

The York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Springettsbury Township Offices, 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Bill Schenck, Chairman
Austin Hunt, Vice Chairman
Don Bishop
Richard Guyer

MEMBERS NOT

IN ATTENDANCE: George Dvoryak
John Fullmer
Cara Beth Zortman

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: John Holman, Springettsbury Township Manager
Greg Maust, Spring Garden Township Manager
Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Robert McCoy, YAUFRR Chief
Sandy Ratcliffe, YAUFRR
Dan Hoff, YAUFRR Battalion Chief
John Woods, YAUFRR Battalion Chief
Don Eckert, YAUFVFR
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Opening Ceremony

1. Pledge of Allegiance

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck announced that no Executive Sessions had been held since the last meeting; however, a Session will be held immediately following adjournment to discuss personnel issues and contract negotiations.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM CITIZENS

LITTLE Scott Little, 2100 Thoroughbread Court, West Manchester commented that he is an avid coin collector. He had emailed Chief McCoy with regard to the purchase of a Challenge coin. Mr. Little was interested in how much the coins are for the community to buy them.

MCCOY Chief McCoy responded that the Challenge coins belong to him. He had purchased them with his personal funds, and they are not for sale.

4. MANAGEMENT/ATTORNEY REPORTS

A. Steve Hovis, Solicitor

HOVIS Solicitor Hovis reported that following the November 7th Special Meeting, he had forwarded the revised ordinance amending the YAUFRR Charter Agreement to both Springettsbury and Spring Garden townships. He stated that Spring Garden had authorized the advertisement of that and it will be on the December Agenda for approval. He had not heard any objection from Springettsbury, and he assumed it was working its way through the process.

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck responded that it is on the Agenda to advertise that ordinance during Springettsbury's meeting for November 20th.

B. Robert McCoy, Fire Chief

MCCOY Chief McCoy stated that he had nothing to report unless there were questions.

5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Payable Listing as of October 31, 2013

MR. BISHOP MOVED TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS LISTED. MR. HUNT WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

6. BIDS, PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

There were none for approval.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSIONERS

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck stated that he and Chief McCoy had discussed honoring a volunteer firefighter from a neighboring volunteer fire company. The individual had performed some life saving activities in the YAUFRR area and saved a person's life. He had been in a social setting and administered CPR.

BISHOP Mr. Bishop agreed with the suggestion, and in addition, proposed that the Commission create a policy and procedure for identifying situations for honoring actions where appropriate on a regular basis.

A general discussion took place, which is summarized:

- Timing – Recognition while information is current and fresh.
- Type of Recognition – Years of Service; Emergency Services Awards.

- Mechanism in place to be advised of exemplary service and details.
- Certificates designed and in place for awards.

HUNT Mr. Hunt asked about the timeframe for the presentation.

MCCOY Chief McCoy responded that the presentation was planned for the December 17th Commission meeting.

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck commented that there were a number of professionals and volunteers in the room. He stated that this action is about the service, and he hoped that they understood. Acknowledging the event involving the action of one individual is for all those involved in emergency services. He was aware that they all do exemplary duties each and every day, and for that he thanked them.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Volunteer Committee

ECKERT Don Eckert reported that the new fire building was rising out of the ground, and all the blocks are laid. He reported that as far as the East Market Street facility, the buyer and developer are waiting to be able to move forward. Mr. Eckert noted he had meetings with them, and they understand that they signed up for the interim period. They had invested quite a bit of money in engineering and approvals from the township.

9. RESOLUTIONS AND AGREEMENTS

There were none for action.

10. ACTION ON MINUTES

- A.** Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2013 – Fire Commission Meeting
- B.** Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2013 – Special Meeting

HUNT Mr. Hunt suggested clarification in the minutes concerning the notation of an SUV and reserve pumper. The word “and” will be added to clarify it involved two vehicles. He also mentioned that a course of action needed to be clarified in future Strategic Planning Meetings with regard to moving forward with a decision on Manchester.

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck stated that the mention is accurate in the minutes due to the fact it is broad.

HUNT Mr. Hunt agreed that it is broad but conversationally there are several different views of what that broadness entailed.

MR. HUNT MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2013 AS AMENDED AND THE NOVEMBER 7, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING. MR. BISHOP WAS SECOND. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Plan – Pumper Purchase

MCCOY Chief McCoy had provided information to the Commissioners regarding a Capital purchase of a pumper. He had met with the Springettsbury Supervisors during their Capital Budget Work Session. There was interest expressed in the purchase of a new pumper if financing could be secured with first payment due in 2015. Following the Springettsbury Township meeting, Chief McCoy had forwarded the pumper information to Mr. Maust, which would require input from Spring Garden Township.

Additional discussion took place, which is summarized:

- Lend-lease purchase by the company building the fire truck is the best plan.
- Local banks acknowledged they could not meet the vendor's rates.
- Vendor requires no down payment regardless of the financing plan.
- A 5 to 10% increase in cost applies if decision is not made by the end of January 2014 with a 330 day window for construction; delivery in late December 2014.
- Tax-exempt debt obligation to be researched due to determination of YAUFR as an entity. Solicitor Hovis researching IRS Code for unincorporated, non-profit.
- Participating municipalities to share in financing of new apparatus.
- Initial amount for pumper is \$396,746; Chief McCoy provided estimate to include an additional \$15,000 for equipment mounting by the manufacturer, if desired by the Boards. If not approved, Staff would mount the equipment. Manufacturer would provide additional equipment warranties.

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck stated that Springettsbury had given an indication of support if payments would begin in 2015. He noted that advertisement of the Springettsbury Budget will be on the November 20th Agenda. Final Budget authorization will be on the December 12th Agenda.

HUNT Mr. Hunt asked Chief McCoy about the need for liability insurance.

MCCOY Chief McCoy responded that the issue involved being in a position to loan apparatus for service. They are in the process of research for coverage with units.

HUNT Mr. Hunt requested Chief McCoy to continue his research and keep it on his agenda list. He noted that moving forward with a potentially expanding regional entity it will be necessary to have the coverage in place.

MCCOY Chief McCoy updated the Commission that, based on the meeting and the funding formula, he had issued a final email to Managers Holman and Maust confirming the actual budget number and the funding formula and the expectations from YAUFRR for 2014.

13. ADJOURNMENT

SCHENCK Chairman Schenck reminded the Commission of the Executive Session to be held immediately following Adjournment. He adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file at YAUFRR Headquarters

John Fullmer
Secretary

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