

TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting was held in Room 128 (lower level) of the Township of Cumru building on February 26, 2008 at 7:09 PM.

Members of the Board in Attendance:

	Commissioner Rohrbach	X	District Fire Chief Crupi
	Commissioner Sacco	X	District Fire Chief Swartz
	Township Manager Sigworth	X	District Fire Chief Dietrich
X	Twp. Fire Chief Scott Brady		

Also in attendance: Assistant Chiefs Joe Garipoli, Bob Snyder, Mike Jacko and Captain Seiger

Minutes: - Minutes from January 22, 2008 meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker – No guest speaker.

Old Business:

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** The process has started. The first ad for hiring was put in the Reading Paper on March 9th (Sunday). Deadline date for applications to be return is March 31st (Monday) **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** In regards to the hydrant at Grings Hill and Old Lancaster Pike this has been taken care of. There is now a stroz adapter on the hydrant. S. Brady will be ordering the adapters in early spring 2008 for the rest of the hydrants. **S. Brady**
3. **Purchase of land for new fire station in Flying Hills area.** There was a meeting with some of the Board Members from Adventist WholeHealth on February 25th. S. Brady, J. Sigworth and M. Setley attended. Negotiations are on-going. Adventist WholeHealth’s next Board meeting is March 18th (Tuesday). **S. Brady.**
4. **Apparatus replacement for TW70.** The committee has been determined. The following will be part of the Township committee. S. Brady, J. Dietrich, B. Silcox, R. Snyder, S. Landis, J. Seiger and L. Ohlinger. S. Brady will be scheduling a meeting. **S. Brady reported NO PROGRESS. S. Brady, J. Dietrich**

5. **Pursue legal separation of Social Quarters from fire operations (56, 70).** A meeting was held with John Muir and Township Manager. S. Brady needs to provide addition information for the Township Solicitor. Also need to inform Twp. Commissioners that the Grill and Gouglersville Fire Companies are looking for legal advice with this issue. S. Brady will be sending a Memo to the Commissioners. **S. Brady reported NO PROGRESS. S. Brady, J. Dietrich and B. Crupi.**
6. **Training objective:** Qualifications sheets are being developed for Truck, Rescue and Driver/Operator personnel. 70 (Matt & Jeffery) for Tower, 56 (Brian) for Rescue, and 42 (Bob) for Driver/Operator. **B. Snyder presented a draft copy of the Driver/Operator qual sheet. All parties reported progress.**
7. **NIMS Command Vest.** S. Brady will be ordering the following IC vests. Incident Command, Operations, Safety, and Accountability. There will be two sets for each company. One additional set will be order for the FC's car with the following additional vests; Logistics, Planning, Public Info., Fire and Police. **COMPLETED. S. Brady**
8. **Adequate funding for fire service projects.** There was a general discussion about long term funding for large capital projects. i.e. land purchase for future stations, apparatus replacement, and fire stations. It was suggested to seek advice from a financial advisor for assistance in determining adequate funding for the future. **No progress reported by S. Brady**

New Business:

No new Business.

Plan Review:

There were no plans for review.

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1. It was agreed by all attendees to send a letter of support for federal funding to S. Landis, Chief Shillington Fire Department. Scot is applying for federal monies to replace their rescue unit. The Township depends on Shillington Fire Department for rescue services.
2. Feedback was received for the following SOG(s):
 1. One and Two Family Dwellings
 2. Sprinkler/Standpipe Operations
 3. Fire Alarm Procedures

Minor changes were suggested. Updates have been completed.

3. B. Crupi gave an updated sheet for equipment maintenance to each District Chief. Brian asked that the Chiefs provide updates to him. It was suggested to use Fire House for tracking this information. When we switch over to the web version, S. Brady will see how we could accomplish this issue.
4. A Township resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) was approved at the Board of Commissioners meeting February 19th.
5. The Township Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) has been updated and is available for review. The updated plan will be submitted to Berks County Emergency Agency.
6. The Township Fire Department will be taking advantage of an "Acquired Structure" located at 62 Horseshoe Lane. S. Brady will be taking care of the legal requirements and notification to DEP. District Chief R. Swartz will be coordinating with the company training officers on the details for conducting training.

Reminder: Township Funding 2007 Audit Worksheets need to be returned to me no later than the March meeting of the BOD (3/25).

Next meeting:

March 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Township Building Room 128.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM