

# 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 October 28, 2008 at 7:10 PM.

**Members of the Board in Attendance:**

	Commissioner Rohrbach	X	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: Assistant Chief B. Snyder and Captain Seiger.

**Minutes:** - Minutes from September 23, 2008 meeting were approved with one correction. Fireman Fritz should have been Lieutenant Fritz.

**Guest Speaker:** – No guest speaker.

**Old Business:**

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** The Civil Service Commission (CSC) met on Oct. 24th to review the background investigations of the top five candidates on the eligibility list. The CSC voted to certify the list of the top five candidates and to make recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to hire the individuals that were ranked 1, 2 and 3 on the list. The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup>. **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** The 25 adapters were received and given to the Shillington Water Company to install. **S. Brady**
3. **Purchase of land for new fire station in Flying Hills area.** The Township is having Great Valley Consultants conduct an impact study and survey the land. **S. Brady.**
4. **Pursue legal separation of Social Quarters from fire operations (56, 70).** NO PROGRESS. **S. Brady, J. Dietrich and B. Crupi.**
5. **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. Snyder is working on the Rescue Qualification sheet for Rescue skills set. **PROGRESS**

6. **Adequate funding for fire service projects.** S. Brady did present the information at the Commissioner's Workshop meeting. (9/30). It was suggested to include the request for funding during the upcoming budget process. **CLOSED S. Brady**
7. **Annual funding for fire companies.** S. Brady did present the information at the Commissioner's Workshop meeting. (9/30). It was suggested to include the request for funding during the upcoming budget process. **CLOSED S. Brady**
8. **Operational issues for the career Fire Fighter/Drivers.** "Duty Schedules" were handed out to the District Chiefs for review. In addition, a list was provided by Station 42 for review. **PROGRESS.**

#### **New Business:**

1. **Company 56 Hurst rescue tool.** The current plan is to use funding from Company 56 Relief and Township monies. Three quotes were received and **S. Brady will be generating a Memo to Township Manager.**

#### **Plan Review:**

An updated plan was reviewed for Grings Hill Commercial Preliminary Subdivision & Land Development. S. Brady review the hydrant locations for phase one of the project.

#### **Good of the Order:**

1. Fire House Sub-Committee met and reviewed the status of the recent changes. They are now working on the Training and Activities codes.
2. "Governor Mifflin Fire Service Regionalization Task Force". At the last meeting, Brian Clements Chairperson for the Western Berks Fire Regionalization taskforce presented information from their committee activities. Next meetings 11/17 Grill Fire Station. **S. Brady**
3. The dry hydrant at Hidden Pond. There was a discussion about the current status of this dry hydrant. It appears that due to a lot of pond scum this location should be Out-of-Service. **S. Brady to determine future status.**
4. **Common training night for all Twp. Fire Companies.** B. Snyder developed a survey sheet requesting input from members. The results are in and starting next year all Township Fire Companies will have a common training night of **MONDAY**. The results are available from me if you would like a copy. I would like to thank Bob for developing the survey and analyzing the results. In addition, I would like to thank all of you who participated.
5. **Apparatus replacement for TW70.** Minutes from the last two meeting are attached to this email. At this point, there is no meeting schedule.

6. We have started the 2009 budget process. Thanks to all the District Chiefs for meeting with me and providing your preliminary budget. I will be meeting with the Township Manager on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and Board of Commissioners on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> to review the Cumru Township Fire Department budget for 2009.

**Next meeting:**

November 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Township Building, Room 128.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM