

Emergency Services

Committee Membership

Emergency Services Committee (ESC) members at the end of 2020 were: Adam Contos, Doug Cooper, Lyn Krause, Vern Nelson, Jackie Sundquist (Chairperson), Beth Westberg and Dale Zeh. The ESC meets on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning 8:00 am. Meetings are open to the community and residents are always welcome to attend.

Covid-19

With the appearance of the Covid-19 virus, meetings were moved to the Zoom format. Safety measures were put in place at the HA and some staff members worked from home. These measures have been very successful in protecting staff and volunteers.

Resignation of Chief of Emergency Services.

The Chief of Emergency Services resigned in April, 2020. Mark Larson assumed all duties and tasks related to that position until further notice. With this major vacancy in the ES staff most of the year was spent trying to keep all of the basic ES responsibilities fulfilled. The ESC has been reviewing the requirements for the Chief's position as well as the Emergency Services needs of the Village to determine if position modifications are needed prior to recruitment of the next Chief. Recruitment is expected to begin by the beginning of March, 2021.

Alarm Monitoring

The ESC now has a signed contract with our new alarm monitoring provider, Vyanet. We also continue to work with them to develop a plan to update our current alarm monitoring system. Vyanet has proposed using a radio frequency-based system. The Technology Committee is joining the ESC to review this type of monitoring technology as well as the installation process suggested by Vyanet.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Emergency Services Department held its 19th annual Pancake Breakfast in October. Due to Covid we had to develop a new distribution process and our attendance had to be limited due to social distancing restrictions. All open slots for the breakfast were rapidly filled and a long waiting list compiled. Still with the restrictions and limited availability the response from our residents was overwhelmingly positive.

Even with the Pandemic, ESC enjoyed a productive year in 2020 and looks forward to serving our community in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jackie Sundquist, Chairperson
Emergency Services Committee