

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

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 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
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township
Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township
Dan Rooney, Secretary

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hoff, Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Paul Grubbs, 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. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that no Executive Sessions had been held since the last meeting. An Executive Session was scheduled for this date immediately following adjournment.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis reported that he met with Chief Hoff and Ms. Einsig with regard to amending the handbook in order to move away from the Springettsbury handbook. It was time well spent. In addition, he expressed his thanks to the Chief and all his men for the time they took at the Fire School. He stated it had

been an amazing exercise, and it was great to see the enthusiasm and engagement from the Firefighters. He indicated it was very enlightening.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that the Firefighters enjoyed it as well.

HUNT Chairman Hunt indicated that he and Chief Hoff miscommunicated as to who was to draft a note of thanks from the Board for him to post on the bulletin board. Chairman Hunt will prepare the note of thanks. He thanked everyone on the Board for their participation. It meant a lot that everyone showed the passion to the employees.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff stated he had nothing specific to report unless there were questions about his report.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if he wanted to elaborate on the PTSD memo.

HOFF Chief Hoff discussed the PTSD matter relating to the fire service. He noted that the burden to show correlation with the fire service is on the employee. The matter is similar to the cancer presumption issue. He stated that it is important to note that with all the legislation being presented/proposed for incentives to fix the volunteer fire service, municipalities should not be fooled into thinking that it is the same as the PTSD matter; it is a completely separate matter. He added that when Firefighters, EMS and Police sign up for the service, there is an expectation that one will see bad things happen to good people.

WINGERT Ms. Wingert questioned whether Chief Hoff would like the Commissioners to take the information back to their municipal boards for awareness.

HOFF Chief Hoff indicated it was provided largely for information.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether, from a legal perspective, there had been any substantial cancer presumption claims.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis noted he had heard of a few but not as many as expected.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that Harrisburg City had a large fire where several individuals had contracted cancer, and several had passed away. Other reports related to skin cancers that are well within treatable limits.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of October 1, 2019

MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none for action.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

HUNT Chairman Hunt reiterated that he would be drafting a letter of thanks for the Firefighters from the board. He added that it was “over the top fun.”

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

GRUBBS Paul Grubbs indicated he had nothing significant to report. Their next meeting will be held on November 20, 2019.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none for action.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2019 – Fire Commission Meeting

**MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 15, 2019.
MR. ROONEY WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was none for discussion.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Advertisement of 2002 American LaFrance Ladder Truck

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked Chief Hoff to discuss his plan to sell the American LaFrance Ladder Truck.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that he had requested Solicitor Hovis to assist in getting a Sealed Bid advertisement drawn up to place in the Pennsylvania Fireman similarly to what had been done with the four pumpers that were sold. He would like to advertise it for a period of time in this publication as it goes out beyond the Pennsylvania boundaries. It had not been listed previously.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether this apparatus is the one that was hit.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that originally this was a 2002 Springettsbury Ladder and two years ago it was T-boned right after Thanksgiving. The repairs were \$10,000 shy of being able to get rid of it.

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- HOFF** Chief Hoff indicated that following the sealed bid listing in the Pennsylvania Fireman, if unsuccessful, it would be placed in Municibid. It would be brought back to the Board at that time.
- HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis noted that any sealed bid would be opened, and at that point in time the Board will determine whether sufficient bids had been received. The Board has every right to reject any and all bids.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff commented that when they sold the pumpers, they had not placed a minimum bid amount.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt questioned whether Chief Hoff had an estimated value.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that they would consider it lucky if a bid of \$50,000 would come. The expectation is that perhaps someone would be interested in the aerial device, not the chassis because it is worn out. The aerial device, the actual ladder, is a good quality ladder that has a lot of life left.

MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT IN WHATEVER PUBLICATION CHIEF DEEMS PROPER TO ACHIEVE THE SEALED BID PROCESS. MS. WINGERT WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. ADJOURNMENT

HUNT Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters

Dan Rooney
Secretary

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