

# **SCIO TOWNSHIP FIRE SERVICES GUIDANCE COMMITTEE**

## **Regular Meeting of the FSGC**

**November 2nd, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

**Meeting Hall with Remote Participation**

**827 North Zeeb Road**

### **MINUTES**

1. Call to order
  - a. Chair David Read called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.
2. Roll call
  - a. Secretary Ryan Yapple called roll. Present: Goodsitt (remote), Groden, Hyde, Perry, Read, Baird, Yapple. Ex Officio member Chief Houde was also present.
  - b. Absent: Flinoft
3. Adoption of the agenda
  - a. Agenda approved without objection.
4. Public comment
  - a. Rob Pattinson – Minutes were sent out via email to the Fire Services Guidance Committee and not posted to the website. Terry Soave sent the minutes to Kristi at Scio Township to get the minutes posted. Rob additionally commented on the 1.5 million dollar debt issue regarding the general fund loan to the fire department.
  - b. Pam Boyd – Thank you to Terry for running zoom and being part of this group. Thank you Terry.
  - c. Public comment closed without objection.
5. Approval of minutes
  - a. Ryan Yapple will work to get the draft minutes to Kristi/Terry by Monday so that they may be included on the Township website.
  - b. Approval of minutes moved to between the final public comment and adjournment.
  - c. Motion passed without objection.
6. Communications and/or Correspondence
  - a. None
7. Presentations
  - a. Scio Township Fire Department Fire Services Guidance Committee – Issues and Options presented by Chief Houde. PDF copy of this presentation available on Scio Township website.
8. Old business
  - a. There was no old business
9. New business
  - a. What is the next step towards recommendations? Chief Houde wrote each of the four options on a presentation board. The options include the following:

Zeeb	Wagner
1 engine/1 rescue	N/A
1 engine/1 rescue	1 engine
1 engine/1 rescue	1 engine/1 rescue
1 engine/1 rescue	2 engine/1 rescue

- b. Discussion was had amongst committee members on preferred options including implementing some of the less intensive staffing options and building up to the highest intensity staffing options
- c. David Read, Chief Houde, Lance Baird and Mark Perry will break down the details of the options presented above. The breakdown will be utilized to determine the cost for homeowners and businesses.
- d. Mark Perry – do we have an idea of our deliverables leading up to our last meeting?
- e. David Read – The Fire Services Guidance Committee should utilize a 2 hour work session on a Saturday to present to the Board of Trustees.

10. Public comment

- a. Pam Boyd – I will try to condense my comments. You guys are a perfect mix for this meeting can you please make yourself a monthly committee starting in January? One of the problems that I have understood over the last two years of meetings is that this township is very poor at long term planning. That is a problem. Let's just get by method especially with the fire station. That has to stop. I really like going for the long term and educating residents for the long term. Living close to the fire station for 30 years I've seen it evolve. We've just gotten along too cheaply for too long. I think residents will appreciate a firm plan that will help them in the future. Bob Hyde to one of your comments about a park. I don't know if anyone remembers downtown Ann Arbor near the courthouse, they had a park called A Little Park for a Little While. They were going to use it for a purpose, but it took several years to get to that point. I also witnessed a woman falling at CRC in the entry way. The staff could not help her, her daughter could not help her, emergency had to be called. This new mode that this fire department is going to have to go get into with elder, senior living coming into Scio Township is a big mindset switch. Awesome presentation, I think I'll stop there.
  - i. David Read – another cancer we need to excise from Scio Township – “That's the way we always did it”
- b. Rob Pattinson – Rob reminded the committee of the need to plan for a ladder truck. This item alone is a 1.6-million-dollar investment.
- c. Jillian Kerry – Good morning. I came in a little bit late so I may have missed some of the discussion. Regarding this you are thinking about having this on the ballot for next year, this would be considered a special assessment under Act 33. Make sure that the language does not say millage. It works differently. I'm on the Road Advisory Committee we have a meeting tonight, one of the things we are reviewing is the township wide road SAD. The observations I have made is that it has not been done correctly. A millage provides a public benefit, a special assessment doesn't. We may have another millage for roads. If we have both of those millage's next year, they are both basic needs. We need our roads, we need our fire department. Safety and roads are important. The biggest issue that would prevent anything from passing is in our township, our finance department we have one employee. We need a finance director as everyone knows. If all of us could pressure the board to get serious about our staff and our finance department, I think that would really help selling millages/SAD's to the public. When giving our money, we want to make sure it is properly taken care of. I really enjoy listening to all of you.

11. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved without objection.

1) Adjournment

- a. Approved without objection. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.