

PARADISE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2026

Those in Attendance: Committee Members John O. Beiler, John Mark Stoltzfus, David Johnson, Barry Yunkin, Jr., Jonas Fisher, Bob Devonshire, and Karen Farra; Levi Glick and David Yothers.

Absent: Committee Member Alvin Fisher

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

ORGANIZATION:

Nomination for the position of Chairman for 2026: Jonas Fisher **motioned** to nominate Barry Yunkin, Jr., for Chairman. Second by John O. Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman for 2026: John O. Beiler **motioned** to nominate John Mark Stoltzfus as Vice-Chairman. Second by Jonas Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Nomination for the position of Secretary for 2026: John O. Beiler **motioned** to nominate Karen Farra as Secretary. Second by Jonas Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items): None.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed Letter of Delegation for Public Safety Response Planning Authority to be sent to the County Department of Public Safety and resolved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Chief Officers of each fire company serving in first due capacity be appointed as the delegate.
- Discussed Emergency Services Study and resolved to have Mr. Devonshire reach out to Jerry Ozog at PSATS to invite him to a committee meeting to discuss the study process and make recommendations as to who to utilize to conduct the study.
- Discussed financial resources and needs of the fire and EMS providers relative to those of the Township in order to prioritize short-term and long-term goals and establish immediate needs. The current priority is refurbishing Paradise's Rescue. Paradise has established a committee for this purpose. This committee will establish the scope and

cost of the needed repairs, explore grant opportunities and determine funding needs. Long-term needs include construction of a new station, replacement of Paradise's Rescue in 2030/2031 and their Engine in 2034, replacement of two of PVFD's Engines in 2030 and their Tower in 2034, new radios and replacing air packs

ADJOURNMENT:

- At 8:40 p.m., David Johnson **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by John Mark Stotlzfus. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Farra, Secretary