

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER (President Chad Deardorff)

President Chad Deardorff called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 53 people were in attendance.

Ken Farringer of Hellam Fire Co. welcomed the Association to their station. President Deardorff thanked the fire company for their hospitality and the meal.

Election nominations were opened and closed per procedure and ballots were passed out for the contested positions for Governor. Clif Laughman, CJ Thompson and Joe Madzellan volunteered to be the election committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff 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 Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$174,082.13 with an Ending Balance: \$11,829.36. Bob pointed that the large beginning and ending balances are due to paying invoices on the capital construction project. With no other comments, President Deardorff approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

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

Construction progress / Extending the line of credit to \$1M to address cash flow for the construction project cash flow

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

December Fire School Training: 125 hours / 44 for fire school classes.

There will be a YCFS 1403 class at Sta. 9 this Thursday at 19:00. There also be one at Sta. 21 on March 21st at 18:30.

The Non-Combustible Building Construction course scheduled for next week only has 6 students registered. The course will be canceled if 10 people are not signed up by tomorrow noon. Bob Sells has said that he will schedule another date later in the year if it is cancelled

Building construction update;

- The concrete floor has been poured in the drill tower.

- The interior SBB stairs have been completed with the metal outside stairs and railing modifications to follow.
- The garage and maze building is under roof.
- Electrical wiring has been run and the contractor is waiting on Met-Ed to upgrade the service.
- The macadam will be delayed until the asphalt plants are open in the spring.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Nick Coby):

Not present

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

Reminder to submit red/blue light lists. Only 16 have been received so far.

The Arson Awareness class to be held at Franklin County Training Center on March 3, 7 & 9 will be free to attendees from York County.

ATR (Adam Friend):

The ATR team had 1 call for the month, a ice rescue/recovery; 54 calls for 2016.

Adam offered a reminder that the team is available to provide in-station ATR Awareness training.

Representatives from Sta. 57 thanked the team for their help on the Peach Bottom recovery.

OEM (Tom Graybill):

No items

Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):

The Haz-Mat team had 2 calls for the month; 53 calls for 2016.

Tom noted that their new truck is in and awaiting lettering.

Metal-X is still available for anyone who wants it.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

Radio installations are continuing. Expect portable deliveries to start in late spring.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

A visit to Carroll County Fire Training Center is scheduled for this week. A committee meeting to plan the maze areas will be scheduled after that.

Fire Prevention (Heather Grove):

Not present, no report.

Fundraising (Tim Carr):

No report

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

Inspections are continuing. One company has requested a downgrade to basic rescue. Everyone is doing a good job with their recertifications.

Accountability Committee (John Livingston)

Not present

Line of Duty Death Committee (Dan Hoff)

The Taking Care of Our Own program has lost DOJ funding and is charging for presentations. We may need to look for sponsorship to bring it to York County.

Public Safety Policy Board (Chad Deardorff):

No new items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Deardorff asked for a motion to pay the bills. Clif Laughman made a motion. Rick Witten seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The election results were read by President Deardorff:

- President – Chad Deardorff
- Vice President – Brad Dunham
- Secretary – Bob Sells
- Treasurer – Bob Bowman
- Governor (2017-2019) – John Senft & Dan Hoff

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chad Deardorff commented on recent texts and emails that have been received and reminded everyone to use the preferred language on the radio. If we do not use standard language, it does not help with our complaints.

Chad Deardorff announced that Dave Sunday from the DA's office will make a presentation next month on what the office is doing for York County firefighters.

Dan Hoff announced that on March 19th at 09:00 at the Four Points Sheraton, YAUFR will be hosting Dr. David Griffin from the Charleston Fire Department (SC). Dr. Griffin will be speaking on his experience as one of the engine operators at the Sofa Super Store Fire that claimed the lives of 9 firefighters and how that experience affected him personally and how the fire department has changed since then. All costs are being covered by YAUFR. Reservations are requested.

Chad Deardorff noted that an external review of the 2015 financial records was reviewed, but we now need to do an internal review of the 2016 financial records. Tony Myers has volunteered to be a board member on an audit committee, and 2-3 volunteers from the membership at large are needed. Dave Michaels, CJ Thomas, Dave Cox and Clif Laughman volunteered to help with the review.

Chief Ron Witmer, from New Bridgeville FC, thanked everyone for their assistance and thoughts on the loss of one of their long-term firefighters.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2017 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:35.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary