



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
March 9, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Dorsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy		

Others:

Dale Emerson, Curran Fire District	Jeff Fulgenzi – SSCRPC
Sam Collins, Western Fire District	Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC
Dwight “Cap” O’Keefe, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP	
Dick Treat –Chatham Township Supervisor	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Murphy called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Murphy announced that Ms. Jackie Newman had contacted him and would not be in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Murphy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February 10, 2016, regular meeting. Mr. Josh Collins moved to approve the minutes. Hon. Karen Hasara seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. Introductions and Announcements

Chair Murphy asked for introductions to acquaint everyone to the invited guests from the pass-through fire protection districts, as well as other guests. Chair Murphy thanked everyone for coming.

V. DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

A. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

Mr. Plunk expressed the CEC’s interests in the recommendation on consolidation of the pass-through fire protection districts from the first CEC. He opened the floor for discussion and asked the guests for their ideas on consolidation.

During the discussion and in response to various CEC members’ inquiries, Mr. Dwight O’Keefe shared that Springfield Fire Department has requested a FPD tax increase to be used for new EMS equipment and training of staff.

Dale Emerson, Curran Fire District indicated he had received numerous calls from homeowners when Curran had a contract with Chatham Fire Department about their insurance premiums increasing as their ISO rating decreased.



The group agreed that the shortage of volunteer firefighters is likely to become more difficult. Foreign Fire District Tax was discussed. It was mentioned that many felt the tax is to help out the city treasury and managed as a 'slush fund' for the SPFD.

Mr. Robert Wesley noted and understood from the discussion with pass-through fire protection districts that appropriate trustee representation should be considered, should there be a merger.

It was clear the fire district officials are opposed to the merger.

B. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner – Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Plunk stated he had reported about the Regional Leadership Council meeting at the February meeting and there was nothing to report.

It was noted that a number of the regional elected village trustees expressed interest in the RLC and had not received information from their respective mayors. The next meeting for the RLC will be April 27th, from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the County Board Chamber. It was noted they usually meet the last Wednesday of the quarterly month.

C. Sewer Transfer Study – Dr. Kevin Dorsey & Chair Murphy
No report given.

D. Regional Policing Study – Hon. Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Hon. Karen Hasara reported that Chair Murphy and she met with the Chair Andy Van Meter and Mr. Brian McFadden from the County Board. The County leadership shared once again a willingness to cooperate with the CEC and the County stands ready to assist with the referendum the CEC would propose.

Chair Murphy stated Chair Van Meter is willing to attend a future CEC meeting.

Hon. Karen Hasara and Chair Murphy stated they would invite Mayor James O. Langfelder, Springfield Police Chief Kenny Winslow, Sheriff Wes Barr, and Jim Cimarossa to the April 13th CEC meeting.

E. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Larry Bomke reported on some information he received from the Legislative Research Unit detailing Legislative history on Tax Collectors. He discussed the number of Bills introduced related to government consolidations.

Hon. Karen Hasara shared that the County would be willing to consider lobbying for a change in legislation which may support a CEC Legislative Agenda.

F. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth & Chair Murphy

Chair Murphy reported they will continue to follow the newly introduced legislation.

G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

No report was given.



VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Murphy asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Mike Murphy asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Dick Treat, Chatham Township Supervisor stated that Chatham does not have a tax collector. A vacancy created an opportunity to defund the position. The position will be placed on the next ballot with the salary as \$1.00.

Mr. Treat stated that the Township Supervisor Association will meet in Rochester at 6:00 P.M. on March 16, 2016.

Mr. Fulgenzi announced his resignation from the SSCRPC. He stated he has accepted a position with the State of Illinois. Mr. Fulgenzi said it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with the CEC.

Mr. Plunk stated the CEC may want to send letters of recognition to the townships that have abolished their tax collectors.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mike Murphy asked if there were any further comments. There being none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. J.D. Sudeth motioned to adjourn. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary