

Open Work Session

Letter of Support for Senate Bill 620 – Income Tax Subtraction Modification for Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or Emergency Medical Service Members

March 2, 2021

Mrs. Hurley said she received an email from Senator Addie Eckardt’s Office asking the County’s position on Senate Bill 620, which modifies the point system that allows volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical service members to receive a tax credit. She clarified, they currently receive a tax credit, but this Bill modifies the point system taking into account the number of days organizations ceased operations due to a public health emergency, and makes it easier to get the points needed to get the tax credit.

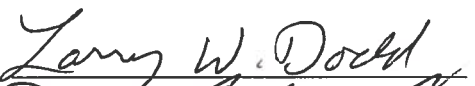
Mr. Dodd asked how long this would go on because he thinks this is in light of COVID that they are not able to make their points for fires, trainings, or meetings. Mrs. Hurley said it is a result of COVID, and applies to tax year 2021 and beyond, to which Mr. Dodd responded, so this would be forever.

Mr. Holloway said he wants to make it clear that the guys are still showing up for ambulance calls and fires. He said there has not been as much training or activity because of COVID, but the volunteers are showing up and answering calls as needed, so they are not suffering from a lack of service.

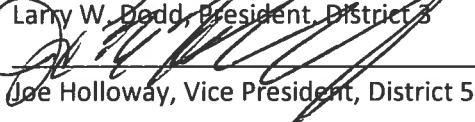
Mr. Dodd suggested keeping in mind that this tax incentive is not much, but it helps the volunteers and is one thing that keeps them going, so he can support this.

There was unanimous support to sending the letter.

There was no further discussion.

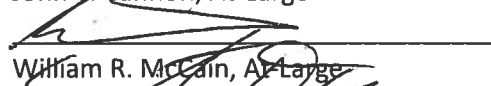


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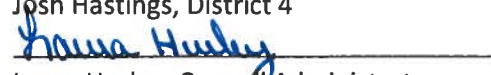
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