

Haverford Township Bureau of Fire

February 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

V. Berg, J. Ford, W. Hatton, G. Kelly, L. Lattanzio, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, S. Poole, T. Straub, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Hatton at 6:57 p.m.

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

Motion - G. Kelly, Second - M. E. Norman, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

Balance of account no change

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

No report

Township Commissioners:

W. Wechsler reported that the search for a new Township Manager is down to two candidates who will be interviewed by the selection committee. The commissioners will vote to hire a candidate at the April meeting. Aimee Cuthbertson will serve as the interim Township Manager.

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

All apparatus is in service

Training:

M. E. Norman reported that the "Stop the Bleed" class will be held at Brookline Fire Company on April 29. M. E. Norman spoke to Safety and Survival Training about conducting a Mayday class at each station followed by a Township-wide lecture. The training prop at Manoa Fire Company is in service and available for use.

Recruitment and Retention:

No report

Radio:

The County is continuing work on the backup dispatch center at the Emergency Services Training Center. The facility will operate wirelessly on microwave to eliminate the dependency on phone lines.

Codes Enforcement:

W. Hatton reported some irregularities at a daycare to S. Poole. The codes issues will be addressed.

Programs at the old Brookline School will continue until the end of the school year then the building will be demolished.

W. Hatton reported that the homeowner on Hastings Avenue was solicited for board-up service following the fire. C. Millay reported similar situations on Woodland Drive and Naylor's Run Road.

Old Business:

The Bureau of Fire agreed to use the two-tag accountability system that was discussed previously.

There was additional discussion on the proposed firefighter rehab policy. Basic rehab will consist of EMS providers observing firefighters and assessing as needed. Full rehab will be an established branch with complete accountability. The Bureau of Fire agreed to adopt the firefighter rehab policy.

New Business:

M. E. Norman reported that homeless shelters have returned to local churches for the winter. S. Poole will contact these facilities and advise them to notify the Codes Department when occupied.

M. C. Norman asked about residential smoke alarm codes. There was some discussion on HUD funding for smoke detectors.

W. Hatton reported that there will be a lunch on March 15 for L. Gentile and R. Dougherty who are retiring this year. Contact J. Viola if you want to attend. The Bureau of Fire will present them both with a gift in gratitude for their years of service to the Township.

W. Hatton reported that there were some communications issues at the fire on County Line Road. Lower Merion companies will use Delaware County Fire Channel 4 when operating in Haverford Township. LMFD asked that this request be made in writing. Currently the Bureau of Fire does not have the ability to talk on LMFD 800MHz frequencies when operating there. We can use a spare LMFD radio if available or talk on Fire Channel 4.

The meeting was adjourned.

Motion - G. Kelly, Second - J. Ford, Vote - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Lattanzio
Manoa Fire Company