

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

**NOVEMBER 20, 2018
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at YAUFRR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York, PA 17402.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Austin Hunt, Chairman
Dan Rooney, Secretary, Spring Garden Township
Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township
George Dvoryak, Treasurer, Springettsbury Township
Justin Tomevi, Springettsbury Township
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township, (Via Face Time)

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hoff, YAUFRR Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

HUNT Chairman Austin Hunt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for coming and turned the meeting over to Chief Hoff.

HOFF Chief Hoff invited the graduates of the second Annual Citizen's Fire Academy to join the meeting tonight so that they could be recognized. He noted that Chairman Hunt would assist him. Chief Hoff invited those citizens to come forward for their certificates. Those receiving certificates were: Nancy Walters, Selena Zuch, Jennifer Saltner, Peggy Sowers and Donald Krause. Chief Hoff provided some background on the classes which were held in September. The classes are offered to anyone in the community. They engage in some of the activities of a Firefighter, which includes ladders, hoses, different tools, air packs, search and rescue, etc. It culminates with actually getting to see a real fire and actually put some water on a real fire. The feedback Chief Hoff had received from Battalion Chief Arnold, who headed this program, was that their only complaint was they didn't get to do enough. So, perhaps more time can be built into the program in the future. These were citizens of the community that just wanted to learn more about what YAUFRR does. Chief Hoff presented each one with a certificate.

HUNT Chairman Hunt congratulated each of the graduates.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that there had been no Executive Sessions since the last meeting, but one was scheduled for this date regarding personnel.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis stated that he had nothing to report.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff reported on a recent incident of a house fire this date on Schoolhouse Lane in Springettsbury Township. It was a kitchen fire that resulted in a little smoke and water damage to the other parts of the building. The team did a magnificent job and from the time of dispatch until wrapping it up was less than an hour. They are doing a top-notch job.

Chief Hoff commented that, for the third year in a row, the guys are putting together their Christmas Operation Give Back. They are taking up donations to help support needy families in the three municipalities. If anybody would like to donate towards that cause it stays within the service area. He noted he would collect donations and make sure they get where they need to go. Over the last two years they had served many in the community, and they hope to expand it some this year.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney questioned the status of the Grantley fire station sites.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that they had suggested the minimal sized lot that would be needed and their preferences of location within the west side of the township. Linda Keller had provided some potential locations. Chief Hoff had given the feedback to Mr. Warman.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney asked whether there are some promising sites.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that he thought they were promising.

HUNT Chairman Hunt clarified that they had provided their opinion, and the Chief gave the Commission's opinions to Spring Garden, so the ball is in their court.

HOFF Chief Hoff noted, in response to an inquiry from Mr. Dvoryak, that he had communicated with Springettsbury Township Manager and his questions were answered.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of October 31, 2018

MS. ZORTMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLES ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2018. MR. TOMEVI 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

DOMMEL John Dommel reported that they have been working with the other departments in the YAUFRR area to combine Fire Police forces. They have spoken with the Springettsbury and Spring Garden Fire Police to work together for a common cause. They had discussed it at the YAUFRR Volunteer meeting as well. In addition, they had discussed building sites in Spring Garden, and Chief Hoff had represented the volunteers to the township and put together a report for the board.

HUNT Chairman Hunt provided some Fire Police background for Mr. Tomevi. He noted that one of the complicated things about fire police is that they are called Fire Police; however, generally the Incident Command goes through the Police Chief. There is a Grantley, a Springetts and a Manchester Fire Police group. They are working toward creating an umbrella YAUFRR Fire Police, which will take coordination through the individual Police Chiefs. Within the last month a position had been taken and communicated to all three Police Chiefs. Grantley Fire Police have been suffering with active manpower, and Manchester and Springettsbury's Fire Police have stepped in to supplement things in Spring Garden Township, specifically in the area of administration and onboarding of new members. So far, the coordination had been well received by all the volunteers, which is exciting toward bringing everything together.

DOMMEL Mr. Dommel added that Grantley had received three new volunteers for Fire Police, and they are waiting for them to be trained.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked whether the Fire Police are deputized by the Police Department following certification at the end of the training.

DOMMEL Mr. Dommel responded that they do have to go through the training with a full background check. The Police Department has to authorize them to conduct their activities. At this time the Fire Police are under the authority of Chief Schwartz.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that each township has a Sergeant or Lieutenant assigned responsibility. He added that they do have to be sworn in to operate within the municipality.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether they are on a Volunteer Worker's Comp.

DOMMEL Mr. Dommel responded that he was correct.

HUNT Chairman Hunt wondered whether there would be crossover between the Fire Police and the Volunteer Firefighters.

DOMMEL Mr. Dommel indicated that for Spring Garden Township, the silos for the Fire Police are just Fire Police. If they would want to cross over, they would need to go through the Basic Firefighting and other training as set forth by Chief Hoff.

HUNT Chairman Hunt commented that Fire Police have a different set of tasks than Firefighting.

DOMMEL Mr. Dommel responded that the Fire Police are out to direct the traffic and to respond to scenes of incidents to help the fire department and the police department.

HUNT Chairman Hunt thanked him for the great report.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none for action.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: October 16, 2018 – Fire Commission Meeting

MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2018 MEETING. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for action.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acknowledge receipt of 2017 Audit Report – Stambaugh Ness PC

MS. ZORTMAN MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS FROM STAMBAUGH NESS. MR. TOMEVI WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

13. ADJOURNMENT

HUNT Chairman Hunt reminded the members of the board of the Executive Session scheduled for immediately following adjournment. He adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFRR Headquarters

Dan Rooney
Secretary

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