

**Upper Pottsgrove Township  
Fire Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2010**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Noll called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Marshall Hildenbrand moved that the August 19, 2010 meeting minutes be approved. Chief Mattingly seconded this motion. The motion was approved.

**III. Reports**

**A. Operational Report**

Chief Mattingly provided the Operational Report for the month of August 2010. Highlights of this Report included the following:

- There were 10 calls and 119 calls for the year to date
- There were 0 structure fires
- There were 4 accidents with injuries
- There were 0 trash fires
- There were 0 automatic fire alarms
- There were 2 Fire Police only calls
- There were 0 vehicle fires
- Mutual aid was given 1 time
- Mutual aid was received 2 times
- There were 0 scratched calls
- Two municipalities were served
- Time in service was 7 hours and 29 minutes and man hours totaled 57.79 hours
- In-House Training was provided.

**B. Membership Report**

Marshal Hildenbrand reported that there were no new memberships approved in August and there were no applicants pending investigation.

**C. Treasurer's Report**

Marshal Hildenbrand reported that the month end balance for August 31, 2010 for the Fire Company's Savings Account was \$2,509.46 and the Checking Account was \$2,723.96. The amount of funding currently in the Fire Truck Fund was \$17,669.38. Chairman Noll noted that \$98.70 was raised as a result of the Fire Company's car wash. He also reported that

the Savings Account for the Auxiliary's month end balance for August 31, 2010 was \$407.89 and the Checking Account month end balance was \$1,203.02

**D. Fire Fund Budget Update**

Mr. Layne distributed the July 31, 2010 Fire Fund report. He noted that the July 31, 2010 Fire Fund report showed additional costs for repairs and maintenance and that we needed to closely monitor this line item. It was noted that the \$190.68 expenditure for the Fire Marshal's car was for the vehicle inspection and repair costs. Chairman Noll requested that the reimbursement by the Fire Company to the Township for the \$335.04 payment to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue for past taxes be accurately shown in the Township's monthly financial report.

**E. Fire Relief Fund**

The Fire Relief report for August 2010 was the following: the month end Checking Account balance was \$7,756.95, a \$10,000 transfer from the Money Market and there were \$8,452.45 in disbursements, the Money Market closing balance was \$39,495.63, Certificates of Deposits were \$56,729.77 and \$52,739.91 and the total for all accounts was \$156,722.26.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Memorandum of Understanding/Proposed Revised By-Laws**

It was noted that no action had been taken on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the proposed revised By-Laws.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Contributions from the Hair Salon**

Chairman Noll requested that there be follow-up and appreciation shown for the funds provided by the hair salon to the Fire Company. Marshal Hildenbrand stated that he would visit the hair salon regarding this matter.

**B. Community Day**

Mr. Layne thanked the Fire Company and Auxiliary for their proposed participation in the upcoming Township's October 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Day. There was a brief discussion regarding a request that Goodwill Ambulance participate in Community Day as well.

**VII. Public Comment**

- Mr. Wagner stated that the Firemen's Relief Association could not provide funding for repair work for vehicles that they do not own. He made this point to emphasize the necessity for the Fire Company to begin to save funds for the needed refurbishment of the Tanker. He stated that the cost of refurbishing this vehicle would be substantially less than the cost of purchasing a new Tanker. It was noted that the refurbishing costs were estimated to total more than \$75,000 while the cost of purchasing a new Tanker would be between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. He suggested that the

Fire Company might consider selling the Mack vehicle in order to use funds from that sale for the refurbishment of the Tanker. He stated that the Fire Company had two engines but only one Tanker, which was almost 20 years old. Chief Mattingly stated that there were more firefighters trained to drive the Mack and the new Fire Truck than the Tanker. Chairman Noll stated that the Fire Company needed to start planning for the refurbishing and/or repairing of the Tanker.

- There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the Commerce Corner project.
- There was a brief discussion regarding the condition of the Maugers Mill Road following the recent unsatisfactory work completed by PENNDOT.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Marshal Hildenbrand moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 P.M. Chief Mattingly 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 21, 2010**