

**Upper Pottsgrove Township
Fire Committee Meeting
September 17, 2009**

Members in attendance were Chairman Russell Noll, Vice Chairman Robert Sloss and Marshal/President Stanley Hildenbrand. Renee Spaide, Gilbert Duncan and Fire Chief Tom Mattingly were absent. Also in attendance were James Folk, Keith Winnemore, Scott Wagner and Jack Layne, Township Manager.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Noll called the meeting to order at 7:24 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes

Marshal Hildenbrand moved that the August 20, 2009 Fire Committee meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Vice Chairman Sloss seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

III. Reports

A. Operational Report

Marshal Hildenbrand provided the Operational Report for the month of August 2009. Highlights of this Report included the following:

- There were 9 calls and 88 year to date
- There was 1 structure fire
- There was 1 accident with injuries
- There were 0 trash fires
- There were 4 automatic fire alarms
- There was 1 Fire Police only calls
- There were 0 vehicle fires
- Mutual aid was given 2 times
- Mutual aid was received 3 times
- There were 0 scratched calls
- Three municipalities were served
- Time in service was 8 hours and 8 minutes and man hours totaled 72.
- Vehicle Rescue was provided while Vehicle Rescue Classes were scheduled.

There was a brief discussion regarding the number false fire alarms occurring at local entities, such as Ken Crest Services locations and the Middle School.

B. Membership Report

Marshal Hildenbrand reported that in August 2009 there were 33 Active Members, 6 Non Firefighters and 20 Inactive Members. He stated that there were 0 new applications, 0 being investigated and 2 memberships had been approved.

C. Treasurer's Report

Marshal Hildenbrand reported that the August 2009 month end balance for the Fire Company's Savings Account was \$16,620.98, Checking Account \$3,090.12 and Truck Fund Account \$14,514.52. He noted that \$1,650 had been received from pool fills. It was also noted that the \$591.60 expenditure in the Checking Account was for the purchase of dress shirts from the 1st Prescient. It was further noted that there had been no illegal transactions by the past Treasurer and that all the financial documents were locked in the Fire Company. Marshal Hildenbrand stated that he had sent in the specified Federal Report for the 501 © (3) program.

D. Fire Fund Budget Update

Mr. Layne noted that the July 31, 2009 Fire Fund expenditures were 46.3% of the 2009 budgeted total, the revenues were 98.2% and the year-to-date Unreserved Fund Balance was \$66,619.17.

E. Fire Relief Fund

The Fire Relief reports for August 2009 were the following: the month end Checking Account balance for August 2009 was \$44,337.64, the Money Market closing balance was \$27,825.22, Certificates of Deposits were \$55,971.22 and \$51,303.19 and the total for all accounts was \$179,437.27.

IV. Old Business

A. Information on leasing options for new fire truck

Marshal Hildenbrand reported that the work on the new fire truck was proceeding forward. He noted that updated photographs documenting work completed on the new fire truck were displayed at the Township.

B. Miscellaneous Items

- Marshal Hildenbrand recommended that the \$11,000 State Grant provided to the Fire Company for a new Cascade System be provided for another purpose, such as open lockers, new gear lockers, etc.
- Marshal Hildenbrand stated that they would be applying for a second State Grant of \$15,000 for the purchase of a Thermal Imaging System.
- Marshal Hildenbrand stated that he would like for the Fire Committee to recommend that the Board of Commissioners begin to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He stated that he would like to see the Fire Company operate as a non-profit entity. He would like to see the MOU voided but not the Fire Committee. Chairman Noll suggested that the Fire Committee put together a statement regarding the MOU for submittal to the Board of Commissioners.
- The Committee discussed the September 11, 2009 letter from Superior to the Township. There was a consensus that Superior not remove the Maugers' Mill fire hydrants per this letter. Also, the Committee expressed concern that the fire flushing reports had not been provided to the Township by Superior. There was general

agreement that Superior should color code their fire hydrants per NFPA Standards. It was recommended that this letter be provided to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

- Chairman Noll stated that he would like to utilize a senior high school student to assist in the submittal of the corporate letter. This student will attend the next Committee meeting.
- Vice Chairman Sloss expressed concerns with the flames resulting from the burning of cars on the Township parking lot area that were being utilized for training purposes. Marshal Hildenbrand stated that this was not standard activity and that this type of training would not frequently be provided.
- Marshal Hildenbrand stated that Thompson's Automotive desired to obtain the old fire truck that was parked in the Township parking lot.

V. New Business

- Marshal Hildenbrand stated that the housing for the new fire truck should be provided in the spring. Preparation for this effort includes repaving of the apron, painting inside the building and improvement of the ceiling. Chairman Noll cautioned about leaving water on the floor.
- Marshal Hildenbrand stated that with the potentially high volume of emergency response activity at the Upland Square State Route 100/State Road intersection that there should be consideration for placing a fire company sub-station near this site.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment

Marshal Hildenbrand moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 P.M. Vice Chairman Sloss seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Submitted by Jack Layne, Township Manager

**The next Fire Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Thursday,
October 15, 2009**