

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 March 25, 2008 at 7:10 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, and Captain Seiger

Minutes: - Minutes from February 26, 2008 meeting were approved with one correction. Assistant Joe Garipoli was not in attendance during the meeting.

Guest Speaker – No guest speaker.

Old Business:

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** 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). As of this date (3/25), there are 3 applications. **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** Letter was sent to Aqua PA requesting permission for installing adapters on their hydrants. (3/25). S. Brady will be ordering 75 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.** Adventist WholeHealth's Board meeting was on 3/18. The Board voted to sell the land to the Township. Awaiting letter from their Finance Committee to either accept or counter the Township's offer. **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. **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. **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. Driver/Operator qual sheet was completed by B. Snyder. **Chief Crupi asked what competencies should be part of the Rescue qual sheet. It was agreed that vehicle rescue and RIT should be part of the qualifications.**
7. **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. S. Brady**

New Business:

No new Business.

Plan Review:

Conducted a review of the East Pointe Lot #2 Land Development Plan.

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1. 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.
2. S. Brady presented the propose fire study between the 3 Boroughs and the 2 Townships. This task force will be known as the “Governor Mifflin Fire Service Regionalization Task Force”. This effort will be assisted by the State Governor’s Center for Local Government Services. All municipalities involve will need to sign a non-binding resolution stating that they will participate in the fire study. Through-out the month of April the various municipalities will be attempting to have their elected officials adopt the resolution. At the next Township Board of Commissioners meeting 4/15, this item will be presented.
3. District Chief Crupi reported that he has contacted Aerial Inspection for a date and time to test all of the fire company’s ladders. Stay tune.

4. District Chief Swartz reported that Township training initiatives are progressing. He had a draft list of all Township firefighters that are assign to training groups. Also, he presented a calendar starting in May with the classes for the lesson plans. He needs to finalize the list of lesson plans for each group. S. Brady and R. Swartz will be attending company training nights to role out this training program. Tentative dates 42- 4/14; 56- 4/21; 70-4/23
5. Grill and Cedar Top Fire Companies are working on submitting Assistant to Firefighters Grants (AFG). This is a federal funded grant program. The next apparatus to be replaced base on the 25 year schedule is Tower 70 and Engine 42. The purpose of these grants is to seek funding assistance from the federal government for replacing the vehicles.
6. Need to review a couple of items related to dry hydrants. **S. Brady**
 - Hidden Pond, need stones for the driveway
 - Kohl's Mill, debris around the in-take
 - Clearfield Lane, possible future site

Next meeting:

April 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Township Building Room 128.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM