

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP
LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION 021016

AUTHORIZING THE NEWMANSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE
COMPANY TO RECOVER COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN
RESPONDING TO FIRE, SAFETY, RESCUE, VEHICLE, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS

WHEREAS, Millcreek Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, by its Ordinance 051105 recognized and designated, and this township continues to recognize and designate, the Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company, as the officially recognized fire company for Millcreek Township; and

WHEREAS, the Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company responds to fire, safety, rescue, vehicle, hazardous material, and environmental incidents; and

WHEREAS, such responses begin either directly, via 911 response, or in coordination with the Lebanon County Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, these responses consume considerable fire company resources; and

WHEREAS, raising real property taxes to meet the costs of the fire company resources consumed during such responses would not be fair to the taxpayers of this township, because a large portion of the incidents responded to involve individuals who do not own property or pay taxes in this township, and because the responses of the fire company decreases the liability of insurance companies by saving lives and minimizing property damage; and

WHEREAS, this township intends to authorize the Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company to seek collection and reimbursement for the reasonable costs of responding to such incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Millcreek, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Authorization to Recover Costs.

The Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company is hereby authorized to recover the reasonable costs of materials, equipment, personnel hours, and hazardous abatement materials with respect to any fire, safety, rescue, vehicle, or environmental incident in which the company participates.

Section 2. Method of Recovery.

These reasonable costs may be recovered from the individuals served or their insurers, either directly by the Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company or by agreement with a third party billing service. If more than one fire company responds to an incident, one responding company may administer the cost recovery for all responding companies, or each responding company may administer its own cost recovery, whichever is more appropriate under the circumstances.

Section 3. Administrative Fees and Interest.

In addition to recovering reasonable costs, the Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company is hereby authorized to collect reasonable interest, as well as reasonable administrative and collection fees for recovering costs under this resolution.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2016, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Millcreek, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

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