

June 8, 2023

North Annville Township Emergency Services Committee
Recommendation

Topic: Future of Fire Service in North Annville Township

Committee Findings:

1)Based on the willingness of both Bellegrove Fire Company and Waterworks Fire Company, discussions will begin immediately to merge into one fire company, which will have one set of board of directors and officers.

2)The newly formed fire company would continue to be financially supported by the township at its present amount or more.

3)As previously stated in our April 25, 2022 recommendation letter, a fire tax should be instituted without a referendum at the earliest possible time in the amount of not less than \$200,000.00 a year.

4)Based on the supervisors previous commitment to provide the ARP funding of \$263,975.76 for the purchase of fire apparatus at the May 2022 township meeting; the township would now set aside this amount of money for the newly formed fire company to use toward apparatus replacement. This would allow the supervisors to utilize the ARP funds for current expenditures in order for the funds to be used by the deadline while keeping the original commitment to the fire service.

The committee hopes the supervisors would show support and commitment to each of the committee's recommendations listed above.