



THE FLASH

October 22, 2024

President Al Lazar called the meeting to order & led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
Acapella – “God Bless America”

Rosalie Bell – Invocation

Mark Barnhart – 29 members present

Bill Pfeifer – Happy Bucks (\$143 was collected)

MUTUAL AID = EMS =

Lisa Kennedy
Shawn Penzera



Shawn Penzera and Lisa Kennedy were our speakers today. Shawn gave an overview of Mutual Aid. It was started in 1968 and they cover 33 municipalities within Westmoreland and Fayette Counties. They currently have 275 employees. They cover 12 school districts with approximately 186,000 people. They are the 3rd largest EMS within PA, only behind Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

He spoke about the costs associated with running their service. Examples would be fuel costs of \$40,000/year, \$1.8 million for 40 needed monitors, \$12,000 for blood coolers, etc. They appreciate that the city of Greensburg has donated 2 of these blood coolers to help offset expenses. Shawn informed us about the many programs they run through the year including over 300 school events.

Lisa Kennedy spoke about the different ways that the Mutual Aid receives funds. They are mostly through endowments and donations. She also spoke about subscriptions that are offered to residents that not only assist with discounted pricing for the members but that these funds help offset prices that insurances do not cover. They are always looking for corporate and individual memberships.

Thank you to Shawn and Lisa for sharing these important details about such a vital service in our area.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next highway cleanup is scheduled for November 9 at 8am. We will meet in the parking lot across from the Seton Hill University entrance. See Colten for details.

The annual Rotary Christmas party is scheduled for December 10 at the Greensburg Country Club. Further details to follow.

There are a few spots still available for Bell Ringing at the Westmoreland Mall.

The word of the week is Ort.

