

Warren Township Volunteer Fire Department

December 5, 2017 Minutes

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.

Mt. Bethel Fire Co.

J. Mitchell

Mt. Horeb Fire Co.

D. Dante

Community Fire Co.

A. Kachidurian

Washington Valley Fire Co.

C. Boschen & M. Dalton

Liaisons

T. Byrne

Fire Police

K. Phillips-absent

Police Dept.

Sgt. J. Cohen

Twp Committee

G. DiNardo

Police Report: No repeat customers on residential alarms. Commercial alarms have decreased too.

Administrative Items

- 2018 Chief's meeting schedule was distributed.
- January 20, 2018 Bonfire from 4-7pm behind Town Hall
- Hold the date for the annual FD dinner at Primavera on Fri, March 2, 2018, invitation was distributed. Linda will email invitation to FD.
- Union County College is offering EMT classes in Spring 2018
- If a member has an address change or status change such as college leave, please let Linda know so she can update Red Alert.
- List of members who need to submit their FF1 state cert. Linda can complete application but member has to sign it.
- Quarterly purchasing update by J. Mitchell and the following items were purchased: 6 sets of turnout gear, received 2 sets, 4 pending, ladders & received, thermal imaging cameras. Tankers now have 5" hoses on them. Purchased Chief's car & Rescue this year; next year 104 & Squad. Purchased Quant fit device, D. Reedman received professional training & will run a class to train other members. Fuel was distributed to all 4 Fire Companies. 55 lb gear washer still needs to be purchased to keep gear clean for health safety reasons. Still need to order 14' roof hook. Rehab equipment will be purchased in 2018.
- Chief Russo, M. LoSapio & J. Mitchell attended preconstruction meetings at Pierce for new vehicle & made a few changes which increased price \$12, 500 instead of \$25k such as new aerial dampening system. Added the following for safety reasons: front bumper 2 ½" discharge, relocated air horns, added lights, converted lighting to 12 volts (no generator on truck), removed passenger side ladder & extended compartment to accommodate equipment. Converted seats to non folding style, generic map box, pinnable aerial waterway for rescue or water mode, 2 1/2" discharge at aerial tip.

Old Business

- Reminder: ALL SCBA, equipment checks, and Engineer apparatus checks shall be emailed to lpalumbo@warrennj.org upon completion. Per T. Byrne, check bottles which should be at 4050 PSI; allowed 10% loss, anything below that should be charged.
- Washington Valley's engine key needs to be placed in the Knox box.
- B. Gaiser, as head of the life hazard battery committee, will obtain a quote for a battery for Mt Bethel's thermal imager. The responsibility of the life hazard battery committee head is to maintain continuously current quotes for all life hazard equipment to prevent delays in sourcing such items. The request for the FLIR battery was submitted in July.
- M. LoSapio is working on the credentialing program via Somerset County & all members were sent the document that needs to be completed. Once paperwork is processed you will receive a County card and need to carry it with you. M. LoSapio received paperwork for 8 members so far.
- Drager CO meters need to be sent out by soon for recalibration. Washington Valley will be mailed soon & Mt. Bethel will be last.
- T. Byrne is working on SOG for gas & electric emergency. Some Assistant Chiefs would like more time to review it.
- All agreed to converting the pump trailer to house firefighter rehab. Need to find a spot to park it; Russo checked out OEM's garage. Mt. Horeb offered space at their firehouse. Washington Valley volunteered to redistribute the pumps to the fire houses. T. Byrne suggested a sign out sheet for equipment.
- Fire Officer 1 Challenger Test class via Somerset County and no CEU's for this class. Will email FD if anyone wants to attend please respond by Friday noon. Class dates are Jan 15, 17, 22 from 7-10pm and test date is Jan 25 from 7pm-9pm.
- Chief Russo read the requirements for Jr. Officer, Mid Level Officer & Sr. Officer qualifications. A lengthy discussion about certain certifications for certain positions. Chief Russo & T. Byrne would like to see Warren Twp leaders at a high level of training for safety reasons. Discussed tabling the implementation of eligibility until the exam results.
- T. Byrne- Brits team on-line harassment training is scheduled on January 8th at 7pm at Mt. Horeb.
- Please get a copy of your state certs to Linda especially Haz Mat state certs so we can be compliant. Members should have received their state cert in the mail 2x. Still need S. Kaneshige, T. Giaccone, I. Vardi.

Old Business continued

- In 2018 FD would like to start a draw down PO for Chatham Lawnmovers, Electronic Measurement Lab and Approved Fire & Safety for repairs.
- Linda now has a prepaid VISA card for new member fingerprinting so no more out of pocket expense for new member. Linda will contact new member to get their availability and book the fingerprint appointment. Driver license abstract will move through quickly for new members and Jr. members going to full member.
- Chief Russo would like driver qualifications & requalification packets completed asap.
- WV needs a 20' and a 30' pony hose length.

New Business

- WV is requesting a new saw & will turn in the old saw since it's unrepairable.
- BH was a dual dispatch with Warren Twp. a weekend in November but other fire houses were not notified. Members would like to see communication improve.
- T. Byrne will be ordering "Out of Service" tags for equipment & apparatus along with "Do Not Remove" tags.
- T. Byrne announced Texas A&M fire training school paid for by a grant so please encourage your members to attend. Member needs a physical exam prior to attending. 4 members are already registered in March. D. Dante is interested in attending.
- T. Byrne is suggesting labeling equipment, gas containers, etc.
- T. Byrne read the highlights of a line of duty death report so members can learn from their mistakes and will email it to the FD.
- Chief Russo distributed the corrected contingency amounts for each firehouse.
- Chief Russo distributed budget info & the following was discussed: training site improvements & each piece should be able to be reconfigured/interchangeable. SCBA replacement since they are only good for 10 years. Gear replacements will be continuous. Replace Rescue truck , Engine & Tanker in the future. Trailer to fill SCBA bottles. Also Red Alert update to be able to scan documents into the system.
- Capital items for a 3 year plan for the budget was discussed such as gear washer, FLIR, LDH & PPE replacement along with trunk radios. Reflash the radios to be on the same system as the County. One portable radio for each firehouse including Fire/Police.
- Budget meeting with Mark Krane proposing Dec 20 at 5pm at town hall.

Drills/Training

- The 2018 Training Schedule (captains please coordinate)
- Mayday training in the future

Vehicle Maintenance & Apparatus

- Radio in Engine 3 needs repair.
- Monthly Vehicle Maintenance report was distributed.
- WV ladder is repaired.
- WV Tanker is in need of preventative maintenance

Fire Prevention

Fire Police

Radios/Communications

Open Discussion

- Nov 2 Dante dropped off bottle at NJ, did it come back yet?
- After voting next week, Chief Russo is requesting a list of the new officers for 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14pm



Linda Palumbo



Chief Russo