

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

Chief's Officers' Meeting

May 5, 2021 Minutes

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: Chief Russo & Linda Palumbo

<u>Mt. Bethel Fire Co.</u>	<u>Mt. Horeb Fire Co.</u>	<u>Community Fire Co.</u>	<u>Washington Valley Fire .</u>
D. Reedman	D. Dante & W. Cooney	A. Kachidurian	V. Truglio & C. Boschen & J. DeVizio

<u>Police Dept</u>	<u>Fire Police</u>
E. Task & Karen	K. Dalton

Police Report: Dispatcher Kull was great on the structure fire call. County paving is completed and Township paving is going to start.. May 13 Blood Drive 12-5pm & Food Drive starting soon.

Reports of Officers

Equipment Readiness (Vito Truglio)

Company Equipment Checks: Look for CO meters & flashlights emails, gas meters due for calibration & Chief has 2 pairs of rubber boots for WV. No issues with new gear. Community has a damaged set of Morning Pride. Helmet fronts are on order. If you need accountability tags & id, please email Megan or Chief Russo.

Consumables: will coordinate a list

Drills / Training (Derek Reedman):

Department Drill schedule: CEVO training class on Wed, May 26, 7:30pm at Washington Valley

Per Derek, Autism Class date TBD, 2 patches per company. May 13 Blood Borne Pathogens class. Trying to get a date for a Live Burn. Continue thinking about leading a training class. Awaiting ropes class quote.

Operations: no report

Reporting (Aram Kachidurian) 46 April calls, 1 fire, 9 delayed response, 27 false alarms

Monthly and YTD activity report

Engine 2 - 12 calls with 6 crew	Tower 61 - 5 calls with 0 crew
Engine 3 - 23 calls with 13 crew	Tanker 61-3 4 calls with 4 crew
Engine 4 - 14 calls with 7 crew	Tanker 61-4 4 calls with 4 crew
Ladder 61 - 21 calls with 13 crew	Rescue 61 - 10 calls with 4 crew

Vehicle Maintenance (Charlie Boschen): Engine 3 was out of service due to trans fluid leak; repaired but needs a battery box which is ordered. Reach out to Doug or Charlie with any problems. Preventative Maintenance Company is doing a good job.

Fire Prevention Education / Public Events (Dave Dante): no report

Fire Inspector / Fire Prevention (Al Shjarback): Tank is ordered for Lindbergh. Road should be accessible for fire apparatus. Toll Brothers/Mt. Bethel Road development (old address 155 Mt. Bethel Road) & 7 new streets there; Beacon Place, Brandywine Place, Chelsea Road, Concord Court, Continental Place, Monmouth Road & Saratoga Drive. Chief Russo & Al saw the Hillcrest Road site plan near Rt. 78/Bellewood Drive; should be breaking ground around the end of the year. Planning a storage facility on King George Road going northbound towards Rt. 78. On Wagner property, 5 group homes for special needs/assisted living. Potential Hotel at 50 Stirling Road for catered events only.

Radios / Communications (Brian Burkhardt): good with batteries. Community battery issue since it doesn't charge.

Safety (Dave Dante):

COVID policy: finalize next month

Hydrants: there's a busted bonnet on either Mt Horeb Road or Washington Valley Road.

Chief Items:

Apparatus Replacement: Mayor, vendor, Derek & Chief working on the price to match the proposed budget from the town.

Cancer Prevention: no report

Radio Replacement: check budget with Township Administrator

Preplanning: Thanks to Dave Dante on Chelsea preplanning.

Technical Rescue: Derek is working on for drills.

Purchasing: awaiting the budget

Open Discussion:

Community will request IFAX equipment again.

Mt. Horeb would like a gate valve for the hydrant.

Chain saw on back order so Charlie will check with Warren Hardware.

If you would like to pay your respects to Fred Dealaman, former Fire Chief, on May 14 at 7pm at Washington Valley.

Chief will contact the Clerk regarding Fire Police status.

Members attended RIT training at Morris County this past weekend; class was a pre-requisite so doesn't make you RIT certified. Chief suggested we evaluate these members who attended this RIT class possibly at a drill.

Need to discuss qualifications for Officers at June's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm


Linda Palumbo


Chief Russo