## Pine Hill Fire District #1 Special Emergency Meeting Minutes January 11, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Waddington at 4:30 P.M. Chairman Waddington led the salute to the flag and read the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Davis – *present*, Commissioner Hassett – *present*, Commissioner Wakeley – *present*, Commissioner Warrington – *present*, Commissioner Waddington – *present* 

Other Officials Present: Chief Dukes

**EMERGENCY BUSINESS:** Chairman Waddington informed everyone that the special emergency meeting was called for to address the immediate need of a provider of emergency medical services to the residents of Pine Hill. Notice of this emergency meeting will be advertised in the Courier Post along with the outcome. Chairman Waddington asked Commissioner Warrington to advise everyone of the current status of emergency medical services.

Commissioner Warrington informed everyone that he received a call from the Mayor of Gloucester Twp. that there are serious problems with the Gloucester Twp. EMS Alliance and the Mayor decided to enter into a contract with AMR as the provider of emergency medical services. Commissioner Warrington said that GTEMS will cease all operations on January 31, 2019. However, GTEMS failed to provide services to the residents of Pine Hill this week and that is unacceptable. Fortunately, AMR provided the coverage as a courtesy to our residents. However, AMR is under no formal obligation to provide services to the residents of Pine Hill at this point in time.

Commissioner Warrington said that he has researched our options and discussed the situation with the concerned parties. Commissioner Warrington said that he believes the safest and most cost-effective option would be to enter into a contract with AMR to provide immediate emergency medical services. Commissioner Warrington said that the loss of emergency medical services poses a serious risk to the residents of Pine Hill that must be addressed. It is our obligation.

Note: Earlier in the day via email, Commissioner Warrington provided the Board members documentation to support his opinion so they would have time to review it before attending the emergency meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hassett to enter into a contract with AMR to provide immediate emergency medical services with the condition that Solicitor Carlamere give us his opinion that the contract is in order and that the proper procedure was followed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Davis – yes, Commissioner Hassett – yes, Commissioner Warrington – yes, Commissioner Warrington – yes. Motion approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Waddington asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wakeley and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion passed with five yes votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Kenneth Davis

Commission Secretary

John Campanella

Fire District Business Administrator