

**Upper Pottsgrove Township
Fire Committee Meeting
February 15, 2007**

Members in attendance were Kenneth Iatesta, Renee Spaide, Fire Marshal/President Stanley Hildenbrand and Fire Chief Tom Mattingly. Chairman Russell Noll, Vice Chairman Robert Sloss were absent. Also in attendance was Manny O'Toole and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Iatesta called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

II Approval of Minutes

Ms. Spaide moved that the January 15, 2007 Fire Committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Hildenbrand seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 1 abstention.

III. Reports

A. Operational Report

Chief Mattingly provided the activity report for January 2007 for Fire Company Number 1. Highlights of his report included the following:

- There were 13 calls for the month
- There were 2 structure fires
- There were 2 accidents
- There were 2 automatic fire alarms
- There were 2 investigations
- There were 4 Fire Police only calls
- Mutual aid was provided 3 times
- Mutual aid was received 7 times
- There were no scratched calls
- Three municipalities were serviced
- Time in service totaled 15 hours and 59 minutes
- Total man hours was 45.96

Mr. Iatesta inquired as to why mutual aid was received seven times. Marshal Hildebrand responded that the Fire Police can also make the call for mutual aid.

B. Membership Report

Marshal Hildenbrand reported that in January there were 2 new applications, 2 applications were investigated and no memberships were approved.

C. Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report was provided.

D. Fire Relief

No Fire Relief Report was provided.

E. Fire Protection Tax Fund

Mr. Layne stated that he would provide a Fire Protection Tax Fund financial update prior to the next meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Fire Hydrant Water Pressure Issue Involving Superior

Mr. Layne stated that he had contacted Superior to request written documentation verifying the fire hydrant testing that they had done over the past year. He stated that he had not received this information prior to the meeting tonight. Mr. Iatesta told him to contact Superior and stated that the Board of Commissioners is also requesting that this information be provided.

B. Request to move Fire Hydrant located at 1409 Farmington Avenue

Mr. Layne reported that the Fire Hydrant located at 1409 Farmington Avenue had been moved farther away from the street by Superior.

V. New Business

A. 2007 Priorities

Marshal Hildebrand moved that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Ms. Spaide seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

B. Automatic Fire Alarms

Mr. Iatesta stated that he would contact Solicitor Charles Garner regarding this matter.

C. Flag at Township Building

Marshal Hildenbrand noted that a new flag was needed for the Township Building. Mr. Layne stated that he would coordinate efforts to procure a flag for the Building.

D. AED information

Mr. Iatesta noted that information on AEDs had been provided to the Committee. Mr. Layne stated that he had recently received this information from Police Chief Bryan Ross. He further stated that he wanted to make certain that we were up to date on any industry changes that might impact on the operation and utilization of AEDs.

VI. Public Comments

- Marshal Hildebrand stated that the concerns regarding the West End Fire Company may be resolved by the fact that NORCO has agreed to respond when they are contacted to assist us.
- Mr. O'Toole noted that a portion of the funds received for Deed Transfers collected by Exeter and Marlboro Townships goes to the Fire Companies. Mr. Layne stated that he would contact these Townships to obtain information on this matter.
- Chief Mattingly noted that Vice Chairman Sloss had successfully completed a Tanker Water Supply course.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Spaide moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 P.M. Mr. Iatesta seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Fire Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Thursday,
March 15, 2007.**

