

# 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 July 1, 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
X	Township Manager Sigworth	X	District Fire Chief Dietrich
X	Twp. Fire Chief Scott Brady		

Also in attendance: Deputy Chief J. Brady, Assistant Chief B. Snyder, Police Chief Brian Hiester, Civil Service Commission Chairman Dick Siegfried.

**Minutes:** - Minutes from May 27, 2008 meeting were approved.

**Guest Speaker** – No guest speaker.

**Old Business:**

1. **Hiring of firefighter/drivers:** Oral interviews are schedule for July 19, 2008. **S. Brady**
2. **Hydrant Adapters:** No progress. Waiting for a response from Aqua PA. **S. Brady**
3. **Purchase of land for new fire station in Flying Hills area.** A draft copy of a sales agreement will be presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting in July. **S. Brady.**
4. **Apparatus replacement for TW70.** The committee requested S. Brady to move this up on the list of thing to do. **S. Brady**
5. **Pursue legal separation of Social Quarters from fire operations (56, 70).** **NO PROGRESS. S. Brady, J. Dietrich and B. Crupi.**
6. **Training objective:** A draft copy of the qualification sheet for Driver/Operator specific to TW 70 was developed by J. Schaeffer. B. Silcox is working on the Qualification sheet from Truck skills set. B. Crupi working on Rescue Qualification sheet for Rescue skills set. **PROGRESS**
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**

8. **Fire House working group.** J. Brady reported that a meeting is schedule for Monday, 7/7 at Station 42. The committee members agree to not carry this as old business but to move it to “Good of the Order” as the Fire House committee meets. **CLOSED.**
9. **Annual funding for fire companies.** S. Brady suggested that we take a look at how the Township provides funding to the fire companies. Instead of providing 3 allotments checks a year, the Township would retain the funding and start a Purchase Ordering system. In addition, the companies would not be restricted to a fix dollar amount but actually operating cost would be developed thru the Township budget process. **S. Brady requested that the District Chiefs provide feedback at next month meeting.**
10. **Operational issues for the career Fire Fighter/Drivers. PROGRESS District Chiefs**

#### **New Business:**

No new business.

#### **Plan Review:**

A plan was reviewed for Deerfield Phase 4 (Revision).

#### **Good of the Order:**

1. “Acquired Structure” located at 62 Horseshoe Lane. The SBS class is schedule for July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. District Chief R. Swartz will be the “point of contact”. **S. Brady**
2. “Governor Mifflin Fire Service Regionalization Task Force”. Next meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> Mohnton Fire Station. **S. Brady**
3. Need to review a couple of items related to dry hydrants. **S. Brady**
  - Hidden Pond, need stones for the driveway
  - Clearfield Lane, possible future site. Owner: Peter Pakradooni **A review of this pond was that there was a lot of scum on the top. This would probably not be a good location.**
4. There was a general discussion about the oral interviewing process for the career fire fighters. The District Chiefs had several questions for Civil Service Commission Chairman Dick Siegfried. In addition, Police Chief Brian Hiester outlined the process and advises that it would not be good to have the District Chiefs involve with the interviewing process. Township Manager, Jim Sigworth offered to contact the Civil Service Attorney, Steve Price for further guidance in this matter.

**Next meeting:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM