

A meeting of the Mendon Citizens Advisory Committee for Town of Mendon Fire Service was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at the Mendon Community Center, 167 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.

PRESENT: Muffy Meisenzahl; Karen Jenkins; Mendon Supervisor, John Moffitt; Ryan Wilsey; Chief Peter Kester (Zoom); Mike Arman; Chief Cory Trewer; Anthony Militello; David Smith; Steve Tschiderer.

ABSENT: Robin Stewart Ha, Gerald Lonthair

OTHERS: Dan Scanlon, Fisher Fire Department (Zoom); Brian Anderson, Village Administrator; Mary Scanlon, Village Resident; Scott Johnson, Honeoye Falls Fire Department; Danny Bassette, IT support.

Minutes were taken by Bonnie Toomey.

Ms. Meisenzahl opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

Ms. Meisenzahl pointed out the exits and restrooms.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Meisenzahl acknowledged others present.

MINUTES for the August 10, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Ms. Meisenzahl stated all the materials for the meeting are here in hard copy tonight and are posted on the Town website.

Ms. Meisenzahl said if any members wanted documents hole punched for their folders, there was one available.

Ms. Meisenzahl referred to the handout titled "Meeting Schedule Proposal". She explained it is a tool for the Members to be aware of what to expect and be prepared for at each meeting. She also stated it is fluid.

There were no questions.

Mendon Fire District submitted their resource information and their research to the Committee.

COMMITTEE CHARGE

Mr. Tschiderer walked the committee through information regarding the Mendon Fire Department.

- Call Volumes for 2000-2021:
 - Fire Calls
 - Rescue Calls (everything other than fire calls)
 - Total Calls
 - Noted not a big change year to year

- Average Calls by:
 - Month
 - Day of Week
 - Time of Day

Mr. Moffitt asked if the numbers represented calls just within the Mendon Fire District. Mr. Tschiderer answered no, it shows total call volume.

Mr. Moffitt asked if both departments responded would it be on both spread sheets. Mr. Tschiderer responded affirmatively.

Ms. Meisenzahl suggested showing the number of times both departments responded together as a separate category.

Mr. Tschiderer reviewed a graph and map showing Mendon Fire Department's calls by Box Summary for reference. He noted the box labeled 310 is not current.

Regarding Personnel and Equipment, determining numbers is a work in progress. They have a lot of data they are working through.

Ms. Meisenzahl stated she doesn't want the Committee Members to get lost in the data but need to see the big picture and understand the implications. We may see voids and opportunities for improvement. As we look at need assessment and risks, one of the things you have indicated as problems are some intersections and roadways. When we get to those topics, based on the boxes, we might want to look at motor vehicle accidents, are they concentrated in a certain area. Or you might want data from the State and County on accident numbers and locations. If there is something else you want, do not hesitate to ask for it.

Chief Kester was asked if he wanted to add anything, he did not.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any questions or any information anyone would like at this point. There were none.

REVIEWED UPDATED COMMUNITY RISKS SHEET

Ms. Meisenzahl asked Chief Trewer for an update on Han-Tek, Inc. if it should remain on the list or be taken off. He answered there was no clear answer at this time.

Ms. Meisenzahl proceeded to review the changes made.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if the Town of Mendon Highway and Village of Honeoye Falls Department of Public Works should be added. Mr. Moffitt and Mr. Anderson both indicated positively.

Chief Trewer asked if the Frontier building on Monroe Street (57 Monroe Street) should be added. There used to be a 500-gallon fuel tank in the basement. Ms. Meisenzahl will check into the building content.

Mr. Militello stated he was unsure of the intersections, what is the measurement we are using that this is a special risk?

Ms. Meisenzahl answered that it is not defined. From a personal perspective where accidents happen. Is there a title you would like? She added to think about what you will do with this information, what equipment do you send to a motor vehicle accident? Trying to determine what equipment is needed, staffing time, planning time and mutual aid assistance if necessary so the people on the Committee and those reading the report know we looked at our resources to match our risks.

Mr. Militello stated they would need to include Department of Transportation information for each intersection. There was some discussion on the need for the intersections being included. Ms. Meisenzahl said she can get the information from New York State and Monroe County Departments of Transportation. Then the Committee can review and see what their thoughts are.

Mr. Militello suggested adding multifamily dwellings as well as apartment buildings.

Village: Old Falls Village, Seneca Place, Totiakton, Pinehurst, Monticello, The Villager, Norton Mills

Town: Bridges of Mendon

If there is a question on any multiple dwellings in the Village, we can check with Mr. Lonchair. Sewer rental will show the number of units in a dwelling.

Also add Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School Complex.

Ms. Meisenzahl reviewed the Town of Mendon EPOD (Environmental Protection Overlay Districts) maps.

EPOD 6 – Waste Disposal Sites, pink circles show construction debris sites

EPOD 1 – Wetlands

EPOD 3 – Watercourse Protection

EPOD 8 – Flood Damage Prevention

EPOD 9 – Soils Susceptible to Ponding

There are all sorts of water features that play into your fire protection. Ms. Meisenzahl asked how much of this information do you want. Mr. Militello stated he would like flood risks.

The next map was Highways by Right-of-Way, this map will be updated.

Mr. Militello asked if there was anything that show forest and population density.

Mr. Tschiderer stated that whether landfill sites are capped or active determines if they would be a concern for the Fire Departments. Mr. Militello added the Hansen stone quarry that is shared with Rush.

ROUNDTABLE

Chief Kester (zoom) had nothing to add at this time.

Mr. Smith asked about the ISO for the Fire Departments. ISO stands for Insurance Services Office which is a company that creates ratings for fire departments. These ratings calculate how well-equipped a fire department is as well as water supply and other factors. Honeoye Fall's rating in 2020 was 4, Mendon's was 4 in 2002. Chief Kester stated they are currently working with ISO for a reassessment. Mr. Moffitt asked if there was a range. Mr. Tschiderer answered yes, nine to one, indicating the lower the score is better.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any other questions, there were none.

RESEARCH AND ASSIGNMENT REVIEW

Still looking for information on the Village contracts for specific years. Mr. Anderson stated he had some questions on that and would talk to Ms. Meisenzahl after the meeting.

Monetary Grants Awards, Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Lonthair would have that information for the next meeting.

Plans and studies, no new information was offered.

Indebtedness and Capital Reserve funds, nothing was offered.

Ms. Meisenzahl stated items for the next meeting; wrap up information needed from the Fire Departments, work on the Risk Assessment, look at the Water Authority and water presence in the Town and then municipal resources from the Town, Village, County and the State and how that intersects with fire protection.

Ms. Meisenzahl asked if there were any questions from the Guests.

Ms. Scanlon, asked if a DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) permit was needed for the large fuel tanks in relation to the Frontier building. That might be a source to determine if the tank is still there. Ms. Meisenzahl said she would find out. Ms. Scanlon also noted under risks, Group Home should be added and to also consider vulnerability in addition to numbers. Ms. Meisenzahl will add the Finger Lakes DDSO (Developmental Disabilities Service Office) home on Pine Trail to the multiple listings category. There are no group homes in the Mendon Fire District.

Chief Kester and Mr. Scanlon (Zoom) had no questions or comments.

The next meeting is September 14, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.