

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Committee was held on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Members in attendance were Chairman Martin Schreiber, Vice Chairman William Marsden, Don Raudenbush, and Chief Jeff Levengood. Absent from the meeting was Township Manager Carol R. Lewis and Renee Spaide.

Re-Organization – M. Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at which time members present pledged allegiance to the flag. Nominations for Chair were taken and Schreiber will be chair. Vice Chair nominations taken for Renee Spaide and is now Vice Chair.

Approval of Minutes – not available February meeting

Reports

- A. Membership Report** – 3 applications were turned in and read at the company meeting. They will now move onto the 3 member Membership Committee that the Fire Company President oversees.
- B. Treasurer's Report** - D. Raudenbush presented the Financial Report to the Committee.
- C. Fire Fund Budget Update** – M. Schreiber spoke about the money for the UTV which will come from the line item Pumper that was meant for a new truck.
- D. Fire Relief** – The report was presented. The CD that will come due in May is looking to be moved to another bank.
- E. Operational Report** - J. Levengood presented the Operational Report. There were 24 calls for the month. 51 YTD.

Old Business

- A. Hydrants** – At the Aqua meeting they said they will not paint with flow rates but will supply yearly flow testing.
- B. SOP's**- M. Schreiber asked the status of the SOP's. They are being looked over. A date was set to have them ready for May.
- C. Safety Committee**- it was given to the officers of the fire house to meet but they did not. The Fire Committee will become the safety committee for the company. Meeting to follow Fire Committee meetings. Motion by K. Kachel second by W. Marsden and unanimously carried to designate the members of the Fire Committee as members of the safety committee.
- D. UTV**- A 10% deposit is needed to order the UTV from Trumbauers Motor Sports. M. Schreiber has prices from 4 places and this was the cheapest for the same product. Total is \$18,905.15. The 10% will be on the bill list for the BOC meeting on March 21st. Skid unit from Wild Bear Fire prices and info to follow.
- E. Background Checks**- The Fire Company handed in a list of members that paid for background checks. In a past meeting it was stated that the Township would repay the members. List to be handed over to the Township by M. Schreiber.

New Business

- A. Fireman's Relief** voted to buy a used Ford Pick-up from a Fire Company in VA. Four members will be going to look at the truck on Sunday.

- B. Egg Hunt-** Motion by J. Levensgood second by D. Raudenbush and unanimously carried to ask the township to use Heather Place Park on March 26th for the egg hunt.
- C. Insurance Claim-**It was asked what the status of the claim for the generator and camera was. M. Schreiber would follow up.
- D. Fund Raisers-** The fire company has many ideas which they will bring back to the Fire Committee soon.
- E. PEMA Grant-** The board discussed ideas for the grant in 2016 which included debt reduction and a new thermal imaging camera. The Fire Company will report back to the board with their decision.
- F. Injury Policy-** SWIF accident questionnaire was handed out. It will be put on all trucks. Items that bring up questions will be talked about in the safety committee. Injuries must be reported immediately and proper care be given. CarePlex seems to be the go to place. M. Schreiber will brief C. Lewis so CarePlex will know what is needed.
- G. Engine 3-** The Fire Company had someone in to check the value. The guy spoke about making the truck NFPA compliant with an enclosed cab. J. Levensgood was given the task to make sure that a price was available for the next board meeting.

Board Comments – none

Public Comments- K. Kachel stated that after 1 p.m. it would be nice if members don't hang out in the parking lot. The noise travels.

Adjournment – A motion by J. Levensgood seconded by D. Raudenbush and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Martin Schreiber Fire Committee Chair