

**April 15, 2021
Thursday 3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert H. Rohner, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Also present were Theresa Laino, Vice Chair, Aaron Springs, Supervisor, Sean Logsdon, Township Solicitor, Ambulance Service Review Committee members Kyle Rohner, Township EMS Director, Sally Bensley, Susanne Duffy, and Edwina Wolfe, Assistant Secretary. Tim Knapp, Pike County Emergency Management Director was guest speaker.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

AMBULANCE SERVICE REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Tim Knapp began his presentation by explaining the problems Lackawaxen Township was experiencing getting volunteers for their ambulance service prior to becoming a career service ambulance. When it was decided to switch to a career service ambulance, they went to the township's Board of Supervisors who were very supportive. They then reached out to the community for experienced people to help form the Board of Directors to begin the task of forming the ambulance service. The existing staff was converted to a career service ambulance service. In the beginning pay rates started at \$10 - \$11 per hour with full benefits, a sign on bonus and free training. They have since increased pay rates to \$15 - \$17 per hour depending on experience. Mr. Knapp explained the operation procedures for the Lackawaxen Township Ambulance Service. They are very cautious spending funds. He added that the service can't depend on insurance money. The service is mostly funded by tax money and the residents aren't billed for the service.

Mr. Knapp explained the key to success is a good Board of Directors and invited the Lehman Township Committee to a board meeting and offered any help he can give. There are 9 members on the Board of Directors.

The ambulance employees are not employed by the township and the township does not pay the worker's compensation insurance. There are 3 ambulances currently in the service that are swapped for service. Mr. Knapp discussed response times for the ambulance service.

Mr. Knapp invited the committee to visit the Lackawaxen Ambulance Service to meet with the business manager and ask questions about how the daily operations work. Mr. Rohner will set up a date and coordinate with Mr. Knapp when all can meet.

Kyle Rohner asked what the goal for Lehman Township is. Robert Rohner answered he envisions a Lehman Township Ambulance Corp to service the residents of Lehman Township.

Mr. Logsdon questioned if there is a need for medical malpractice insurance for the ambulance service. Mr. Knapp responded yes, medical malpractice insurance is needed.

Mr. Springs asked if Lackawaxen Township had a building in place or if a building needed to be built. Mr. Knapp responded that they already had buildings. Kyle Rohner explained that the building will need to be licensed and there is a checklist of requirements that need to be met to become licensed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business motion made by Mr. Rohner to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 P.M. second by Mr. Springs. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Edwina Wolfe
Assistant Secretary