

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

**APRIL 20, 2021
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom technology.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Austin Hunt, Chairman
Charles Wurster, Secretary, Springettsbury Township
Dan Rooney, Vice Chairman, Spring Garden Township
George Dvoryak, Springettsbury Township
Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township
John Inch, Manchester Township (lost connection during the meeting)
Tom Gwilt, Spring Garden Township

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Daniel Hoff, YAUFR Chief
Sarah Doyle, Solicitor
Paul Grubbs
Lisa Einsig, YAUFR
Laurie Noel, YAUFR
Sue Sipe, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

HUNT Chairman Hunt called the Regular Meeting to order. He dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance due to the virtual meeting.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that a brief Executive Session would be held following the meeting.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Solicitor Hovis

DOYLE Attorney Doyle stated she was sitting in for Solicitor Hovis and had nothing to report.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff noted he had no report. He indicated he would check on the question of the Spring Garden lane closures as was mentioned prior to the meeting.

HUNT Chairman Hunt indicated he noticed in Chief Hoff's comments the next strategic planning meeting is scheduled for April 28, however, he did not receive another notification of the meeting.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated there were several emails sent from Battalion Chief Madzellan. He indicated he would check to make sure they were sent to Chairman Hunt.

HUNT Chairman Hunt rechecked and discovered the emails were inter-mixed with the minutes to the fire school.

WINGERT Ms. Wingert commended Chief Hoff for providing the platoon captains and others with educational training opportunities.

HOFF Chief Hoff thanked Ms. Wingert and commented that BC Wolfgang and BC Arnold being enrolled in the EFO Program at the National Fire Academy, and BC Arnold gaining his Chief Fire Officer Designation, help further our goal of having command staff professionally credentialed and pursuing advanced education. The leadership program he, personally, had attended virtually was originally introduced by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He noted the class reinforced leadership as it relates to communication.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of March 31, 2021

MS. WINGERT MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLE LISTING OF MARCH 31, 2021. MR. DVORYAK WAS SECOND. BY ROLL CALL VOTE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked for the Board's wishes on continuing Zoom for the meetings vs. returning to in person meetings.

WINGERT Ms. Wingert stated she was fine with going back to in person meetings.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if the three charter municipalities were conducting in person meetings.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated Spring Garden had an in person meeting last week. Manchester held a virtual meeting last week and announced they plan to be back to in person at their May meeting. Springettsbury is still scheduled to be a virtual meeting this week.

WURSTER Mr. Wurster stated he could appreciate the efficiencies of the virtual meeting.

HUNT Chairman Hunt agreed the virtual meeting is efficient, however, he did not feel it should continue long-term. He made a recommendation that after all three charter municipalities go back to in person meetings, the YAUFR meetings would also go back to in person.

All members were in agreement.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney asked about the capacity of the meeting room in order to have enough space to accommodate members and guests, particularly as it relates to the Awards Program.

HOFF Chief Hoff did not feel there would be an issue since the recognition occurs in February and it was hoped by then the capacity restrictions would be lifted. He also noted if there would be an event in the meantime which would require additional people, they could relocate the meeting to a larger venue, such as Victory Fire Company and still meet the 75% restriction.

HUNT Chairman Hunt mentioned the engine bay at 891 could also be used.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

GRUBBS Mr. Grubbs stated the committee was anticipating meeting this month, however there was a scheduling conflict with several individuals so the meeting will be held May 19, 2021.

HUNT Chairman Hunt indicated he read that Grantley is anticipating having their real estate appraised.

GRUBBS Mr. Grubbs indicated that is in progress at this time. The appraiser did the fire station as well as the rental property next door. He noted they did not think the appraisal for the rental property was accurate given what other houses have been sold for in that area recently. He does not yet know what the appraised amount is for the fire station.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There was nothing for action this month.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2021 – Fire Commission Meeting

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2021 AS WRITTEN. MR. WURSTER WAS SECOND. BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

HUNT Chairman Hunt referred to the packet which included a sale contract for the American LaFrance. He asked Chief Hoff to review options on the sale.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated as mentioned in his report the department had received a hand written offer for their American LaFrance ladder truck, in the amount of \$9,000.00. Staff advised they do not recommend accepting that offer. Chief Hoff indicated they have been listing the truck in various places, i.e., Municibid and Fenton Fire Equipment. He noted that staff had approached Fire Line Equipment in Lebanon County and staff is making a recommendation to list with them for a 7% commission option, which allows YAUFR to not only list with Fire Line Equipment but also to re-list it on Municibid, or continue to advertise elsewhere such as on social media accounts, our website, etc.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked if Fire Line gave any idea of a market value for the equipment.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that was not relayed to him. He noted this is an obsolete unit – the only value is the actual aerial device and torque box. The ladder is worth approximately \$15-20,000.

HUNT Chairman Hunt asked Attorney Doyle if the decision requires approval by vote to guide the Chief in signing the contract.

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DOYLE Attorney Doyle stated if they chose to go with the 7% commission a motion would be required to authorize Chief Hoff to execute the contract.

MR. WURSTER MOVED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH FIRE LINE EQUIPMENT FOR THE SALE OF THE UNIT AT THE 7% COMMISSION OPTION. MS. WINGERT WAS SECOND. BY ROLL CALL VOTE THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

13. ADJOURNMENT

HUNT Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters

Charles Wurster
Secretary

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