

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department
Minutes for November 3, 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> absent	<u>Mt. Horeb Fire Co.</u> C. Young	<u>Community Fire Co.</u> absent	<u>Washington Valley Fire Co.</u> C. Boschen
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<u>Fire Police</u> Capt. K. Phillips	<u>Police Dept.</u> J. Cohen
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Police Report: Training is complete for three new officers and a new dispatcher too. PD has been to Brightview Senior Living a few times & had a positive experience. Verizon has been installing wiring on telephone poles for better services.

Administrative Items

- Liberty Corner spaghetti dinner this Sat, Nov 5 from 5-8pm
- Morris Union Jointure brunch Nov 15 from 10-11am
- Meeting the Requirements of NFPA 1033 Training on January 9 & 10, 2017
- March 18 & 19, 2017 National Fire Academy
- Car Show Report was distributed. Thanks to Al Shjarback for assembling this report.
- Monthly Vehicle Report was distributed

Old Business

- Looking for a volunteer to set up a meeting with Ron Berry to find out where disconnect is for solar panels for elementary & middle schools
- 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.
- FD is awaiting gear washer quote
- 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

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Old Business continued

- 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.
- 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.
- M. D'Antico gave the Chief's the Fire Rehab State list for the Rescue Squad at October Chief's meeting.
- Think of gift for annual FD dinner. Polo shirt & hat, beach towel and blanket were discussed. Annual dinner will be in March on a Friday night.
- J. Mitchell distributed 2016 Firematics Project at October's meeting and the Chiefs received a copy. All Chiefs agreed to allow J. Mitchell to move forward with reviewing nozzle orders & following proposed guidelines.

New Business

- Response Law would like to speak to Fire Dept about the importance of documentation & liabilities involved in their actions as firefighters tentatively on Sat, January 28 start at 9am for approx 3 hours. This will be January's drill. Thanks to T. Byrne for coordinating.
- The FD is interested in participating in a Spring event in April with the Recreation Dept.
- 76 Stirling Road is replacing their sprinkler system the week of November 7th and would like to do a Fire Watch. Please let the Chief know if anyone is interested in the Fire Watch.
- Department business meeting on Nov 21 at 8pm, tentatively at Community.

Drills/Training

- MRI Safety Training discs & info to the Captains were distributed
- The following is the 2016 Training Schedule:
 - November 16-will be the department drill night due to holidays
 - December 21- will be the department 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
- T. Byrne has a teacher who can teach Red Alert class during the day in February. Maybe one or two people per fire company can attend then can teach their own fire company. K. Phillips would like to attend too.

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Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Monthly Vehicle Maintenance report was distributed.
- Pylon vent broke again on Mt. Horeb's Engine 2; nozzle is broke & ball valve on medium foam valve is broken on Mt. Horeb's and tick, need replacement batteries.
- All Mt. Horeb's members are gas calibration trained.
- Chief Russo, M. LoSapio, T. Byrne, M. Krane & 2 Pierce employees recently met to reduce the cost of new Mt. Bethel vehicle. Bond ordinance will be presented at the November 17 Township Committee meeting.

Fire Prevention

- Thanks to all who helped present at the 4 elementary schools, Orchard Academy, Primrose & The Learning Experience.
- A visit to Curious Minds (formerly Goddard School) on Nov 28 at 10am.

Fire Police

- K. Phillips gave Chief Russo info on lights for the new vehicle per a memo.

Radios/Communications

- Chief Russo is working with a company to survey radio repeater equipment.
- Chief Russo is working on radio batteries.
- Geiger Lane antenna was replaced and on Tower Road there's a buzzing sound.

Open Discussion

- Stone House owner was impressed with the Fire Department on handling the fire last month with minimal damage.
- Chief Russo is working on voter eligibility list and qualified members for officers positions for the November 21 meeting.
- Chief Russo is working on compensation details.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Russo