

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Committee was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015. Members in attendance were Chairman Martin Schreiber, Vice Chairman William Marsden, Renee Spaide and Don Raudenbush. Also present was Township Manager Carol R. Lewis.

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

Approval of Minutes – A motion by R. Spaide seconded by W. Marsden and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of November 12, 2015 as presented.

Reports

- A. Membership Report** – Two new members were accepted, one junior in the township and one member of the fire police. The Board discussed the procedure for accepting new members.
- B. Treasurer's Report** - D. Raudenbush presented the Financial Report to the Committee.
- C. Fire Fund Budget Update** - C. Lewis reported that the Board of Commissioners are still considering the recommended tax increase for the Fire Fund.
- D. Fire Relief** – the report was presented.
- E. Operational Report** - J. Levensgood presented the Operational Report. There were 20 calls for the month.

Old Business

- A. Hydrants** – Aqua will be taking over as of January 1, 2016. C. Lewis will wait until after that to talk to them.

New Business

- A. 2016 Meeting Dates** – It was decided to keep the same meeting dates for 2016.
- B. MOU** – Tabled until the next meeting.
- C. Company By – Laws** – Motion by C. Lewis second by J. Levensgood and unanimously carried to change Article 3 Section 12 as read. Motion by C. Lewis second by R. Spaide and unanimously carried to change Article 5 section 1 paragraph 1 as read.

Board Comments – Fire members have been asking when reimbursements for the background checks will be made. C. Lewis will look into it.

J. Levensgood reported that a boot drive would be held this Saturday at Fujiyama's with the proceeds to benefit a family in need. These gifts will be distributed to them during the Santa Run on December 20th. He also asked about forming a formal committee to review complaints and suggest just actions. The idea was discussed.

M. Schreiber thanked Renee Spaide for her time on the Fire Committee since its inception. R. Spaide replied that she is glad they are still in business and that she thinks they are doing a great

job and moving in the right direction. She is glad to see that they are working together for the right reasons. M. Schreiber acknowledged that what they do is not always easy and J. Levensgood agreed that it can be very time consuming and they appreciate her 10 years of dedication and service.

Adjournment – A motion by R. Spaide seconded by D. Raudenbush and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager