PARADISE TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2026

Those in Attendance: Committee Members Barry Yunkin, Jr., David Johnson, Alvin Fisher, John Mark Stoltzfus, Bob Devonshire and Karen Farra.

Absent: Jonas Fisher and John Beiler.

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items): None.

MINUTES:

- David Johnson **motioned** to approve the June 3, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by John Mark Stoltzfus. All Ayes. **Motion Passed**.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed Emergency Services Study proposal received from Jerry Ozog. Mr. Devonshire advised that the study is a service provided at no charge by PSATS to their members, so there would be no cost to have Mr. Ozog complete the study since the Township is a PSATS member. Discussion was had regarding other available options to having Mr. Ozog do the study via the PSATS program and to confirm what decision, if any, was made by the Committee at the beginning of this process regarding who to use to complete the study. Various pros and cons were discussed after which it was resolved to have Mr. Ozog attend the October 7, 2026 meeting of the Committee to establish a timeline and ask any other questions in order to clarify the process before deciding whether or not to recommend having Mr. Ozog complete the study.

UPDATES:

- Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company Updates by Mr. Yunkin
    - A roof repair to the station is needed prior to winter. There is a crack in the ceiling that runs the length of one of the bays and when a load is placed on the roof (by snow), that crack widens. A structural analysis is needed to determine best method

to make the needed repair. They are awaiting an approval from the Board of Trustees to move forward with the repair process.

- B & D Builders/Baun is working on getting a map finalized to provide to the Pequea Valley Fire Department (PVFD). Discussion was had regarding the property address. Ms. Farra will research records to determine the assigned property address for the lot containing the temporary office trailers.
- Rescue is back from tool mounting and is awaiting additional work to include light work, the train horn, some cab items and other miscellaneous work. Full in-service date will dependent upon when this work and a final inspection are completed. The rescue can be placed in and out of service as needed to respond to vehicle accidents with entrapment.
- Paradise Leaman Place FC will be hosting a VRT class in October.
- Members are working on basic ropes training.

- <u>Pequea Valley Fire Department Updates by Mr. Johnson</u>

  - Radios received (Kenwood).
  - Next EMT class starts in December. They currently have 13 people signed-up.
  - Discussed new Medical Director appointment, Dr. McCardell, and scope of his services/time dedicated to our region/PVFD.
  - Discussed how the transition to Christiana providing ALS (medic) services to Paradise Township is going. Mr. Johnson said all is going well. There was only one issue with response on two calls. It was determined it was the same medic on both responses and that medic is no longer responding to calls.
  - Discussed the consolidation of boxes per the County's request (50 to 9). Mr. Johnson noted the boxes are now too big and need some tweaks, but the County will not change any existing assignments at this time as they have a new GIS person who is still training, so they want to wait until that person is fully integrated.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

- At 7:52 p.m., John Mark Stoltzfus **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Alvin Fisher. All Ayes. **Motion Passed**.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Karen Farra, Secretary