

**COMMITTEE MEETING
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
TUESDAY
JANUARY 3, 2012**

Members present: Bill Farber, Rick Wilt, Clark Seaman, and Ermina Pincombe
Via phone conference: John Frey

**CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
2:30 AM**

Also present: Don Purdy

Ermina asked Don to discuss the meeting he attended.

Don & Rick reported that the meeting wasn't well publicized. An email went to the squads regarding the meeting but feels that it still wasn't publicized enough. Some felt it was a squad meeting, Rick thought it was an Emergency Management meeting under the direction of Hamilton County. Gary told Don it was an EMS Council meeting.

There needs to be Council and Squad meetings. Rick stated that they should not be talking about the Council here.

Bill asked who the Officers on the Council are. Don stated Gary is the Chairman and he is not sure who the Vice is and Julie Dunham is the Treasurer.

Rick stated that we are not paying Gary to run the Council.

Bill replied that the reason for the Council is it could steer us toward what we want to accomplish with training. That would give us an opportunity for a contractual relationship with the EMS Council to help shore up the necessary funding to get training done. Discussion continued regarding the Council.

Don reported that there is a meeting on January 18th to appoint new officers.

Don recommend that Gary gets a copy of the by-laws and review them before the next meeting.

Rick feels they need to defuse Gary's roll from the County aspect.

Don will review Gary's job description.

Rick stated Gary's job is to see how the County can help the squads.

Ermina asked how we get through to Gary what his job is. Is talking to him enough? Bill stated he feels we are on the right track.

Rick voiced that he will go to the meeting and try to define the difference between the Council and the Coordinator.

Bill stated there are three facets to this Department. Bill feels that Jay puts in a lot of hours and was wondering if there were things that Don could do, such as respond to emails, etc.

Don did point out that they were underutilizing his Deputy, Ryan Marshall. Ryan is good with grant writing. He feels they should have Ryan talk to Fire Departments to see what their needs are.

Rick left at this time, 3:00 PM.

Ermina asked if we are on a good path. Bill explained that we need to support Don as a Department Head.

Don offered to take the Fire Advisory Board Resolution and their oaths to the appointees, on January 18th at the Fire Advisory Board meeting.

Bill recommended that Don not have the EMS and the Fire Advisory Board meeting on the same night, he should attend both.

Ermina stated that John G. Stortecky would like to serve; it was decided to change the resolution to add Mr. Stortecky for Thursday's meeting.

After further discussion Don reported he will change the Fire Advisory Board meeting to January 25th.

Don reported that Ryan could meet with the County Wednesday afternoons after 12:30PM.