

Butler Township Fire Commission

July 15, 2015

The Butler Township Fire Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 South Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001.

The following members were in attendance: Primary Member Steve Iman from Station No. 3; Primary Member Ken Lawrence from Station No. 6; Primary Member Karl Kobil from Station #7; William O' Brien; Commissioner Dave Zarnick; Fire Marshal Larry Christy and Manager Ed Kirkwood.

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion by Ken Lawrence to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting, and the minutes of the February 10, 2015 and March 25, 2015 special meetings, seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; O'Brien: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Purchases

There were no purchase requests at this meeting.

New Business

A discussion was held on the 2016/2017 Fire Commission appointments. The fire departments are to have their recommendations for appointees by the October Fire Commission meeting.

Fire Marshal Christy presented a request to add an amendment to the Red Book. He recommended adding a second alternate member to the Fire Commission from each department. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to amend the Red Book by adding a second alternate member to the Fire Commission from each department, seconded by Steve Iman. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; O'Brien: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Marshal Christy presented information on the new fee being charged for driver's license records checks. A nine dollar fee will now be charged for this report. A discussion followed. A new policy may need to be drafted to deal with this issue but in the interim the township will discuss this fee with our state elected officials.

Fire Marshal Christy presented information on the Child Protective Services Records Checks. A discussion followed. A policy will need to be drafted that defines the township's Child Protective Services Policy. Fire Marshal Christy recommended requiring all active and social members complete these record checks and have them on file at the township. All new members coming into the departments would need to complete them before becoming a member. Manager Kirkwood will discuss this issue with the township solicitor and insurance carriers. The discussion continued. Bill O'Brien commented on the new Fire Safety Training trailer and stated that clearances will need to be presented by any department using the trailer. Additional discussion was held on the new Fire Safety Training Trailer.

Motion by Karl Kobil to have the township solicitor assist in drafting a policy pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, seconded by Steve Iman. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; O'Brien: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

General Discussion

Station 7 presented to the board their plans on selling the C-7 command vehicle in the near future.

Station 7 presented information on the state of the roof on their social hall and the possibility of having to replace the roof.

Station 3 gave an update on the sales of their vehicles. Rescue 3 has been sold. It is to be picked up on Friday. Squad 3 has also been sold and has been taken possession of. The new vehicles should be delivered around March of next year.

Station 6 reported that their squad is back in service. A report was given on the repairs that have been made on the squad.

Bill O'Brien opened a discussion on the process of approving new applicants. In the future when the Fire Commission is contacted for approval of new members a copy of the application will be attached. The Social Security Number and date of birth will be redacted.

Fire Marshal Christy commented that smoke detector recycling information is available at the township building.

Motion by Steve Iman and seconded by Ken Lawrence, to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting at 7:20 p.m.