

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

**JULY 17, 2018
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 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
George Dvoryak, Treasurer, Springettsbury Township
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township
Dan Rooney, Secretary

ALSO IN

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

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that this is the first time since the creation of YAUFR that so many individuals have been sworn in on one night. He introduced each employee and provided some background and personal information about each one.

HUNT Chairman Hunt provided the Oath of Office to Travis Ort, Nick Serikstad, Scott Ryno and Frank Wirth, Jr.

HOFF Chief Hoff recognized some Mutual Aid people in attendance. Captain Wirth, Frank Wirth, Jr.'s father; Deputy Chief Lloyd Gentzler and Chief Cliff Laughman from West Manchester Township that came out to support Travis tonight. He thanked them for their attendance, as well as those YAUFR employees attending.

HUNT Chairman Hunt thanked them for joining the YAUFR team.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that they are doing a magnificent job. Chief Woods, who takes care of the entry level program, is extremely happy with their performance.

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HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if this is the class of 58 interviews and 17 physical fitness tests.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that it was.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if there was anyone who was offered the job who didn't take it.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that everyone accepted. The #1 guy on the list isn't available until October of 2019 because of his commitment to the Coast Guard, so he had to be skipped over. He took the test, knowing that he's getting out of the Coast Guard and he wanted to have some options. Hopefully with expected attrition, he will be joining next year.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that an Executive Session would be held following the meeting this date for labor issues updates. No Executive Sessions had been held since the last meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis reported that Chief Hoff had been keeping him informed with the municipality's fireworks ordinance. It is active July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

HUNT Chairman Hunt commented that it shouldn't stop there as it is still going on in Manchester Township.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis noted that York Township suffered a fire where a tree was set on fire as well as it melted the adjoining house. He stated that, as Solicitor for Spring Garden Township, they are introducing an ordinance that deals with fireworks, which regulates it slightly above and beyond the state law. Included is a limitation on the times that they may be discharged, and in addition, he suggested that there be a prohibition if a burn ban is in effect.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked about jurisdiction for those laws as to whether it is a police issue.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that the law states that it shall be unlawful to discharge, possess and sell in certain manners, but it is a police enforcement. One thing the police struggle with is that the law indicates it is unlawful for a person to discharge them within 150 feet of a house, a vehicle, etc. Language had been

drafted for one of the municipalities that makes the homeowner responsible for any unlawful discharges.

WINGERT Ms. Wingert indicated that the ordinance will be shared with Manchester and Springettsbury. The subject had been discussed at the Manchester supervisor's meeting as they had some complaints.

HOFF Chief Hoff noted that it had been shared with Mr. James of Manchester and Ms. Fieldhouse of Springettsbury for consistency.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether Solicitor Hovis had heard any justification from the state on why it had not been allowed for some time and now it is permitted.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that it was very telling because the prior Fireworks Ordinance that regulated the discharge of display fireworks and prohibited consumer fireworks was found in the Health and Safety Provisions of the Statutes, and it was passed under that regulatory scheme. That was repealed and a new Fireworks Ordinance was adopted that now made lawful consumer fireworks, which was done under the Fiscal Code, which reflects the fact that it was purely driven on the taxes, as well as permit fees they would get from the sale.

HOFF Chief Hoff noted that there had not been any reportable injuries or singed eyebrows but there is a move that is active with the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chief Association, collecting data to try to appeal to the Legislature that this fireworks law makes absolutely no sense. He was not sure how far it would go, but it had been in the news.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff called attention to the entranceway at the Manchester Township Building which has a 24X36-inch poster that says, "Manchester residents are protected by Northern York County Regional Police." He is working with Caskey Printing to develop a similar poster that can be placed in all of our municipal buildings. He noted it would assist in brand awareness.

HUNT Chairman Hunt commented that the pumpers are ahead of schedule and the financing is secured and ready. He asked Chief Hoff about the union contracts and whether that would include one or two parallel negotiations.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that there will be one Collective Bargaining Agreement. It requires legwork on the part of the union where the two have to come together, but the intent is that that will happen, that they will come together and the final piece of the puzzle will be solved. There is one negotiating team.

HUNT Chairman Hunt brought forward an item he would like to see in the newsletter, which would include some performance statistics, such as response time or response percentages.

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- HOFF** Chief Hoff recalled a previous discussion about placing statistics on the website as well. They continue working on the best way to do that and keep it current.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked what benchmarks would be helpful.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that it would be times to first on scene; emergency response or non-emergency response.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt indicated that his hope is that it would include some sort of easily digestible statistic that municipal managers and commissioners could review as to how YAUFR is doing.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff mentioned that the new Administrative Assistant, Laurie, did the bulk of the work on the newsletter, and she did a really good job. He also mentioned that the Joint Volunteer meeting will be held Wednesday evening, July 18th at Victory at 6 p.m. He will stress to the volunteers that he wants to increase the coverage of their events in the next newsletter to highlight their activities.
- PHAN** Ms. Phan asked about the sign-up count for the newsletter.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that Chief Arnold would have that information. It goes up by one or two each week. Some of the things coming up with the Intern will be going out on Facebook and social media will help bolster that.
- PHAN** Ms. Phan suggested reaching out to YDR for an article as it had been a while.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that the new Spring Garden Manager's son has joined as a Junior Firefighter at Grantley. A reporter overheard that at the last meeting. He interviewed last week with them.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt noted that YAUFR had administered nine of the Narcan in the last year. He asked how that would compare with the police.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that the police far and above exceed what YAUFR is doing mainly because there are more police on the street, and they arrive more quickly. When YAUFR began administering Narcan, the main drive there was protecting our people because of the synthetic opioids being abused. People were having medical events just from coming into contact with the fentanyl and the heroin. There have been at least five different cases where either an emergency services worker or a police officer needed medical assistance themselves because of the skin contact.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- BROSEND** Mr. Brosend commented on an approval request for a Bank Check to be issued due to a situation. The approval came back for a Blank Check. He wanted to be sure that the Commission is not approving Blank Checks.

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PHAN Ms. Phan confirmed that the request did say Blank. When she responded to the request she noted approval for the Bank Check.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that the check was for Alert Fire Company's contribution. They have had some mail problems, and he was asked by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees if YAUFR could just get a check and have it hand delivered to them. He had done that.

BROSEND Mr. Brosend was assured that it is a Bank Check and not a Blank Check.

PHAN Ms. Phan commented that it was a very easy typo.

MS. PHAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING AS OF JUNE 30, 2018. MR. DVORYAK 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

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that the Joint Volunteer Meeting will be held tomorrow evening, July 18 at 6 p.m. at Victory Fire Company. There has been no action since the last meeting, but hopefully in August there will be something to report.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

A. 2018-03 – Acknowledging and Congratulating Alert Fire Company.

HOFF Chief Hoff reported that Alert Fire Company is hosting the 106th or 107th Anniversary at the York County Firemen's Convention next month. He noted they have done an amazing job in preparation. Manchester Township had prepared a Resolution, and he thought it would be appropriate that YAUFR present a Resolution during their events.

WINGERT Ms. Wingert asked if Keith Gillespie would provide a Resolution.

HOFF Chief Hoff offered to call him. Chief Hoff noted that they have a piece of antique fire apparatus that they've invited one of the local representatives to ride in in the parade.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked who is the driving personality for Alert.

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HOFF Chief Hoff responded that it has been a combination of Doug Freeze of Thornton Chevy fame, and Bob Straw, former EMA Coordinator. Just last month, they actually had their 1951 Ward La France Convertible Top Fire Engine that originally belonged to Manchester Township or Alert Fire Company was returned to them for the sum of about \$4,000. The guy sold it back to them. So right now their 1951 engine is sitting in the station over there.

MS PHAN MOVED FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2018-3. MS. WINGERT WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2018 – Fire Commission Meeting

MR. DVORYAK MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2018 FIRE COMMISSION MEETING. MR. BROSEND 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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters

Dan Rooney
Secretary

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