



Hempfield Area Fire Services Commission



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2021 – 1900 hours – East Hempfield Township Board Meeting Room

Voting Members Present: John Wolf (Chairman), Tammy Moseman, Mark Cohen, Josh Newcomer, William Nonnemacher, Edward LeFevre, and Josh Hummel.

Also Present: Randy Rannels, Amber Fair, Craig Irwin, John Kottmyer, Karen St. Clair and Cindy Schweitzer

Chairman Wolf called the meeting to order at 1900hrs followed by a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motioned by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Chief Newcomer and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of July 20, 2021, as presented. It was noted that a quorum was not present for the meeting on August 17, 2021 but a motion was made by Chief Newcomer, seconded by Ms. Moseman and carried by a vote of 6-0-1 (Mr. LeFevre abstaining due to absence) to adopt the minutes of August 17, 2021, as presented.

Monthly CFO report - Chief Kottmyer reviewed his submitted monthly report. Chief Kottmyer led the discussion of the need and options to purchase a reserve pump unit for the Hempfield Fire Service area. Chief Kottmyer reviewed the specification of three different units and his recommendation is to move forward with the purchase of the 2021 E-One Typhoon which has been fully endorsed by all three departments. Fire Department members provided their support for the purchase. Karen St. Clair inquired how the unit would be funded? Ms. Schweitzer noted that funding has not been finalized and Chief Kottmyer noted the 90/10 split that was recently done for the Hempfield Pumper purchase. He added that discussion would be between East Hempfield Township and East Petersburg Borough rather than Hempfield Fire Commission as the reserve unit would be available to all three departments. Motioned by Mr. LeFevre, seconded by Mr. Hummel and unanimously carried to acknowledge full support for the purchase of a reserve pumper unit and to accept the recommendation of the CFO and provide the information to the municipalities.

HAFSC membership change – John Stauffer has been appointed by the East Petersburg Fire Company alternate, replacing Corey Carpenter.

Sub-Committee report out:

- Recruitment/retention/staffing (integration of career & volunteers - Mark Cohen, Josh Hummel, Randy Rannels)
The sub-committee met and discussed retention ideas trying to develop ideas to entice new members. Chief Kottmyer has reached out to Representative Keifer and talked to others who have similar concerns.
- Apparatus (John Wolf, Ed LeFevre, Josh Newcomer) – did not meet
- Funding needs (Tammy Moseman, Amber Fair, Scott Wiglesworth) – did not meet

Chief Kottmyer suggested that given the scheduling difficulties with the sub-committees that the Commission consider meeting every other month and having sub-committee's meet on the off months. Motioned by Mr. Nonnemacher, seconded by Mr. Hummel and unanimously carried to hold meetings of the HAFSC every other month, beginning in November and that the month the HAFSC does not meet will be used for sub-committee meetings.

Public Comment: Debbie Miller (EPBC) suggested reaching out to the local legislators (Miller, Martin and Aument) to see if they can look at legislation that would make recruitment ideas feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 2012 hours with the unanimous consent of those present.

The next HAFSC meeting is scheduled for **November 16th at 1900hrs.**

Minutes Submitted by Cindy A. Schweitzer Treasurer

Minutes Approved: 11/16/21 w/corrections - Motion Tammy Moseman, Second Ed LeFevre, carried by vote of 7-0-1 (Mr. Wiglesworth abstaining due to absence).