

The regular meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Fire Committee was held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7 p.m. Members in attendance were Chairman Martin Schreiber, Tom Mattingly, William Marsden, Don Raudenbush, France Krazalkovich and Township Manager Carol R. Lewis.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by W. Marsden, seconded by D. Raudenbush and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 8, 2017 as presented.

### **Reports**

- A. **Operational Report** - There were 16 calls for the month and 133 calls year to date. There were 68.5 hours of training, 8 service hours and 54.54 staff hours.
- B. **Membership Report** – One new junior member was accepted; there are four possible new members that are under investigation and one was voted out during their probation period. They accepted one active member.
- C. **Fire Fund Budget Update** – C. Lewis reported that the Fire Fund Budget is pretty much the same as it was except for she is including a budget amount for a new fire truck. If they are able to get a FEMA Grant for it no loan will be needed as the truck reserve fund the Township has and the Fire Company has will pay the 25%.
- D. **Fire Relief** – They're working on inventory. The bookkeeping needs work as they are having problems keeping a Secretary for the Firemen's Relief.

### **Old Business**

- A. **SOP'S** – Formatting and spelling checks are complete on the SOP's.
- B. **Safety Committee** – C. Lewis included in the packet Training on Confined Spaces and Protecting Volunteers from Confined Space Hazards. The Board reviewed and discussed.
- C. **Training** – Gilbertsville had some Air Craft Crash classes at Gilbertsville. Two junior members signed up to go to Junior Fire Classes. There is possibly a third one who was voted in last night.
- D. **Tax Credit** – A memo was sent out that the Board will review for further discussion next month.

### **New Business**

- A. **Elections** – The nominating Committee will have a slate of candidates for elections. Martin Schreiber may not be the President next year so replacement of a Fire Committee member may be moot. They also appointed a new Board of Directors.
- B. **2018 Meeting Dates** – The Board discussed meeting dates for 2018. It was decided to keep it the same day and time. It will be advertised for every month but they may only meet every other month. There will be no October meeting.
- C. **Truck Purchase** – Tom Mattingly is working with David Smiley to see what the new truck would cost with all the wants. They are projecting around \$300,000. Mid-Atlantic Fire

suggested looking for a FEMA Grant for air packs. The Fire Company would like to wait until for 2018 air packs are out so that they are 2018 compliant. It is important to have standard connections. M. Schreiber asked the Police Department if they would be willing to bill car accidents for insurance. The Fire Company would need to tell them which level to bill for. Three accidents with injuries last month that could be billed for. The Board of Commissioners set levels by Resolution and this needs to be reviewed.

**Adjournment** – Motion by C. Lewis seconded by F. Krazalkovich and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager