

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

**JANUARY 15, 2019
APPROVED**

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Austin Hunt, Chairman
Cara Beth Zortman, Spring Garden Township
Dan Rooney, Spring Garden Township
Justin Tomevi, Springettsbury Township
George Dvoryak, Springettsbury Township
Dave Brosend, Manchester Township

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Wingert, Manchester Township

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Dan Hoff, YAUFRR Chief
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Jay VanPelt, YAUFRR
Les Rhoads, YAUFRR
John Dommel, Volunteer Committee
Joe Myers, Volunteer Committee
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

HUNT Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that the first order of business was the Officers

2. Reorganization of 2018 Officers

- Chairman – Austin Hunt
- Vice Chairman – Justin Tomevi
- Treasurer – George Dvoryak
- Secretary – Daniel Rooney

MR. BROSEND NOMINATED THE BOARD OFFICERS AS PRESENTED. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

HUNT Chairman Hunt announced that no Executive Sessions had been held

since the last meeting; however, one will be held this date.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

There were no citizen comments.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis indicated he had items for action later on the agenda.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned the fact that an individual can attend the meeting on Facetime but not counted in the Quorum.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that for the purpose of policy a person can participate in the meeting and vote but will not be counted for a Quorum if participating by Facetime.

HUNT Chairman Hunt indicated it seemed counter-intuitive.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis stated that it is the policy and further amendments to the Borough Code are consistent with it.

B. Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief

HOFF Chief Hoff stated he had nothing to add to his report but offered to respond to questions.

ZORTMAN Ms. Zortman commented that she was glad that YAUFRR was able to practice with Mr. Pasch's house that was scheduled for demolition.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that they did a pretty good job. Unfortunately, Mr. Pasch moved the equipment in and they lost about three days that they were counting on. He moved in and tore it down a little earlier than he had indicated, but the guys got a good workout.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether The Palmer Dollhouse was ready to see.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that it is and if they wanted to view it there really was nothing to do with it yet. Captain Heilman and his crew are working on putting together the program. They contacted John Pavoncello, photographer/videographer who does some newspaper work. He will provide the videotaping that can be uploaded to our social media sites.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned Chief Hoff's note that the Manchester Workers Comp mod was high.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded it was for the Alert Fire Company volunteers.

- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked if he had access to their loss run.
- HOVIS** Solicitor Hovis responded that technically it is the local municipality that is responsible for payment of Workers Comp to volunteer fire companies in their jurisdiction.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that it had come to YAUFRR and they did an audit with them and the carrier.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt stated he was curious as to what caused their mod to go up.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that they had a series of a couple bad years. One incident was absolutely preventable where a Fire Police was hit on Greenbriar Road, along with a traffic unit that had two Fire Police in it that was hit on 83. It is those cumulative effects. There will be a year or two before their mod rating will come down and they can be brought under one volunteer policy.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked about a letter Chief Hoff sent to the township managers.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that the letter was to remind them about sprinklers and encouraging them to take legislative action or at least begin it regarding residential sprinklers. The need is to be as active as possible in the codes process.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt questioned that he was not able to access the link with new statistics.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that he would check on it first thing in the morning.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt mentioned that it might be an appropriate time to question the Spring Garden Manager as to their thinking on the Grantley restoration/renovation.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that he planned to meet with her on January 16th. He wanted to discuss the headline regarding York College spending \$8 million on the corner and the mention that they didn't know what they were going to do with it.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt asked for a reminder of what the difference is between mutual aid and automatic aid.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff indicated that automatic aid is set up on through 911 when someone fails it automatically goes to the next one, or if YAUFRR has a greater box, it automatically goes to the next one. Mutual Aid is basically by request. If YAUFRR needs a specialty unit or are going to go outside of what is already set up with the 911 Center, that's essentially Mutual Aid.
- HUNT** Chairman Hunt questioned whether YAUFRR is an importer or an exporter of services.
- HOFF** Chief Hoff responded that they are much more exporter than importer.

ROONEY Mr. Rooney questioned the Elected Officials Seminar.

HOFF Chief Hoff responded that York County EMA does that program every year, and they do it at the beginning of the year to try to educate new representatives to the municipalities on what the function of Emergency Management is, and what the individual township role in Emergency Management is. It is an annual offering and is held at the 911 Center.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of December 31, 2018

MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DATED 12/31/18. MR. DVORYAK WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none for action.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

ROONEY Mr. Rooney commented about the ladder truck being in his neighborhood. It turned out an ambulance was assisting his elderly neighbor and the Firefighters were assisting. His neighborhood is normally not so full of activity, and he noticed YAUFRR's presence. It was nice to know the guys were there to help with that.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

DOMMEL John Dommel stated that the report is current from last month. The Volunteers will meet tomorrow evening, January 16th.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

A. Discussion – 2019 – 01 – Pension Fund Board Appointments

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis stated that the action would include an amendment to Section 8.2B to expand the board to nine members, seven of which are appointed by the governing body for the employer, which would be YAUFRR. The move simply considers that the board is to be expanded by two and the Pension Plan does permit the governing body to make amendments to the plan. The plan does not distinguish Firefighters. The Resolution does identify individuals by name on an annual basis and they will serve as long as they are elected officials within a municipality; the Firefighters will serve as long as they are employed by YAUFRR.

HOFF Chief Hoff stated that the Firefighters themselves are not named.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that he was correct. The Pension Plan specifically says that the Commission shall designate the Commission Representatives, not the Firefighters representatives. It is YAUFRR's obligation to identify who on the board will be acting for the employer. The Firefighters should communicate as to who their two representatives will be.

BROSEND Mr. Brosend raised a point for clarification. He noted there were one or two members who stepped off the board due to other obligations. New individuals came on board. They are not automatically on the Pension Board.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that the one thing to remember is that when a member leaves and a vacancy occurs, someone needs to be re-appointed into that spot, and it can be done during the calendar year.

HUNT Chairman Hunt questioned whether it is important the members are named by name.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis responded that the Pension Plan says "shall designate the appointed or elected officials" so he thought they do have the authority to reach beyond this board if desired. However, he indicated the intention of the Commission was to basically replicate who the acting members are as the Pension Board and do it that way.

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis re-stated taking two actions as follows:

- Amending Section 8.2B of the Pension Plan to now provide that the Pension Board shall be nine members, seven of which are appointed by this Commission, two of which are Firefighters appointed by the Firefighters.
- Appointing the seven members of this board as the members of the Pension

MR. TOMEVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01 AS DEFINED JUST NOW BY ATTORNEY HOVIS. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2018 – Fire Commission Meeting

MR. DVORYAK MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2018 FIRE COMMISSION MEETING. MS. ZORTMAN WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

12. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Discussion – York Traditions Bank Signer and Business Bill Pay updates

There was no need for action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

HUNT Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFRR Headquarters

Dan Rooney
Secretary

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