

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Minutes for October 5, 2016

Chief's Officers' Meeting

Adequate notice of this meeting was given by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board and sending a copy to the Township Clerk, Courier News and Echoes Sentinel as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

Present: Fire Chief Mark Russo, Linda Palumbo

<u>Mt. Bethel Fire Co.</u>	<u>Mt. Horeb Fire Co.</u>	<u>Community Fire Co.</u>	<u>Washington Valley Fire Co.</u>
M. LoSapio & J. Mitchell	C. Young	E. Limbo	C. Boschen

<u>Fire Police</u>	<u>Police Dept.</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	
Capt. K. Phillips	J. Cohen	T. Byrne	Plus other members from all fire companies

Police Report: Great job at Stone House fire last week.

Administrative Items

- State mandated notifications were distributed
- Union County College EMT programs offered in Spring 2017
- Submit child's college transcripts if enrolling in tuition waiver program
- Elizabethtown Gas for Emergency Response Review session on Oct 19 from 11-2pm in Union & Oct 20 from 6-9pm in Clinton

Old Business

Mt. Bethel's new engine replacement was discussed in detail. Each Assistant Chief received a copy of the 2012 Replacement Vehicle Plan & was discussed. The additional development in town such as Brightview Senior Living & Chelsea Senior Living & the increase of call volume are just a few of the reasons for a new Pierce Quint vehicle that should last 20 years. (Ideally 2 engines & a truck should go to a fire call). This new apparatus is a Class A pumper with a 107 foot stick on it, the vehicle length is 40 feet 2 inches, height is 11 feet 6 inches, holds 500 gallons of water, full complement of ground ladders & seats 8 firefighters with air packs. This vehicle is maneuverable for residential areas. M. LoSapio will get the vehicle comparisons. Discussion of Mutual Aid call responses. Some members would like to form a committee to discuss this major purchase. Moving forward we can certainly have discussions about this vehicle replacements plan. J. Mitchell will produce the vehicle replacement plan from the 1990's. Price is a major factor but apparatus prices have increased every year since 9/11 regardless of the economy. Cabs were discussed extensively. The manufacturer has approximately 40 vehicles of this model in service & operational. This vehicle will fit in the Mt. Bethel back bay & possibly renovate a front bay so it will fit. Some members would like the communication to improve on this purchase. Any concerns, please get them to your Assistant Chief for the next Chief's meeting.

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for October 5, 2016
Chief's Officers' Meeting

Old Business continued

- If anyone would like to volunteer to set up a meeting with Ron Berry, Director of Security for the Warren elementary & middle schools to find out where the disconnect is for the solar panels.
- New Type II safety vests are required now (pg 9 of TIM's training manual)
- Reminder: ALL SCBA, equipment checks, and Engineer apparatus checks shall be faxed to 908-226-5629 (Township Administrator's fax machine) upon completion.
- M. LoSapio distributed the Incentive/Compensation notes from a previous meeting so please review it and discuss with your fire company.
- Washington Valley has a gear dryer they want to give away and will be giving it to a Volunteer Fire Company.
- SCBA are approx. 6-7 yrs old. Ask members if they want to be on a SCBA research committee J. Mitchell will take the lead, D. Dante representing Mt. Horeb, B. Gaiser representing Community, V. Abate representing Washington Valley, A. Fitch representing Mt. Bethel
- C. Young requested a compiled equipment list for all 4 firehouses. Budget is not approved until June so the Fire Department would like to get the quotes then so the quotes don't expire. Ordering hose replacement for each firehouse was discussed.
- M. D'Antico wants a knox box code. Get knox box codes to Chief Russo
- Washington Valley's engine key needs to be placed in the knox box
- Community would like a spare pager & radio batteries
- We will keep the August Chief's meeting for 2017 schedule for communications reasons
- J. Mitchell read the 2016 proposal to purchase new nozzles and miscellaneous equipment for new firefighting tactics. Discussed slicers.

New Business

- Tropical storm Matthew this weekend, stay tuned
- M. D'Antico gave the Chief's the Fire Rehab State list for the Rescue Squad. Any additions or input please give to your Assistant Chief for the next Chief's meeting.
- Discussion & voted to purchase 12 pagers with \$4,800 car show funds, 3 to each firehouse. Please get pagers returned from members who don't respond to calls.

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for October 5, 2016
Chief's Officers' Meeting

Drills/Training

- Thank you for those who attended the Warren County Live Burn & thank you to Round Top Swim Club for providing the hay for this drill.
- MRI Safety Training discs & info to the Captains were distributed
- The following is the 2016 Training Schedule:
 - October- Engineered Lumber & Building Construction - J. Tucker
 - November 16-will be the dept drill night due to holidays
 - December 21- will be the dept drill night due to holidays
- CPR might be held again in 2016, Greg Wilson can instruct so pick a date
- Mayday training in the future
- There are two Warren homes for demolition per T. Byrne so possible training drills
- Advanced state level training was released

Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Again the 20 Year Apparatus Replacement Plan was distributed & discussed quarterly.
- Community's engine coolant leak and is going in for service tomorrow, Thurs, Oct 6 so please strip the engine prior to pick up.
- Regarding the Vehicle Monthly Maintenance report, didn't receive any paperwork for the month of September yet.
- Chief Russo has the correct charger for Mt. Horeb.

Fire Prevention

- Visit to Orchard Academy Preschool on October 11 at 10am so please take the giveaways.
- Visit to the 4 elementary schools is scheduled on October 13.

Fire Police

- Nothing to report

Radios/Communications

- Chief Russo is working with a company to survey radio repeater equipment.
- Geiger Lane antenna was not replaced but approved and on Tower Road there's a buzzing sound.
- Radio batteries are ordered & a charger for each firehouse.

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for October 5, 2016
Chief's Officers' Meeting

Open Discussion

- Per Chief Russo, good job at the Stone House fire last week.
- Please get any Capital items for 2017 to Chief Russo soon.
- Make sure your blades are in the correct place and sharpened.
- Please go to your zone calls.
- Think of gift for annual FD dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.



Linda Palumbo



Mark Russo