

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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
APPROVED**

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. at YAUFR Headquarters, 50 Commons Drive, York PA

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Rooney, Chairman, Spring Garden Township
Austin Hunt, Vice Chairman
David Detwiler, Spring Garden Township
Deb McCune, Manchester Township
George Dvoryak, Springettsbury Township
Charles Wurster, Secretary, Springettsbury Township

NOT PRESENT: Thomas Gwilt, Spring Garden Township
John Inch, Manchester Township

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Daniel Hoff, YAUFR Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Tim Purcell
Teresa Hummel, Director of Finance, Springettsbury Township
Lisa Einsig, YAUFR (via Zoom)
Mark Hodgkinson, Springettsbury Township Manager
Sue Sipe, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

ROONEY Chairman Rooney called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Recognition

HOFF Chief Hoff recognized Firefighter Chris Mowry and his wife Rachel Mowry who assisted in saving the life of a neighbor who was in cardiac arrest on their front porch. The York County Commissioners requested to publicly recognize the Mowry's for their outstanding performance. Commissioners Julie Wheeler, Ron Smith and Doug Hoke presented the Mowry's with a proclamation on behalf of the County of York.

SMITH Commissioner Smith read the proclamation, stating in the cases of cardiac arrests the statistics are less than 10% for patients to survive and less than 7% actually make a full recovery. He noted the patient was transported to the hospital by EMS providers and experienced a full recovery.

HOFF Chief Hoff recognized Battalion Chief Matt Arnold who is retiring. He presented Chief Arnold with a plaque commemorating his years at YAUFR.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

ROONEY Chairman Rooney announced there would not be an Executive Session following the meeting.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There was none.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Solicitor Steve Hovis

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis stated Chief Hoff provided him with model ordinances for fireworks prepared by PMA. He noted they are reviewing them for possible revision and the municipalities will be receiving a draft to determine a fireworks ordinance.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff stated there was a significant fire recently in the vicinity of South Duke Street. Investigation is still ongoing along with the State Police Fire Marshall.

Chief Hoff indicated they were informed at the Springettsbury Volunteer meeting that one of their recently retired fire policemen has entered hospice.

HUNT Mr. Hunt commented he was aware a productive labor management meeting was held.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated the labor management was an opportunity to present some items to be worked on with the union.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of August 31, 2022

**MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYABLE LISTING AS OF AUGUST 31, 2022.
MR. WURSTER WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

HUNT Mr. Hunt complimented Chief Hoff on his presentation for Chief Arnold.

ROONEY Chairman Rooney thanked Mr. Detweiler and Mr. Hunt for acting on his behalf while he was on vacation.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

GRUBB Mr. Grubbs stated a meeting was held last month. They developed three initiatives for volunteer recruitment and retention which is in progress. They are working on updating the YAUFRR website making it more user friendly to complete applications online. They are working on placing signs around the Township. They discussed using mobile sign boards in the Township. In regards to the messaging to be placed on the billboards it was noted they are working on developing a specific message that would be professionally created.

Discussion was held on volunteer programs in other Townships.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2022 – Fire Commission Meeting

MR. HUNT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2022 AS SUBMITTED. MR. McCUNE WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion – Local Share Grant Project

HOFF Chief Hoff indicated he approached Solicitor Hovis to review the possibility of YAUFRR applying for a Local Share Grant through the Department of Community and Economic Development. He noted this is funded through casino gaming in Pennsylvania. This project would need to be in association with one of the municipalities. He noted they are currently working on a project to bring to the Commission to give approval to move forward with the grant.

Chief Hoff referred to a grant which was provided to the Commission for replacement of their hydraulic rescue equipment. He documented the project, the intent and what they are looking for is approval in order to move forward with one of the Townships. His suggestion was if Springettsbury Township is amenable, he would like to discuss this with Mr. Hodgkinson, Township Manager with the possibility of having Abby Gibb, Communications Manager write the grant.

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Chief Hoff indicated this grant would allow YAUFR to replace gasoline powered equipment switching to a green initiative using battery powered vehicle rescue equipment.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis indicated a consensus was needed to confirm the Township would sponsor the project. The local share account Category 4 facilities program is available to a municipality where the mini-casino is located, or an adjacent municipality can be an applicant for a grant under the program. One of the municipalities must be the lead agency for the grant.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated he is in contact with the Executive Vice President of Hollywood Casino and mentioned this opportunity to him, and he subsequently volunteered a letter of support to be included in the grant application.

MR. HUNT MOVED TO CONSENT TO HAVE CHIEF HOFF PROCEED WITH APPROACHING SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP OR ONE OF THE CURRENT MUNICIPALITIES TO SPONSOR AND ASSIST WRITING A LOCAL SHARE GRANT. MS. McCUNE WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. A Fire Development Demonstration followed the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

ROONEY Chairman Rooney adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFR Headquarters

Charles Wurster
Secretary/ses