butler, Mike Conlan  
Alternate Charlie Decker

Committee members absent: Glenn Savage

Others attending: Recording Secretary Lisa Bowerman, 3 members from Rural Fire and 8 others.

Motion from Butler to accept the Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, Aug.22<sup>nd</sup> and Aug.29<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Conlan. Motion unanimously approved to accept the minutes as presented.

#### **Purpose: Committee Updates and Presentation from Rural**

#### **Presentation From Rural**

Chief Sedlacek started with handouts and a PowerPoint Presentation with Concepts for Departmental Reorganization, Concept #1. He discussed Current Fire Dept. Structure, Points compensation, Budget, Ambulance runs, Current EMS and EMS revenue.

Mike Stinson, Deputy Chief, addressed Concept #2 which is Fire Dept. Fire Based EMS.

Rebecca Pruyne, Health & Safety Officer, discussed and addressed in more detail the importance of a Fire Based EMS.

- Discussion about the 2 options, billing and how important it is and that many dept.'s are not taking advantage of that.
- Discussion about Fire and Ambulance being combined, that they get more consideration at the state level for Grants.
- Miller asked about a timeline for this. Sedlacek stated that it depends on the Rural Board.
- Funding for the Ambulances was not in the projected budget.
- Discussion about ALS.
- Discussion about the budget, ambulance, billing and general budget.
- Rural wants to have a district wide millage.
- Rural Board would like to have a study on the 2 Concepts.
- Rural wants to keep us in, but the Rural Board is stuck on the letter that the WWT Board sent to get out of Rural Fire.
- Discussion about staying in Rural.

## **Public Comment**

Tim Shaffer, 5309 Moore Rd.

- How do we go about getting a new facility?
- Kuncaitis we will be addressing the building issue with whomever we go with. The Tribe does not want to be involved with managing a facility.

Tim Arbenowske, 6408 Elk View Drive

- Commented on the Cook-out meeting of the previous week, stating that he has gotten lots of help from Rural and no problems, but he does not know about the board, he hasn't had any contact with them, but that Rural itself has been very helpful.

## **PPE**

- Conlan reported on the turnout gear, 2 full suits have been turned in.
- Rural is applying for a grant for new turnout gear.
- Discussion on the cost of new turnout gear.
- Ladder Truck is still waiting to be moved, we are waiting on the facility to be ready for storage.

## **Equipment**

- Miller hopes that the appraisal will be in this week.
- Miller continues to shop for new and used equipment, wants to buy in Michigan.
- Kuncaitis wants everyone to get their info ready to present to the WWT Board for the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. We have enough information to get to them.

## **Public Comment**

Lois MacLean, 5919 Linderleaf Ln.

- Commented on the cook-out meeting of the previous week, it felt very good, all the communication.

## **Announcements**

Next meeting, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bowerman, Recording Secretary