

**TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting was held in Room 128 (lower level) of the Township of Cumru building on January 22, 2008 at 7:04 PM.

Members of the Board in Attendance:

X	Commissioner Rohrbach	X	District Fire Chief Crupi
X	Commissioner Sacco	X	District Fire Chief Swartz
	Township Manager Sigworth	X	District Fire Chief Dietrich
X	Twp. Fire Chief Scott Brady		

Also in attendance: Assistant Chiefs Joe Garipoli, Bob Snyder and Captain Seiger

Minutes: - Minutes from December, 18, 2007 meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker – Fire Chief Scot Landis (Shillington FD) presented a proposal regarding a joint Governor Mifflin Area effort for a Heavy/Technical Rescue Unit. Chief Landis is seeking support for such a concept. S. Brady requested that each District Chief provide feedback to him so that he can send a letter supporting (or not supporting) Chief Landis proposal.

Old Business:

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** BOC gave approval to start the hiring practice. A meeting was held with the Civil Service Commission Attorney to review final procedures for hiring. Some minor changes need to be made. After the changes have been received, I will be placing the ad in the local paper. **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** S. Brady will be ordering the adapters in early spring 2008. In regards to the hydrant at Grings Hill and Old Lancaster Pike, contact was made with John Rothwell (Pennsylvania American Water) to correct the steamer connection. Anticipated time from corrections 2/5. **S. Brady**
3. **Purchase of land for new fire station in Flying Hills area.** Negotiations are on-going with Adventist WholeHealth. **S. Brady.**
4. **Apparatus replacement for TW70.** The committee has been determined. The following will be part of the Township committee. S. Brady, J. Dietrich, B. Silcox, R. Snyder, S. Landis, J. Seiger and L. Ohlinger. S. Brady will be scheduling a meeting. **S. Brady, J. Dietrich**

5. **Pursue legal separation of Social Quarters from fire operations (56, 70).** A meeting was held with John Muir and Township Manager. S. Brady needs to provide addition information for the Township Solicitor. Also need to inform Twp. Commissioners that the Grill and Gouglersville Fire Companies are looking for legal advice with this issue. S. Brady will be sending a Memo to the Commissioners. **S. Brady, J. Dietrich and B. Crupi.**
6. **Training objective: Qualifications** sheets are being developed for Truck, Rescue and Driver/Operator personnel. 70 for Truck, 56 for Rescue, and 42 for Driver/Operator. **All parties reported progress.**
7. **NIMS Command Vest.** S. Brady will be ordering the following IC vests. Incident Command, Operations, Safety, and Accountability. There will be two sets for each company. One additional set will be order for the FC's car with the following additional vests; Logistics, Planning, Public Info., Fire and Police. **S. Brady**
8. **Adequate funding for fire service projects.** There was a general discussion about long term funding for large capital projects. i.e. land purchase for future stations, apparatus replacement, and fire stations. It was suggested to seek advice from a financial advisor for assistance in determining adequate funding for the future. **No progress reported by S. Brady**

New Business:

No new Business.

Topics of Discussion

1. B. Crupi gave an updated sheet for equipment maintenance to each District Chief. Brian asked that the Chiefs provide updates to him.
2. District Chief Swartz outlined the training initiatives for 2008. He will be working closely with the Training Officers from each company. Stay tune for more information.

Plan Review:

Reviewed plans for:

There were no plans for review.

Good of the Order:

Congratulations to Commissioners Rohrbach & Sacco on their appointment as liaisons to the Public Safety. Both Commissioners were in attendance at our meeting and express their support for the efforts in the past and for future projects. The committee looks forward in working them.

Reminder: Township Funding 2007 Audit Worksheets need to be returned to me no later than the March meeting of the BOD (3/25).

Next meeting:

February 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Township Building Room 128.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM