

November 16, 2007

To: President Howard Duerr
Commissioner Amy Kochirka

Dear President Duerr:

On November 15, 2007 the Stowe Township General Fire Department held a special meeting to vote on the disbandment of the organization. That vote was passed by a majority vote and the organization is now preparing its final draft of the minutes, bringing the organization to a close.

The reason for my letter is to request a meeting with the appropriate members of the Board of Commissioners to discuss this issue and the many issues facing the future direction of the fire department. As you and the other members of the Board are aware, division of emergency services is the exact opposite that the city, region, and state are seeking.

I will again reiterate my position that I am a supporter of Commissioner Kochirka's original concept of doing a consolidation study. However, I am confident that we do not need the State to tell us where our problems lie. It is obvious to any observer that the division of the department is our problem. We can not continue to experience the internal division that is prevalent amongst the three fire companies and must work towards a unified solution.

I present my position as the one that supports a unified consolidation of the fire department and have announced that position in the past as I do now. If this issue of division is not addressed with a firm solution and a unified support of the Board of Commissioners, I believe that this problem will develop into a safety issue.

I would like to meet with you and the other Members that you feel appropriate to discuss this issue. If possible, I would like to initiate an organized plan to reunify the department and seek your support to accomplish this challenging task.

Thank you in advance for your time and understanding. I will look forward to your response.

Respectfully

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