

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2023

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. 37 people were in attendance.

Chief Tim Stevens welcomed the Association to Manchester Borough Station 23. President Deardorff thanked Union Fire Company No. 1 for hosting the meeting and opening the museum after the meeting.

President Deardorff presented the following list of nominees for elections.

President – Chad Deardorff
Vice President – Brad Dunham
Secretary – Chris Krichten
Treasurer – Bob Bowman
Assistant Treasurer – Richard Halpin
Governor (2023-2025) – John Senft & Dan Hoff

There were no additional nominees In December beyond the incumbents and a single nominee for Secretary. Being no contested positions, President Deardorff requested a motion to accept the nominations. Bob Sells made a motion. Tim Stevens seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Cody Santiago from York County EMA reported that he is in a FEMA Advanced Academy course that requires a research paper. As part of his paper, he referenced a state bill to allow creation of Public Safety Authorities and asked the attendees to participate in an online questionnaire to assist with the project.

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 \$6,610.05 with an ending balance of \$13,984.79. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Time Stevens made a motion; Chris Krichten seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – BOG@ycfs.us):

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed financials and repairs to the apparatus building. The air truck project is completed and ready for the upcoming burn sessions.

Fire School Administrator (Jim Pritchard – james@ycfs.us):

Gave the December and 2022 Year-End Fire School Training Report.

Noted that classes are filling up fast.

A ProBoard certified heavy rescue class has been added for April.

Building Construction classes have been cancelled due to teaching material issues. Bob Sells noted that low enrollment also factored into cancelling the class.

The school has been trying to collect on outstanding invoices. There is still \$12K outstanding.

No update yet from the state fire academy on 17-yo taking live fire training.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Chris Lorenzen):

Staffing update at 911: Nine personnel from the November class are in on-the-job training. The January class is at 14. If all of the January class complete the training, the 911 center would be above their full-time staffing allocation.

No update on the panging system. The next step will happen in February.

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

The ATR team had 2 calls in December. 46 calls in 2022.

OEM (Cody Santiago):

The CAD assignment has been changed to OEM Director and Deputy Director.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

No present.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

All new officers are in place. The next meeting is Monday.

Fire Fighter's Association (Clif Laughman):

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No meetings since the last Association so no update.

Crew Force will be changed to allow Chief officers to add themselves to the call.

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

The Facility Usage Policy Manual is still in the process of being updated.

Apparatus Inspection (Tony Myers – rescue@ycfs.us):

Rescue inspections for 2023 are starting to be scheduled. They will be using some new forms processes to get the inspections done quicker. The following rescues are due for reinspection in 2023.

Rescues: 8, 13, 15-1, 15-2, 23, 26, 31, 33, 39, 52-2, 54, 56

Heavy Rescues: 505, 19

Will start a rescue policy review at the end of the year for review through 2024 and implementation in 2025.

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

No report. The next committee meeting is being planned.

Public Safety Policy Board (Matt Shields / Tony Clouser):

Not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President Deardorff reminded everyone to please get their outstanding invoices paid so that the school does not have to restrict company's member' taking classes at the school. Also, please make sure that email contact information is up to date. Invoices are no longer being mailed. Additionally:

Tom Cook has been named as PA State Fire Commissioner. Chad will invite Tom to a future meeting.

The County Commissioners are again supporting the Association.

Thanked Bob Sells for serving as secretary for the past 10 years and as fire school committee chairman. Bob will be remaining on the committee. A new chairman will be named.

Bob Sells reminded everyone that WMTFD is hosting the 2023 Fire Fighter's Association convention with a parade on August 12th – one week earlier than usual due to York Expo Center availability. Registrations will be posted in the month or two.

John Senft welcomed Chris Krichten as the new Secretary.

Bob Bowman noted that Barry Myers is an attendance after dealing with some medical issues.

Tony Myers reiterated that Station 61 is not going out of the rescue business as rumored. Squadzilla Recuse 61 has been sold and they are looking for a used rescue to run until the new unit arrives.

Chris Krichten suggested that Jim Pritchard contact the 911 for current officers contact info.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2023, at 19:00 at Fairview Township Station 68-1 with dinner being served at 18:00.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:38.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary