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Borough of Kennett Square Public Meeting for Fire/EMS Services Rescheduled to June 5th

The special Borough Council meeting that was initially scheduled for Thursday, May 25th to discuss the Borough's needs and interests as it relates to its Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has been rescheduled to **Monday, June 5th at 7:00pm at Borough Hall (600 S. Broad Street).**

The Borough (along with five other local municipalities) is a member of the Kennett Fire and Emergency Services Regional Commission (Commission), which was created in 2017 to provide funding support to our local fire companies and reduce expenses. Given the fact the Borough's contribution to the Commission has increased substantially over the past five years (80% increase during this time span), the Borough recently contracted with Fitch & Associates (Fitch), a reputable Fire and EMS consultant, to review the Borough's expenditures as it relates to its membership in the Commission.

This review includes an assessment of overall efficiency and will help determine what the appropriate cost to the Borough should be based on call volume, size of the municipality, response times, etc. The objective of the review is to promote fairness, help foster a sustainable strategic plan for the Commission, and provide the best (and most efficient) service for Borough residents based on a thorough evaluation of objective data.

Fitch will present its report and findings at the Council's **June 5th** meeting. The meeting is open to the public and residents will be able to make public comments after the report is presented. Borough Council will decide how to move forward at a subsequent Council meeting, after reviewing the report and hearing public comments.

The Borough appreciates the public's interest and welcomes feedback. For questions or comments, please contact the Borough by calling (610) 444-6020 or via email to Borough Manager Kyle Coleman at kcoleman@kennettsq.org.