

**FIRE/EMS TAX PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 28, 2023, 5:00 P.M.**

Present: Supervisors Lindy Platz, Clay Brocious and Pete Dion, Zoning Administrator Tiffany Kramer, Tax Collector Dean Roney, Joyce Dion, Marvin Waxham Jr., Jeff Gadley, Jim Mattson, Peter Burton, Dennis Olesnanik, Rick Meyer, John Borland, Larry Biggie, Jim Carstetter, Andrew Graves, Branden Schultz, Brandon Kennedy, Tim Olesnanik, Robin Vanicek, Joan Delavern, Ginger Cinti, Mary Gollmer, Kristen Reinwald, Rob Stubenbort, Chris Byers, Joe Cree, Pete Kraus, Justin Pacansky, Buzz McNally and Mary Ann Mook of the WCNJ.

Clay Brocious welcomed everyone and thanked them for representing their municipality. He stated that this meeting was for a discussion, and nothing is being voted on or decided at this time.

L. Platz explained what a fire tax would do, the local tax information and the breakdown of each municipality, detailing what each fire department would receive.

Marvin Waxham, from LCFD, stated that they only receive about 30% of donations through their fundraiser. If there was a fire tax, it would make it equal for everyone due to each homeowner paying a percent of what their house is evaluated at.

A question regarding renters was asked, with it being discussed that the landlords would be responsible, or they can pass the cost to their tenants.

A discussion was had considering if residents would still donate, because some people feel that the tax is their contribution. It was reiterated that not everyone participates in donations, but the tax would include every household. Pete Kraus, Supervisor in Fairview, stated other states have done this tax for years and those moving to the area may not feel the need to donate because they think it's already a part of their taxes.

A representative from Platea stated they are passing a fire tax ordinance at their next supervisor's meeting. They need a new truck which will cost \$550,000.

Each fire department explained where their current funding comes from, most of it being from grants.

L. Platz asked whether another meeting was needed to discuss this further and it was decided that one more would be a good idea. There was no date for that meeting set.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindy Platz, Secretary