

**YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 16, 2019  
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFRR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York, PA 17402.

**MEMBERS IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Austin Hunt, Chairman  
Justin Tomevi, Vice Chairman  
George Dvoryak, Treasurer  
Dan Rooney, Secretary  
Cara Beth Zortman  
Lisa Wingert  
Dan Brosend

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Dan Hoff, Chief  
Steve Hovis, Solicitor  
John Woods, YAUFRR BC  
Jay VanPelt, YAUFRR BC  
Paul Grubb, YAUFRR  
Jean Abrecht, Stenographer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Opening Ceremony
1. Pledge of Allegiance
  2. Swearing in Ceremony
  3. Recognitions

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt called the April YAUFRR Commission meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked the everyone for coming and turned the meeting over to Chief Hoff.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff stated he was proud to introduce Ryan Bosserman as the newest career member of the YAUFRR family.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt administered the Oath of Firefighter, and Ryan's wife pinned him.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff stated that every year the York Veterans of Foreign Wars post contacts the fire department and asks for nominations for Firefighters and EMT's that are going above and beyond serving the public. Every year for the last few years, as Command Staff, we have reviewed the personnel for the most deserving. The two individuals selected work part-time jobs as EMS provides to take care of their families. Chief Hoff was proud to recognize Firefighter Cody Stiffler and Firefighter Chuck Yingling as recipients of the VFW award.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reported that members of the Commission were able to witness a presentation of the Palmer Dollhouse, which demonstrated how fire travels and the importance of keeping doors closed inside of a residence. A lot of time and effort went into the production by the Firefighters and the Videographer, John Pavoncello, which was placed on the website as an educational video dated April 16, 2019. He wanted to recognize the three members of C Shift who did an awesome job in the creation of that presentation. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Captain Todd Heilman, Firefighter Todd Crow, and Firefighter Jason Grim.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reported that on February 4, 2019 at 2:20 p.m. Engine 89.1 of this station was dispatched along with the MICU to 241 South Harlan Street in Springettsbury for chest pains. The crew that day was Firefighter Julie Yanke and Captain Mike Freed. They arrived to find a 58-year old male lying on the living room floor in cardiac arrest. They immediately began chest compressions and applied their AED and delivered one shock prior to the arrival of the MICU. After the arrival of the MICU crews continued the CPR at which time the patient began to regain his spontaneous heart rhythm. The patient, Michael Potts was transported to York Hospital and has since been discharged to his home. He asked Captain Freed and Firefighter Yanke to come forward to receive special recognition for Outstanding Pre-Hospital Lifesaving Care and a Lifesaving Bar. He noted Mr. Potts was present this date to thank the Firefighters.

**POTTS** Mr. Potts stated that he and his family would like to extend a special thank you to Captain Freed and Firefighter Yanke for saving his life on February 4<sup>th</sup>. When they arrived at their home, he was unconscious on the floor from the heart attack, and as they worked together to save his life his wife prayed vigorously. God answered her prayers by providing Captain Freed and Firefighter Yanke. They utilized their training, skills and expertise to successfully save him. If not for their efforts he would not be here, and they are deeply thankful for all First Responders, especially Mike and Julie and extended their sincerest thanks for a well deserving ceremony.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff added that Mr. Potts also has some ties at the fire department through Chad McCullough, Keith Crowell who recently retired, and Solicitor Hovis as well.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt noted that the recognitions and the accomplishments of the new Firefighters are the most rewarding activities of being on the board.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt announced that an Executive Session was held following the last Commission meeting, and an Executive Session was scheduled for immediately following adjournment this date regarding labor negotiations and personnel.

**3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

There were no citizen communications.

**4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS**

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

**HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis stated he had nothing to report.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reminded the board that next Friday at 4 p.m. two YAUFRR Firefighters are graduating from the HAAC Academy. Command Staff will leave headquarters at 3 p.m. to travel to Harrisburg in the event any board members wanted to attend.

Chief Hoff noted that dates had been scheduled for the board members to get together for “training” from an informational standpoint. He contacted the Fire School and checked on some dates. They have no dates open until Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. He also provided some June evening dates: June 7, 13, 21, 24, 25, 26 and 28. Chief Hoff will send the dates to the board in an email.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt reported that he had gone with the Firefighters to one of the burns last Wednesday. This was his first direct exposure with firefighting, and it was eye opening. They put him in full turnouts and took him into the burn building with live fire. It was hot, dark and disorienting, and he stated he was really glad the Firefighters are available to do what they do. He added that he was very impressed with the esprit de corps of those on John Woods shift. They were polite and friendly, but they had business to do, and everyone did a great job. Chairman Hunt was blown away with how good the YAUFRR people are. He encouraged everyone to participate in some sort of activity and interface with them. He thanked everyone for taking good care of him.

**ROONEY** Mr. Rooney stated that he might be interested in attending the graduation ceremony at HAAC. He indicated he would let Chief Hoff know for sure.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt called the board's attention to Chief Hoff's monthly stats, the turnout time. Just due to the simple fact of measuring it, Chief had already seen some substantial improvement. Chairman Hunt encouraged Chief Hoff to keep presenting the data for documentation in the newsletter. It covers just how long it takes to get out the door and how long it takes to arrive; a simple benchmark.

**5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A. Payable Listing as of March 31, 2019

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING OF MARCH 31,2019. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS**

There were none for action.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISIONERS**

**ROONEY** Mr. Rooney stated that he was glad that he lives in a township where he can have the services of YAUFRR available if ever needed. He stated he is very proud of everything they do.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Volunteer Committee

**GRUBB** Mr. Grubb reported that there are two different entities, and each organization has been meeting on a regular basis. They have two vehicles that currently are doing limited transports. Six more are in the procurement process. They hope to get up and running by the first of July with all the paperwork involved to satisfy the Department of Health. That is their goal.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt noted again that YAUFRR is available for assistance if needed.

**GRUBB** Mr. Grubb acknowledged that and noted they are wading through paperwork. If they run into a problem, they will come back to YAUFRR as it is a good model to follow.

**9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

There were none for action.

**10. ACTION ON MINUTES**

A. Approval of Minutes: March 19, 2019 – Fire Commission Meeting

**MR. ROONEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. MS. WINGERT WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reported on the sale of the apparatus. Four engines were posted on Municibid. The auction ended on Friday, and it was indicated on Municibid that the sale had to be approved at a Commission meeting. Two of the apparatus met the reserve but the two newer pieces of apparatus did not meet the reserve. The 1995 Freightliner received a winning bid of \$11,600 (reserve was \$7,000). The 1997 Seagrave received a winning bid of \$13,000 (reserve was \$12,000). He requested the Commission's approval to proceed with the sale of those two pieces of apparatus. In addition, moving forward permission to list the other two that did not sell with the Broker.

**HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis noted that Chief Hoff is keeping records of the bid prices.

**MS. WINGERT MOVED TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF THE TWO APPARATUS THAT WERE ON MUNICIBID AND RECEIVED APPROPRIATE BIDS; FURTHER TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF THE UNSOLD APPARATUS WITH A BROKER. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

A. SCBA Cylinder Purchase – Discussion/Approval

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reported that he has an opportunity to purchase a supply of slightly used cylinders and air packs that are available that would provide consistency throughout the entire department at half the price anticipated for spending next year. The Capital Budget for the purchase of air cylinders for 2020 was \$48,000. The problem with doing so at that time is that they would have been a different generation of product. First Battalion would have cylinders different from the Second Battalion. Having consistency will be helpful when it comes time to write a Federal Grant to replace all the cylinders and air packs. He requested permission from the Commission to spend \$24,000 to replace cylinders and air packs for the Second Battalion. Chief Hoff called the board's attention to his monthly report in which he noted a \$40,000 discount received in Workers Com

insurance from what was budgeted. These funds can be used to purchase the 16 air packs and 36 cylinders. Expected service life is eight years.

**BROSEND** Mr. Brosend questioned which generation the \$48,000 in next year's Capital Budget would buy and how many.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that it would be for the newest generation for the same number, 16 and 36.

**TOMEVI** Mr. Tomevi questioned whether the current ones on hand could be resold and/or whether there would be a market for them.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that there might be a slight market for the air pack itself, but the cylinders are ready to expire so there would not be any resale value on them.

**BROSEND** Mr. Brosend commented that the only other option would be to go into next year and spend \$48,000 and have a similar situation where YAUFR has the new generation along with others.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that eventually when the time comes to replace them, if an application were made for a Federal Grant, they would review it and indicate that there would be some that have eight to 10 years left so they wouldn't replace them. Only the ones that are set to expire will be replaced.

**MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE CYLINDER PURCHASE AS OUTLINED AND IDENTIFIED THE FUNDS COMING FROM SAVINGS FROM THE WORKMAN'S COMP POLICY. MR. DVORYAK WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters*

Dan Rooney, Secretary

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