

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 May 27, 2008 at 7:04 PM.

Members of the Board in Attendance:

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

Also in attendance: Deputy Chief J. Garipoli, Assistant Chiefs B. Snyder & M. Jacko, and Captain Seiger

Minutes: - Minutes from April 22, 2008 meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker – No guess speaker.

Old Business:

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** There were 8 individuals who took the written examination on 5/10/08. All 8 candidates received a 70% or higher and will move onto the next step. The next step is the oral interview. **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** Waiting for response from the letter sent to Aqua PA. Requesting permission for installing adapters on their hydrants. S. Brady will be ordering 75 adapters in early spring 2008 for the rest of the hydrants. **S. Brady**
3. **Purchase of land for new fire station in Flying Hills area.** The Township did receive a counter offer from Adventist Whole Health. The counter offer was the appraisal value of the land. At the Board of Commissioners meeting in May, the Twp. Solicitor was instructed to work-out the details for buying the land. **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. **NO PROGRESS. 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. **NO PROGRESS. S. Brady, J. Dietrich and B. Crupi.**

6. **Training objective:** A draft copy of the qualification sheet for Driver/Operator specific to TW 70 was developed by J. Schaeffer. B. Silcox is working on the Qualification sheet from Truck skills set. B. Crupi working on Rescue Qualification sheet for Rescue skills set. **PROGRESS**
7. **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. S. Brady**

New Business:

1. **Fire House working group.** S. Brady recommended that we develop a computer working group for implementation of laptops and coordinating data amongst the users. It was suggested that 2 individuals from each company be part of the group. S. Brady requested that names be submitted in two weeks. **UPDATE: J. Brady agreed to be the Chairperson. 42 Reps: R. Swartz, B. Snyder, 56 Reps: M. Jacko, J. Seiger 70 Reps: J. Dietrich, J. Lutz. Also, P. Brady.**
2. **Annual funding for fire companies.** S. Brady suggested that we take a look at how the Township provides funding to the fire companies. Instead of providing 3 allotments checks a year, the Township would retain the funding and start a Purchase Ordering system. In addition, the companies would not be restricted to a fix dollar amount but actually operating cost would be developed thru the Township budget process. **S. Brady requested that the District Chiefs provide feedback at next month meeting.**
3. **Operational issues for the career Fire Fighter/Drivers.** With the pending hiring of 3 career fire fighters, the District Chiefs would like to discuss and develop operational issues associated with the day to day activities. **S. Brady suggested that the District Chiefs start to develop a list. As the list is developed each of the items will be review and incorporated in to either a policy or standard operating guideline.**

Plan Review:

Plans were reviewed for Skyview subdivision and the GM Elementary Sprinklers.

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1. "Acquired Structure" located at 62 Horseshoe Lane. **The paperwork has been submitted to PA DEP Air Quality for open burning. A request has been made with Bucks Community College for a SBS class. No date has been set at this time. S. Brady**

2. "Governor Mifflin Fire Service Regionalization Task Force". **At the May meeting of the Board of Commissioners they appointed R. O'Leary, D. Kalin, and S. Brady to the taskforce. The first meeting is schedule on June 16th. S. Brady**
3. Need to review a couple of items related to dry hydrants. **S. Brady**
 - Hidden Pond, need stones for the driveway
 - Kohl's Mill, debris around the in-take. **(This has been taken care of by Capt. 56.)**
 - Clearfield Lane, possible future site. Owner: Peter Pakradooni
4. District Chief Swartz presented advantages and disadvantages for using E42 instead of E56 for the career fire fighters/drivers. The original plan was to us E56 at Station 42 during the day. Base on the conversation at the meeting there appears to more advantages then disadvantages for using E42 then E56. **All District Chiefs agreed with this change.**
5. There was a general discussion about the oral interviewing process for the career fire fighters. The District Chiefs would like to have an opportunity to interview the 8 candidates. **S. Brady is investigating with the Civil Service Commission on how this could be part of the hiring process.**

Next meeting:

July 1, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Township Building Room 128.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM