

PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPALITY
AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ON BEHALF
OF THE PROPOSED INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES

August 31, 2022

Minutes

A public hearing regarding the proposed incorporation of a joint municipality authority to administer emergency medical services on behalf of the proposed incorporating municipalities was held on August 31 at 7:00 PM at Chiques Church, 4045 Sunnyside Road, Manheim, PA 17545. The proposed incorporating municipalities included the Boroughs of Elizabethtown, Manheim, and Marietta, and the Townships of Clay, Conoy, East Donegal, Elizabeth, Mount Joy, Penn, Rapho, and West Donegal of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and the Township of Conewago of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

John Yoder, West Donegal Township, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed all to the meeting and proceeded with roll call of all elected officials from the twelve proposed incorporating municipalities. Mr. Yoder announced that both the official notice and conduct of the hearing is a requirement under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act, 53 Pa.C.S. Ch 56 in order for the proposed incorporating municipalities to consider an ordinance for enactment at an upcoming meeting of their respective governing bodies toward incorporating the proposed authority. He noted that the public is invited to provide comment before the gathered elected officials; however, no debate or discussion among the elected officials is intended and no official action will be taken by any of the represented municipalities. Any further action with regards to the proposed incorporation of a regional authority will occur at a regular meeting of each of the proposed incorporating municipalities. Finally, Mr. Yoder provided guidelines for how all those present will be able to make their comments for consideration by the gathered officials, including a reminder that the meeting is being audio recorded.

Marc Hershey, Elizabethtown Borough welcomed all to the public hearing and expressed thanks to the members of the subcommittee who helped to organize for the public hearing. He also thanked Chiques Church for hosting the hearing. Mr. Hershey and Lowell Fry, Rapho Township presented information on the proposed Regional Emergency Services Authority including the history and current context of regional emergency medical services and a detailed overview of the proposed regional authority under consideration for incorporation. They shared information on the potential framework for the fee assessment to support the proposed authority as well as a tentative timeline for the community process to consider incorporation.

The public was invited to make comments and share their thoughts on the proposed regional authority. 14 individuals spoke, offering comments, concerns, and questions about the authority. The Public Hearing comment period closed at 8:16 PM

Mr. Hershey reminded all that each municipality will be discussing the proposed incorporation of the regional authority as an agenda item during their respective public meetings in the coming months and encouraged the public to attend and continue to ask questions and share their comments and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Hershey at 8:22 PM.