

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

**MAY 21, 2019
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York, PA 17402.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Austin Hunt, Chairman
Justin Tomevi, Vice Chairman
George Dvoryak, Treasurer
Cara Beth Zortman
Lisa Wingert
Dave Brosend

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: Dan Rooney, Secretary

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hoff, Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
John Woods, YAUFR BC
Jay VanPelt, YAUFR BC
Paul Grubbs, YAUFR
Charles Wurster, Springettsbury Township
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 turned the meeting over to Chief Hoff.

2. Retirement Recognitions

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that two Firefighters had decided to move on into retirement. Each had in excess of 29 years on the job. He first introduced Retired Firefighter Keith Prowell and acknowledged his career beginning in Spring Garden Township Fire Department on January 1, 1990 under Fire Chief Joe Barron. Firefighter Prowell was a graduate of the Second Municipal Fire Academy at Harrisburg Area Community College. Chief Hoff recognized his years of service and provided him with his retiree badge and ID along with a Challenge Coin and

Department Certificate. The department provided him with a Shadow Box that acknowledged his time not only with YAUFR but also his years with Spring Garden Township Fire Department. He congratulated him for his years with the fire service.

PROWELL Firefighter Prowell thanked the board for all the years of extra meetings and time they put in to run the organization and help YAUFR.

HOFF Chief Hoff recognized Firefighter Rick Witten, who also began his fire service career with Spring Garden Township Fire Department on January 1, 1990 under Fire Chief Joe Barron. He is a graduate of the Second Municipal Fire Academy Harrisburg Area Community College and finished his career after more than 29 years and three months of service. Prior to coming from Spring Garden Township Rick worked as a DOD Firefighter in Mechanicsburg for three years and has a very long history of service going back to 1973 as a Volunteer. During his career Rick also became active locally and throughout the Commonwealth as an Evaluator and an Instructor, activities which he likely will continue during retirement. He was presented with his Retiree Badge and ID, a Certificate and a Challenge Coin and finally with the Shadow Box of history with Spring Garden and YAUFR.

WITTEN Firefighter Witten thanked the board as well as others over the years as he had appreciated the many years he had served the fire service.

3. Years of Service Recognition

HOFF Chief Hoff especially wanted to recognize the support of the families for those in the fire service. The Annual Years of Service Recognitions were provided. He noted the efforts, the passion and experiences that the men and women go through each day are cause for acknowledgment and celebration. He publicly stated how proud he, as Chief, was of each individual for their character, dedication and value they bring to the community. Those recognized follow:

Firefighter Joe Stoppard and Firefighter George Mount, 25 years; Firefighter Jack Shambaugh, 20 years, Battalion Chief Joe Madzelan, Captain William Blackwell, Firefighter Matt Brown, 15 years; Firefighter Todd Kroh, Firefighter Chris Mowry, Captain Matt Russ, 10 years; Firefighter Stephen Vrabel, Battalion Chief Matt Arnold, Captain Curvin Wolfgang, 10 years; Captain Pat Mooney and Firefighter Chad McCullough, 5 years.

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Chief Hoff thanked each one and stated that not only himself, but all of the YAUFR Command Staff is extremely proud of everything they do on a daily basis.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that an Executive Session had been held following the April Commission meeting to discuss personnel. No Executive Sessions were planned for this date.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis stated he had nothing to report.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HUNT Chief Hoff stated he had nothing to add to his regular report.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A, Payable Listing as of April 30, 2019

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING AS OF APRIL 30, 2019. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none for action.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

There were no Commissioner comments.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

GRUBB Paul Grubbs stated that several things to be reported involve ongoing EMS collaboration, a vehicle is on order, and they are providing some transport duty. Things are progressing well, not speedily, but that was their decision to provide this at a reasonable rate and do it right the first time.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked whether they had done any rebranding on their equipment.

GRUBBS Mr. Grubbs indicated that one vehicle had been acquired by Regional and the other had been acquired by West York. They put on their logos, however, those will change as branding occurs to the core brand. The first truck that will come in within the next several weeks should come out with First Capital signage.

Mr. Grubbs reported that the YAUFR Volunteer Committee will meet tomorrow, May 22nd evening, and they will continue discussing a relief merger. That is where they would like to go, but there is some resistance. They are hoping that those individuals will no longer resist, as a relief organization would cover all of YAUFR as one.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if there are any difficulties with merging.

GRUBBS Mr. Grubbs responded that they had been advised not to at this point. He voiced some difficulties with calculations and disbursement of the Fire Tax. They are looking into this at this time.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis commented that it was something to communicate with the Auditor General in advance to understand the requirements.

GRUBBS Mr. Grubbs indicated they wanted to be sure to get all the organization on board to do that prior to engaging the Auditor General. They want to review how much they need to invest as far as legal fees to do it right.

HUNT Chairman Hunt stated to please feel free to draw on legal advice, and contact Solicitor Hovis through Chief Hoff to coordinate it.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none for action.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes: April 16, 2019 – Fire Commission Meeting

MS. WINGERT MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2019 YAUFR COMMISSION MEETING. MR. BROSEND WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion – Fire Safety House

HOFF Chief Hoff explained that the Fire Safety House had been listed twice on Municibid without an acceptable amount of reserve, which was set at \$10,000. The best bid received on Municibid was \$6,500, which came from York Vo Tech. The intended use would be as a mobile classroom for their CDL program.

MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE FIRE SAFETY HOUSE TO YORK VO TECH FOR THE \$6,500 WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO DO SOME HAGGLING ESPECIALLY FOR ANY TRANSFER TAX, ETC. THAT WOULD BE APPLICABLE. MS. WINGERT WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

- B. Discussion – Seagrave Engine

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that the 1997 Seagrave had been listed on Municibid; however, the winning bidder was unable to be located. Through further discussion staff suggested it be listed for sale with Fenton Fire Equipment.

HUNT Chairman Hunt commented that it would involve a consignment scale.

WOODS Battalion Chief Woods responded that Fenton will receive 10 percent.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

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HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if Mr. Wurster had any comments. There were no comments.

TOMEVI Mr. Tomevi requested a brief Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that a brief Executive Session would be held immediately following adjournment. He adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters

Dan Rooney
Secretary

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