

LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP, PIKE COUNTY, PA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 01

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION # 2009 – 08, THAT CREATED
THE LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSION TO INCLUDE
OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO MODIFY
THE PROVISIONS FOR THE REVISED COMMISSION

THE LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, at their regular meeting held on
April 1, 2013, adopt the following Resolution, which shall amend the prior Resolution
2009 - 08, and is based on the following considerations:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lackawaxen Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter the “Supervisors”), by Resolution # 2009 – 08 (hereinafter “Resolution 08”), did, on June 24, 2009, create the Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission (hereinafter the “Commission”); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 08 established the Commission to be comprised of the four (4) fire companies serving Lackawaxen Township, but did not include other emergency service providers, specifically ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission, Inc. was incorporated in 2011 with the Corporation Bureau for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with representation from the four (4) fire companies; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Greeley Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (“Greeley”), chose to withdraw from the Commission and the Supervisors agreed that Greeley should not be required to remain a part of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lackawaxen Township Emergency Medical Services organization (the “EMS”), which provides ambulance services to Lackawaxen Township, has asked to become a part of the Commission and the remaining fire company members of the Commission agree that it is in the best interest of Lackawaxen Township, its citizens and property owners that the EMS be included in the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes and values the services provided by both the EMS and the volunteer fire departments and believes that the expansion of the Commission to include the EMS will provide better emergency services to the Township community and assist the emergency service providers that provide fire and ambulance services to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors have determined that Resolution 08 should be revised in order to allow for all nonprofit emergency services providers, serving Lackawaxen Township as their primary service area, to be included in the Commission, if such organization chooses to do so.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lackawaxen Township Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following Resolution, which shall amend Resolution # 2009 – 8 in its entirety and shall read as follows:

1. The Lackawaxen Township Fire Commission shall be comprised, at present, of the Central, Forest and Lackawaxen Fire Departments (the “Fire Companies”) and the EMS (hereinafter the “New Commission”). The New Commission shall retain the same corporate name.
2. In the event that Greeley wishes to again become a part of the New Commission, or any other nonprofit entity that provides emergency services to Lackawaxen Township as its primary service area wishes to become a member of the New Commission, it shall be permitted to do so. The New Commission shall establish procedures in its corporate bylaws for bringing an additional member into the New Commission.
3. The New Commission shall be comprised of a predetermined number of representatives from the Fire Companies, the EMS, the Board of Supervisors and citizen members at large. The Fire companies and the EMS shall select their representatives to the New Commission, and the Fire Companies, the EMS organization and the Board of Supervisors shall select citizens at large. Also, one member of the Board of Supervisors shall be a representative on the New Commission.
4. The purpose of the New Commission is to work in partnership with the Fire Companies and the EMS organization to provide dependable and efficient emergency services for Lackawaxen Township. This will include an effort to enhance the overall level of emergency services, including emergency medical and fire protection, to the public, as well as to enhance the safety of the respective department members and the level of volunteerism in the Township. The New Commission will also coordinate administration, fund raising, utilization of assets, training and equipment among the Fire Companies and EMS, as well as explore and, where feasible, implement other mutually beneficial initiatives between and among the organizations.
5. Representation for the Commission shall be:

Fire Companies:	one primary and one alternate from each company
Ambulance Service:	one primary and one alternate (for each company, if applicable)
Board of Supervisors:	one representative
Citizens-at-large:	one recommendation from each Fire Company and the EMS plus two recommendations from the Board of Supervisors and the New Commission, respectively, for citizen representation. It is the intent of the Board of

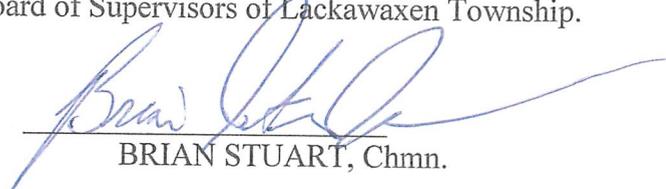
Supervisors to ensure that citizen representation on the New Commission comprises the majority of the New Commission members.

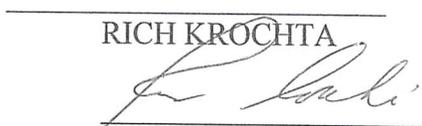
6. The Board of Supervisors shall officially appoint, by motion, all acceptable candidates to the New Commission for a period of 24 months. Appointed members may succeed themselves in these positions upon approval of the Board.
7. The New Commission shall have the ability to appoint any and all subcommittees comprised of individuals selected or recruited from the community, but these persons shall not have voting privileges on the New Commission.
8. The New Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the respective fire companies and the EMS to improve business practices, service delivery, reduction of duplication of equipment and services, coordinate fundraising and promote preservation and enhancement of the volunteer emergency services.
9. This Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by further Resolution of the Board of Supervisors.
10. All ordinances or resolutions and parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Resolved this 1st day of ~~March~~^{April}, 2013 by the Board of Supervisors of Lackawaxen Township.

Attest:


Secretary


BRIAN STUART, Chmn.


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