

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

**APRIL 17, 2018  
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York, PA 17402.

**MEMBERS IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Austin Hunt, Chairman  
Kathleen Phan, Vice Chairman  
Dan Rooney, Secretary  
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township  
Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township

**MEMBERS NOT**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** George Dvoryak, Treasurer, Springettsbury Township  
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** Dan Hoff, YAUFR Chief  
Steve Hovis, Solicitor  
Jay VanPelt, YAUFR  
Les Rhoads, YAUFR  
Joe Myers, YAUFR  
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He apologized to anyone who came last month and found that there was no meeting. He asked if there would be a need for any sort of documentation that there was no meeting.

**HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis responded that where the minutes are posted, there should be a notation for that date that there was a cancellation.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff stated that they would make sure that is done.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt stated that an Executive Session was held following adjournment of the February meeting. No Executive Sessions were scheduled for this date.

**3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS**

There were no citizen comments.

**4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS**

**A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor**

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

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt stated that it looked like the alarm coordination had slowly moved through the municipalities.

**HOVIS** Yes, Spring Garden was completed.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff stated that the Alarm Ordinance will be on next month's agenda. Work continues in Manchester.

**B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief**

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reported that for the May meeting there will be one swearing in, one retirement and one or two additional recognitions. In addition, the replacement staff vehicles are arriving and within the next month they will be transferred, and the current vehicles will be placed on Municibid for sale.

**WINGERT** Ms. Wingert questioned when the repairs to the ladder truck that was damaged back in November would be done.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that he expected it back by the end of April.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked whether the claim was still an open account.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that it is still open. He had not received a final total to date.

**ROONEY** Mr. Rooney brought forward the matter of the Grantley station as he had not heard much new activity. He wondered whether there would be something that YAUFR could do to move that forward.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff reported that he had received some information during a recent Spring Garden staff meeting. Dave Davidson, the Engineer, was at the meeting and he reported that, during the last Land Development Plan, York College showed a piece of ground approved and indicated for a future fire station. Chief Hoff indicated he had not realized that fact.

**ROONEY** Mr. Rooney stated that he did not know that fact either.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff indicated he wasn't sure that Mr. Maust remembered it either. He advised the township engineer cautioned everyone, as conversations continued, to remember that fact.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked how old the plan was.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff indicated he believed it was around the year 2000.

**HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis noted it was when they added the dorm.

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- HOFF** Chief Hoff agreed. When Mr. Maust goes back to speak to Ken Martin, which he's going to be doing very shortly, that it provides a little bit of leverage for consideration.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked Chief Hoff to reach out to Mr. Maust to set up a meeting with himself, Chief and Mr. Maust, to get all the notes together for discussion.
- ROONEY** Mr. Rooney asked if it would just be Mr. Maust meeting with Ken. He wondered if there was anyone else in the township included in the meeting.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that he wasn't sure if Mr. Warman would be included. Chief Hoff offered to reach out, but Mr. Warman indicated that was their job as the township. As far as if they are willing to provide land, that's where it was left.
- ROONEY** Mr. Rooney indicated he didn't know how many years it had been ongoing.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff noted it had been discussed for quite a while.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt noted that he had started working on it while he was a Commissioner back in the 90's. He did have a conceptual plan drawn up by LSC to get things moving. It had been on his list, and that is why he would like to get together with Mr. Maust and get things back in gear.
- ROONEY** Mr. Rooney stated that he would like to see that moved forward.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff stated that about a month ago he had a discussion with John Dommel from Grantly Fire Company concerning the possibility that if the York College possibility does not come to fruition, other options would then need to be investigated. They had verbalized some ideas, but during the last two Spring Garden staff meetings he had asked to renew the conversations with the college.
- ROONEY** Mr. Rooney stated that he would keep all that in mind. He stated he is a planner in his day job and he is planning out 10, 20 years. He'd like to line things up to get to that point. They are looking at the complex now.

**5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

- A. Payable Listing as of February 28, 2018
- B. Payable Listing as of March 31, 2018

**MS. WINGERT MOVED TO APPROVE PAYABLE LISTINGS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AND THE MARCH 31, 2018. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS**

There were none for review.

**7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS**

There were no Commissioner comments.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Volunteer Committee**

**MYERS** Joe Myers reported that the York Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue had its first meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The first point of business was to elect a new President, and Joe was elected President. He noted it would be a big job to fill Don Eckert's shoes. He noted he manages the operations at Grantley during the day. The next volunteer meeting is Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at which time there will be a reorganization and discussion as to how to get all the volunteer companies under one roof. He noted it had always been a challenge, but they are taking small steps to figure out what each individual company's concerns are. Each one wants to hold on to their identity. They will attempt to list them and work through them to get to an end goal for York Area United Volunteer Fire and Rescue going forward.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked how the Commission could help.

**MYERS** Mr. Myers responded that having the Chief come to the meetings had been a great asset.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt noted that there are obvious advantages to a larger organization. However, there is a lot of history and identity that volunteers like to keep. The key is to manage the best of both worlds.

**MYERS** Mr. Myers noted that as individuals come in, they will be shown how each organization came about through a lot of blood, sweat and tears in years gone by.

**HOFF** Chief Hoff stated that his challenge to them in February was that since he attends all or most of the volunteer meetings, it seems everyone has a common theme: lack of finances and lack of people. There has to be a way to bring it together and help fix both by pooling resources, both financial and manpower resources. History and tradition is a very touchy issue with all three of the volunteer companies. Chief Hoff indicated he does not believe history can be lost because one can't lose something that already has occurred. The pride in the things they have in their departments they want to continue, so Joe has his work cut out for him as the elected head of the group and the Chief and Commissioners will give him all the support that he needs.

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked Mr. Myers what the one thing he would need to attract and attain more volunteers.

**MYERS** Mr. Myers responded that it has already started with the new fire truck.

- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked about whether there is a Jr. Firefighter squad.
- MYERS** Mr. Myers responded that there is one with the EMS at Grantley.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked about the age of the individuals he is trying to reach.
- MYERS** Mr. Myers responded it would be kids in high school. There is a junior program, and some are listing a career in the fire service. They may not be sure it's what they want to do.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked what his marketing pitch would be if he were in front of a classroom and what is the most exciting thing about being a volunteer.
- MYERS** Mr. Myers responded that it is being a part of a big family, an organization like no other; people have your back; YAUFR, guys being from Spring Garden, Springettsbury. He stated he had learned a lot during his volunteer time when he rode the fire truck.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt brought up the fact that there is a time commitment to becoming a volunteer, and whether there is a financial burden or the time involved on someone who wants to be a volunteer.
- MYERS** Mr. Myers responded that he thought it was the time. He noted that most work two or three jobs and have a family. Those kinds of things take away from volunteerism.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff stated that, from a training standpoint, the Relief Association and YAUFR itself through the training budget, covers the cost of training. There is very little out-of-pocket that occurs.
- MYERS** Mr. Myers noted that it is good that there is training to be on the truck.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff noted there are parts of the Commonwealth where there is no training, but that's not the way YAUFR operates. He indicated that there has been an interest in Jr. Firefighters. Each station has its own thing, such as Springettsbury has the Fire Police; Grantley has a mix of EMS and Firefighters. There has been an interest in the Jr. Firefighter program in Springettsbury through a mix of Jr. Firefighters and Boy Scouts of America called Venture. He had recently been contacted about that and planned to follow up with the Boy Scout Troop.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt urged Mr. Myers to not be afraid to ask for assistance wherever they can help.
- MYERS** Mr. Myers thanked him for the support.

## **9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

There were none for action.

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**10. ACTION ON MINUTES**

A. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2018 – Fire Commission Meeting

**MS. PHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MINUTES. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**HUNT** Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters*

Dan Rooney, Secretary

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