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West Mayfield Fire Service Review Committee  
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Lou Little, President and Fire Chief  
West Mayfield Volunteer Fire Department  
706 37th St Ext., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

RE: Open Letter: WMVFD Participation and Representation, West Mayfield Fire Service Review Committee (FSRC)

Dear Fire Chief Little,

On February 8, 2024, West Mayfield council unanimously passed a general motion authorizing the creation of an ad hoc committee to review the borough's current fire service and to report to council within six months its findings of fact and recommendations. During deliberation over this motion, council president Bob Tate invited fire department representatives to sit on the committee so that the fire department's interests and expertise will be fairly and accurately accounted for in the review process.

It is a stated operational goal and serious ethical commitment of the FSRC to be open and transparent with our fact-finding, especially when it comes to information and data available through public records. On this we should all agree. However, we recognize that not all members of the committee may agree on how facts and data should be interpreted. Therefore, every FSRC member will have a chance to voice agreement with or opposition to the committee's final conclusions and recommendations.

In the end, we aim to provide a meaningful report to the citizens that is factual, evidence-based, rational, and obviously useful in their discussions over our present and future fire protection and fire service concerns. The West Mayfield Volunteer Fire Department should have a voice in these discussions.

Although we have informally reached out to one of your administrative officers seeking WMVFD participation on the FSRC, we'd like to take this opportunity to formally invite you to nominate up to three representatives of your organization not currently serving on council to take seats on this working committee, one of which shall serve as the WMVFD Co-Chair.

**We respectfully ask that you respond to this request by March 22, 2024.**

Sincerely,

Janet Helbig, FRSC Council Co-Chair  
Kevin Farkas, FRSC Citizen Co-Chair