

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER (Vice President Brad Dunham)

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. 14 Vice President Brad Dunham people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Dunham 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 \$5,057.52 with an ending balance of \$8,867.28. Vice President Brad Dunham asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ray Kinsey made a motion, Clif Laughman seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Board of Governors (Brad Dunham – BOG@ycfs.us):

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting.

Fire School Administrator (John Livingston – john@ycfs.us):

No report

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Matt Hobson):

Staffing issue is a challenge, especially with the COVID situation. They are moving people around to accommodate call volume. New staff is being hired and trained over the next few months.

Joe Madzellan asked if they are getting any complaints about calls not being answered. Matt responded that they have, especially on July 4th, and they are aware.

Joe noted that the combining of Fire and EMS dispatchers recently is being questioned by some and asked if going back would help 911 staff. Matt responded that he had not heard any comments on that.

Brad Dunham asked about the new hires and how many in each group. Matt replied that there are 7 news hires on the floor now. Another class starts August 10th (hired) and a third class is scheduled for October 10th (hiring now).

PA State Police (Tpr Sean Simmers – sesimmers@pa.gov):

Not present.

ATR (John Sanford - yc.atr@comcast.net):

Reported by email: The ATR team had 6 calls for the month; 23 calls for the year.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

No report.

Haz-Mat (Ray Kinsey):

The Haz-Mat team has had 42 calls for the year.

Reported on the West Manchester Twp. hazmat fire then need to get pump operators in breathing apparatus when they are operating in the smoke cloud.

Fire Police (Bud Yoe/Steve Woerman):

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan – radio@ycfs.us):

The Fire/EMS Work Group previously discussed changing the unit designation application for signature lines. The next meeting is this Thursday.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells – solver418@gmail.com):

No report.

Rescue Inspection (Tony Clouser/Tony Myers – rescue@ycfs.us):

Per email from Tony Myers, rescue inspections are continuing.

SOG Committee (Jim Pritchard – sog@ycfs.us)

Not present.

Public Safety Policy Board (Chad Deardorff):

Not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice President Dunham asked for final discussion for the Water Supply Auxiliary Unit resource requirements. A question was raised on Item 9 regarding an AED being required but not being required on engines or rescues. Brad noted that if consensus is to remove the AED, then the list could be approved with that change. Eric Strittmatter noted that there are a lot of items on the list that are not required on an engine (i.e. spanner wrenches, 2 rubber mallets, etc.). Item 22 we requested to be reduced to 1 rubber mallet instead of 2. Joe Madzellan made a motion to approve the requirements list with the requested revisions. Clif Laughman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Joe Madzellan noted that the next step is to go to the Fire & EMS Group for approval and then on to 911.

Vice President Dunham noted that BOG discussed having a committee provide initial unit inspections to confirm that all new units meet the approved Association specs before being approved by the radio committee. The idea will be discussed with the Rescue Committee for their thoughts and assistance.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting will be August 17, 2020 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Brad Dunham adjourned the meeting at 19:25.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary