

ECAC Meeting Monday July 09, 2018

Attended: B. Fadem, J. Oram, T. McGurk, S. Ballard, P. Motel, B. Buchanon

Absent: R. Mintz, A. Nicolas, K. Melich, M. Wacey

Berwyn Fire Company Attendees:

Eamon Brazunas, Fire Chief, Nam Truong, President BFC, Justin Brundage, Deputy Chief, Michael Baskin, EMS Captain, Ethan Norris, Treasurer, Andrew Olsen, Asst to Treasurer.

Meeting called at 6:15. T. MCGurk welcomed Berwyn Fire Company team and Introductions.

History: Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships have been working together with Berwyn and Paoli Fire Companies to create a sustainable financial plan that will provide the services that the community has received and come to expect. BFC prepared a financial analysis to present to each township to better understand their short terms goals and long term requirements (including capital investments in equipment, vehicles and staffing).

Comments on the meeting:

The Berwyn Fire Company has maintained a high level of records to assist in preparation of a historical accounting of income streams and expenses.

Pennsylvania laws are written so that reimbursements from insurance companies are paid to the individual that is insured which then is supposed to be signed over or paid to the BFC by the individual but often is not paid to BFC. Insurance companies do not pay the ambulance service directly.

BFC is taking actions to better collections of these fees through collection agencies and district court collection hearings.

Development in Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships has significantly increased the number of ambulance/EMS/ALS calls for BFC. Recovery Center of America, many multi-family buildings and senior living centers bring a population to the community that statistically demands ambulance/EMS/ALS assistance. Often, these demographics also have insurance that may not deem the ambulance transport necessary or reimbursement is paid to the insured who may not reimburse the BFC for the service.

Volunteer numbers are diminished and more stations are moving towards paid staff so that the required services can be provided. Committed members are aging out and there are not new members coming along to replace those experienced members.

Current trending without any changed to increasing revenue sources and funding will result in annual deficits which will deplete the BFC reserves within 5 years.

B. Fadem ask Eamon Brazunus to reconvene the Task Force to continue conversations regarding the townships making a financial commitment and forecasting plan for the next five years so that members of the BFC can plan appropriately for the future as well.

Next Meeting August 13, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted

Stacey Ballard