

Fire Chiefs' & Fire Fighters' Association of York County, Inc.

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER (Treasurer Bob Bowman)

Treasurer Bob Bowman called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:08. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 45 people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Bowman asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$1,930.57 with an Ending Balance: \$2,944.40. Tony Myers made a motion to approve the report, Glenn Jansen seconded, motion was approved.

Board of Governors (John Senft): The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

The Association is financially solvent with positive cash flow / an extension of the RACP grant is pending / funding request for 2015 is in to the County Commissioners / discussed new PSFA programs.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

September Fire School Training: 245 hours / 111 for fire school classes.

New classes for the end of this year have been added to the calendar, including ELIS and ELFG. The registrations are on the website.

The wooden chairs in Classroom 1 are available if anyone wants to stop by and pick them up.

A new style piercing nozzle was received by the Fire School. Dover Township VFD has one and reported that it works well.

Richard shared old pictures of the Fire School under construction from circa 1978. He will scan them and make them available.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Scott Keener):

CAD Update: an update for the paging system is being tested and looking good so far. It should be released next month and will fix the multiple pages issues.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

Not present.

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 1 call for the month, water-related; 29 calls for the year.

Haz-Mat/EMA (Ray Kinsey):

The Haz-Mat team has had 41 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

Committee members met with YCDES to review progress of the paging fixes.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

The committee assignments are now complete and a meeting will be scheduled.

The OSFC/PSFA have released new classes for Fire Dynamics and Traffic Incident Management. The first train-the-trainers were run this month and the ETA's should have them available in the 1st quarter of 2015.

Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):

Not present.

Fundraising (John McDonald):

If there are no objections, the committee will start having 50/50's at monthly meetings to start making some money.

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

The draft of the revised Rescue Spec was presented for approval. Joe Madzellan asked if State DOH certifications are recognized and that it would be a double standard for the county because of different requirements dealing with spreaders. Brian Widmayer addressed the concerns. Tony Myers made a motion to adopt the revised specs. Glenn Jansen seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

RIT Committee (Brian Widmayer)

The committee met last week and planned to start inspections. If your company expressed interest, the committee will contact the chief. They hope to inspect all units next month.

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

Not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Treasurer Bowman asked for a motion to pay the bills. Richard Halpin made a motion. Tony Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bob Sells reminded the group about last month's Chief/Duty Officer available status and asked if the Association wishes to pursue a written policy. Joe Madzellan discussed the inconsistencies with YCDES for apparatus/stations available and in station. He also reported that he discussed with New World why we have this policy. There was no motion to develop a written policy for Chief/Duty Officer available status.

Greg Halpin reported on the York County Fire & EMS LODD ceremony last month at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Discussion followed for reasons for the low attendance and the hope to increase awareness of the ceremony next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer Bowman announced that John Sanford and Rob Bissey have agreed to serve as the nominating committee this year. Richard Halpin announced that anyone interested in running for a position should contact them by emailing to elections@ysfs.us.

John Livingston talked about the current accountability policy, noting that the current version is from 2003 and asking if there have been any updates. He suggested setting up a committee to review the policy and offered to chair it. Treasurer Bowman authorized John to proceed with assembling a committee and reviewing the policy.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Tony Myers commented on the Mike Waugh memorial ceremony last week and passed along Thank You from the Shrewsbury Fire Co. and Mike's family.

Treasurer Bowman thanked Shiloh Fire Co. for hosting tonight's meeting. SFC President Clif Laughman thanked everyone for attending.

Treasurer Bowman noted that he has city fire house tree ornaments for sale.

The next meeting will be November 17, 2014 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Bob Bowman adjourned the meeting at 19:42.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary