

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

**MAY 15, 2018
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York, PA 17402.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Austin Hunt, Chairman
Dan Rooney, Secretary
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township
Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: George Dvoryak, Treasurer, Springettsbury Township
Kathleen Phan, Vice Chairman

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hoff, YAUFR Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Jay VanPelt, YAUFR
John Woods, 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.

2. Award Ceremony

HOFF Chief Hoff recognized Firefighter Rich Mellon, who retired after 25 years of career service, which began with Springettsbury Township as a Volunteer and becoming a Professional Firefighter on April 12, 1993. Firefighter Mellon officially retired on April 20, 2018. Chief Hoff stated it was a pleasure to work with him, and he was grateful for the contribution he made to the department. He thanked Rich's wife and two sons for sharing him during his dedicated services to the community. He presented him with his retiree badge and ID, a Challenge Coin and a Certificate of Service, a shadow box with his helmet front, his Springettsbury and YAUFR badges. He congratulated him and wished him all the best in his retirement.

HOFF Chief Hoff invited representatives from the Firefighters Union to make a presentation to Rich as well. The representative gave him a presentation on

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behalf of the Local 3377 for his years of continued support of the Union and for the leadership positions he held throughout the years. He congratulated him on his retirement.

MELLON Mr. Mellon provided comments about his career and noted he would miss the comradery of the men. He urged everyone to take care of themselves.

3. Swearing in Ceremony

HOFF Chief Hoff introduced Brandon Banks, to receive the office of Probationary Firefighter. He joined the YAUFRR team as a Part-Time Firefighter in 2017 and was promoted to Full-Time Probationary Firefighter effective in March of this year. He has been assigned to Station 89.1 on A shift and is doing an outstanding job.

HUNT Chairman Hunt administered the Oath to him, and his father pinned him.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that recent circumstances led him to finalize Appointment of a Department Chaplain in the Line-Of-Duty Death Plan. An email had been sent out to area clergy to determine if there was an interest in the Chaplain position. Three Pastors agreed to come on board. He introduced the three:

- Pastor Adam Bower, Lead Pastor, Grace Community Church in Spring Garden Township since 2005;
- Pastor Dave Hummel, Pastor for Education and Discipleship of Yorkshire United Methodist Church since 2016;
- Pastor Brian McClinton, Pastor with Mt. Zion Lutheran Church since 2001.

Chief Hoff presented them each with a copy of the Federation of Fire Chaplains Training Manual, which will provide insight into the fire service. He also included a Challenge Coin for each of the Pastors in appreciation of their willingness to come forward and assist the department now and in the future.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that an Executive Session will be held following adjournment regarding personnel.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

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HOVIS Solicitor Hovis reported that he had provided Spring Garden Township with a Fireworks Ordinance with respect to the new legislation adopted in Pennsylvania concerning Consumer Fireworks. He and Chief Hoff had discussed attempting to unify regulations for things fire related. He suggested providing the same information to Springettsbury and Manchester for their review.

HOFF Chief Hoff indicated he had spoken to the Springettsbury and Manchester Managers about his intent to bring that forward. He wanted to use Spring Garden to get the language finalized before bringing it to the other townships.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that he wanted to be sure to announce to the Commission that Thursday, June 7th, Spring Garden Township will recognize Mr. Greg Maust for his retirement at the Tri Hill Municipal Building from Noon to 2 p.m.

HUNT Chairman Hunt commented that he noted an insurance reimbursement check had been received for \$240,000.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that it had been a refund with health insurance claims last year.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned the \$10 million documented in statistics for safe property.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that when they go to a kitchen cooking fire and put it out, it's not a big fire. However, technically that statistic comes from YAUFR putting into our records management system the value of the house.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney brought forward the potential meeting with Manager Maust. He noted with his pending retirement he didn't want to see the Grantley building issue fall to the wayside.

HUNT Chairman Hunt noted that he had a meeting with Commissioner Tom Warman just to reopen his files so there is some activity, but nothing to report other than starting up again.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney offered to participate if needed.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked whether the Spring Garden board had a liaison with the college.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney responded that Commissioner Warman is the lead.

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HOVIS Solicitor Hovis noted Chief Hoff may want to circle back to Manager Maust and ask who the liaison is with the college.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney commented that he just wanted to see the issue move so there are some ideas.

HOFF Chief Hoff indicated he would share Mr. Rooney's concern with Mr. Maust's pending retirement. He added that the latest communication that he had is a suggested not just with regard to the Grantley building, but also with all of the stations putting together basically a facilities assessment that would not only help Spring Garden but would help all the other municipalities as far as capital planning for the future.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney commented that it was a good idea.

HOFF Chief Hoff added that it is a bit bigger, but it helps paint a better picture of the condition of the building and how urgent the need is. He has been working on that.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of April 30, 2018

**MS. ZORTMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. MR. BROSEND
WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none for action.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no Commissioner communications.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that the volunteer committee had not met since their April meeting. Joe Myers made the presentation at the last one. He and Mr. Myers have a meeting scheduled later this week to go over some of the context of that April meeting to keep some order there. It does seem like from a Fire Police perspective there's a renewed interest in bringing that group together. They are hoping that can be the catalyst for better things.

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HUNT Chairman Hunt asked how the \$20,000 budget for Volunteer Recruitment and Retention is allocated.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that 98% of that is Workers Comp for the Volunteers.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none for action.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2018 – Fire Commission Meeting

MS. WINGERT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 17, 2018 FIRE COMMISSION MINUTES. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION CARRIED. MR. BROSEND ABSTAINED AS HE WAS NOT PRESENT.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion – Fire Safety House.

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that Battalion Chief Matt Arnold oversees Fire Prevention. His counterpart in Manchester is Captain Todd Heilman. They have been investigating the continued need for the Fire Safety House. The feedback they have received is that the current Fire Safety House is not desirable for the public education efforts. There are several reasons but the main one is that it is a monstrosity to tow, and find parking for, at most schools. Chief Hoff wanted to bring it up for discussion. The committee's recommendation is that there are better products, more portable and more desirable range as far as age groups and grades are concerned. They recommended to move forward with selling the current Fire Safety House and use the proceeds from that to acquire a better product.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether there is a market for a Fire Safety House on a trailer. He noted it would be a limited market.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that there is a small market. The current one is a 2008 and it sits on a camper chassis. Preliminary investigation revealed proceeds might be between \$12,000 to \$16,000. For a new one, it may be up to \$60,000. There are a number of volunteer companies that would take the shell of it, but what doesn't work and do their own thing with it.

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- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked whether this would be used only for school presentations or attendance at venues like Mayday or Springettsbury In The Park.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that they do both; however, functions like those become more like a carnival venue. He would like to move forward and try to liquidate the Fire Safety House and get something more modern and more usable.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt indicated he would like some more specific information.
- WINGERT** Ms. Wingert asked for more information on the cost.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff indicated that some of them had been advertised on Municibid.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt commented about returning the rental truck.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that the rental went back on Friday.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt questioned the mention of a mechanical problem.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that about three days before they planned to return the truck, the turbo blew on it. They were coming back from a call and it blew. The good news is that the ladder truck is back and seems to be working well.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- HUNT** Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFRR Headquarters

Dan Rooney, Secretary

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