

Haverford Township Bureau of Fire

October 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

J. Ford, W. Hatton, L. Lattanzio, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, S. Poole, T. Straub, J. Viola

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 7:03 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the March meeting was waived.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - T. Straub, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

J. Viola will obtain the monthly report and send it out.

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

The Manoa Road bridge is due to open the second week in November. Eagle Road paving will begin Monday night.

Township Commissioners:

No report

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

All apparatus is in service. J. Viola asked the Township Manager for \$200,000 to replace Foam 35. This is the cost of just the foam components. If the Township cannot subsidize the purchase Brookline will be out of the foam business. This line item would be in the capital budget, not the operating budget.

Training:

M. E. Norman sent a report that he will be scheduling PECO and Autism Awareness classes in the winter.

Recruitment and Retention:

Several representatives from the HTBF will be attending the IAFC conference in Clearwater to receive the recruitment and retention award. C. Millay attended a senate hearing on recruitment and retention. There is a strong push to change how relief funds are issued. The current formula uses property values which is problematic for rural fire companies. The consensus is to redistribute funds from wealthier communities to further aid the rural communities. This would have a large impact on the relief funds allocated to Haverford Township. There was additional senate discussion on qualifications for firefighters across the state.

Radio:

J. Viola reported that the radio propagation study is complete. There was some discussion on coverage across the Township. The new system will be in the 700-800MHz range.

Codes Enforcement:

S. Poole is working on Knox boxes for elevator keys. We are also looking to have locking Fire Department Connections on buildings. The connections use a specialty wrench from Knox. There was some discussion on closing the driveway at 2050 West Chester Pike. S. Poole will bring the HTBF's concerns to the planning commission.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

T. Straub reported that the monthly NFIRS report was sent to the county and state. W. Hatton would like a representative from each company to review and revise the Township Incident Command policy.

The meeting was adjourned.

M - C. Millay, S - J. Ford, V - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Lattanzio
Deputy Chief
Manoa Fire Company