

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 August 26, 2008 at 7:11 PM.

Members of the Board in Attendance:

	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 Chief B. Snyder, and Captain Seiger.

Minutes: - Minutes from July 1, 2008 meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker: – No guest speaker.

Old Business:

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** Oral interviews were conducted. All 8 candidates attended. Next phase, conducting background investigations. **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** An order has been place for 25 adapters to finish out the Shillington system. Still waiting for a response from Aqua PA. **S. Brady**
3. **Purchase of land for new fire station in Flying Hills area.** At the BOC meeting on August 19th the Commissioners voted to proceed with purchasing the land. **S. Brady.**
4. **Apparatus replacement for TW70.** A meeting is schedule for 9/4, at 7:00PM at Station 70. **S. Brady**
5. **Pursue legal separation of Social Quarters from fire operations (56, 70). 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.** S. Brady reported that he will request to be added to agenda for the Commissioner's Workshop meeting. (9/30). The purpose of this presentation will be to brief the Commissioners on upcoming apparatus capital expenditures. **S. Brady**
8. **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. This item also will be part of the Commissioner's Workshop meeting (9/30). **S. Brady.**
9. **Operational issues for the career Fire Fighter/Drivers.** S. Brady requested a list of items to be review for incorporation into polices and/or SOG(s). To assist with this process S. Brady will get copies of "Duty Schedules" from some of the other Departments. **PROGRESS.**

New Business:

No new business.

Plan Review:

A plan was reviewed for a residential home (26,000 sq. ft) to be constructed off of Imperial Drive.

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1. A request for text paging updates from the Comm. Ctr. has been received. S. Brady requested input from the companies for updates. The changes will be sent to the Comm. Ctr.
2. Fire House Sub-Committee met and reviewed the status of the recent changes. They are now working on the Training and Activities codes.
3. "Governor Mifflin Fire Service Regionalization Task Force". Next meetings 9/15 Kenhorst Fire Station: 10/20 Cedar Top Fire Station. **S. Brady**
4. The dry hydrant at Hidden Pond, need stones for the driveway. **S. Brady is working with Bob McNichols.**
5. There was a general discussion about the oral interviewing process for the career fire fighters. At last month's meeting, Township Manager, Jim Sigworth offered to contact the Civil Service Attorney, Steve Price for further guidance in this matter. **There was a response from Steve Price which was given to the District Chiefs.**

6. State grant starts in September. Please start working on your list. S. Brady requested a preliminary list by next meeting. **Deadline date for filing October 17th.**
7. 2009 Budget worksheets were distributed to the District Chiefs. S. Brady requested that the worksheets be returned by next meeting.
8. There was a discussion about making one common training night for all Twp. Fire Companies. S. Brady will create a survey sheet requesting input on which week night would be the best.
9. Township Autumn Leaf Festival will be on October 25th. At least one piece of apparatus from each company should plan on being there. Time frame should be 10:00AM to 12:00PM.
10. Road Project I-176 is underway. Work for this year will be ending around the Thanksgiving holiday. Next year they will start after the Easter holiday.
11. Governor Mifflin Intermediate School Project. A remote fire panel has been installed at the doorway located on the Receiving Dockside of the school. In addition, the Knox Box has been relocated to this area. S. Brady will be making arrangement for a site visit for the Fire Department.
12. Green Hills Manor. A Knox Box has been installed at the Nurse's entrance doorway.
13. Fire Prevention programs. Please provide a list of Fire Prevention programs (date, time, location) your company will be conducting. In addition, if you need assistances with manpower, please indicate that on your list.
14. A draft copy of the current TWP. FD policy manual was distributed for review by District Chiefs.
15. Tanker Taskforce drill will be conducted on September 13th. For more information contact Assistant 42 (Bob Snyder).

Next meeting:

September 23, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Township Building Room 128.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM