

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Committee was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015. Members in attendance were Chairman Martin Schreiber, Vice Chairman William Marsden, Keith Kachel, Don Raudenbush, Renee Spaide, Jeffrey Levensgood and Township Manager Carol R. Lewis.

Call to Order - Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at which time the members present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Minutes – Approval of the January 8, 2015, meeting was tabled until next month.

Reports

- A. Operational Report** – M. Schreiber reviewed the Operational Report. The two structural fires were in the Township. Both were heater malfunctions. During the call a Police Officer was blocked in by one of the trucks for three (3) hours.
- B. Membership Report** – Last month one new member joined that does not live in the township.
- C. Treasurer’s Report** – The Treasurer’s Report was presented to the Board.
- D. Fire Fund Budget Update** – The Fire Fund was reviewed with the Board. C. Lewis explained that we should be getting money back from PIRMA but not sure how much or when. The Fire Company has been dropped from that policy and is strictly with VFIS.
- E. Fire Relief** – W. Marsden will work on getting the Fire Relief Statements and sending them out to the members. He explained that there is a CD at Susquehanna that automatically rolls over. It has already been addressed.

Old Business

- A. Social Media Policy** – D. Raudenbush has provided some social media policies for the Board to review. A motion by R. Spaide, seconded by K. Kachel and unanimously carried to adopt the Social Media Policy as presented.
- B. Opticom** – C. Lewis will get prices for an Opticom for Moyer Road, Farmington Avenue and Gilbertsville Road. The Fire Company is looking into cameras for the firetruck. Back up cameras may reduce insurance rates.

New Business

- A. Route Alerting** – C. Lewis explained that the route alert maps are provided by the County and will be coming down shortly before the next exercise. They discussed the fact that the Fire Company could not do the route alerts in the allotted amount of time in 2012. They explained that at that time they only had one of the old firetrucks to use. They now have a newer truck that is capable of doing the route alerting in the appropriate time.

Executive Session – The Board adjourned into Executive Session and 7:42 P.M. They reconvened at 8:07 P.M. A motion by K. Kachel, seconded by R. Spaide and unanimously carried to suspend member A for thirty (30) days due to discussed items.

A motion by K. Kachel, seconded by R. Spaide and unanimously carried to switch banks to whomever offers the best rates as long as it is a no fee account.

Adjournment – A motion by R. Spaide, seconded by K. Kachel and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager