

Haverford Township Bureau of Fire

October 2016 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

V. Berg, C. Flanagan, J. Ford, L. Gentile, W. Hatton, J. Klodarska, L. Lattanzio, C. Millay, M. Norman, A. Sivak, T. Straub, J. Viola, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Norman at 7:01 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the September meeting was waived.

Motion - M. Norman, Second - J. Klodarska, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

Current balance: \$1334.39. J. Viola reminded everyone that annual company dues are due soon. Dues will be \$300 per company this year.

Township Manager:

L. Gentile reported that the agreement with Narberth Ambulance was authorized by the Board of Commissioners. The transition will occur on October 31. The trucks will be relettered. The Township will purchase and maintain the two primary vehicles.

C. Flanagan provided an overview of Narberth EMS and the upcoming services to Haverford Township. Two ambulances will be dedicated to the Township. Narberth EMS looks forward to working with the Township, the Police Department, and the fire companies. The 108 radio call signs will be used for the short term for compatibility with Delaware County.

L. Gentile commented on some of the logistics that will be required for a smooth transition over the next few weeks. There is a separate agreement with Main Line Health to subsidize vehicle costs in exchange for Main Line Health branding on some of the vehicles.

All pre-employment physicals and workmen's compensation cases are still through Main Line Health. The current agreement for these services will be reevaluated soon.

There was some discussion on AED interoperability with the new EMS service. As units are replaced it would probably be beneficial to switch to a compatible model.

Police:

There is no estimated completion time on the roadway enhancements at Eagle and Lawrence Roads. There was some additional discussion on utility replacement and road work throughout the Township.

Township Commissioners:

No report

EMS:

No additional report.

Fire Prevention:

Fire Prevention Week was recently completed.

Apparatus:

The proposed 2017 budget will go to the Board of Commissioners shortly. Money is currently allocated for apparatus replacement. If the Board passes the first budget reading we can execute the purchase prior to the end of the year.

Training:

The FD Personal Harness Use class was conducted on October 8 at Manoa.

Recruitment and Retention:

J. Viola asked about the table at Haverford Township Day. There was not much activity around the table.

Old Business:

The current cable contract is not up until 2020. The question from last month was referred to the Cable Advisory Board. W. Wechsler also checked with FIOS. They do not offer any special promotions. There may be an opportunity to open up the current agreement and renegotiate but there would be a penalty.

New Business:

The parking lot at the Skatium is due to be opened by the end of the week. Access and egress will be from Darby Road only. The Columbia Road driveway will be paved shortly and the temporary procedure for Boyle Energy will be terminated. J. Viola will communicate changes to the Chiefs.

J. Ford reported that Ed Truitt was retired recently. Ed Bebe is the acting director for the time being.

J. Klodarska asked about the county HazMat unit. There is a truck but staffing for a deployment is uncertain.

J. Ford reported that a backup radio system is being installed at the county courthouse in the event of a catastrophic failure or loss of the Lima facility.

The Bureau of Fire dinner will be held the first or second week of December. J. Viola will collect some dates and get in touch with the Chiefs.

L. Gentile reported an experimental art project to dress up the traffic control boxes along major roads in the Township. The Township received a roughly \$600,000 CMAC grant for traffic adaptive lights. J. Viola reminded everyone that Opticom systems will not override pedestrian walk cycles. SEPTA has been trying to obtain limited Opticom emitters for their buses which many municipalities are fighting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Motion - J. Viola, Second - L. Lattanzio, Vote - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Lattanzio

Manoa Fire Company