

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on July 17, 2018, at 7:00 PM, at Fire Station 8 located at 7850 Lime Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, John "Sean" Gill; Supervisor, Kathy A. Rader; Township Manager, Robert Ibach; Township Secretary, Ashley Godshall; Bureau of Fire Director, Grant Grim; and Station 8 Fire Chief, Jacque Creamer.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss matters with volunteer fire company, Station 8, in Upper Macungie Township; any other issues that may come before the Board; and, to take any necessary action, if appropriate.

Chairman Brunell opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2017 ACTION ITEMS REVIEW & UPDATE:

The Board was updated on several action items that had resulted from the previous meeting of November 28, 2017, including: recruitment and retention of volunteers, false alarms, check disbursement, donations, social media policies, available grant funding, and the live-in program.

DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES

Director Grim led a discussion updating the Board and attendees about the live-in program and recruitment and retention, training facility construction progress, FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, the Safer Grant, and the Western Lehigh Chamber of Commerce Grant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Grim (1606 Hickory Ln) – relayed two potential projects for next year:

- Concrete for under the parked fire trucks
- Parking lot repairs

Supervisor Gill asked for a discussion regarding fire equipment needs and how to best utilize the current equipment, specifically in regard to rescue engines:

Brian Kuhns (1127 Nursery St) – believes current trucks may be turned into rescue engines so there is one at each station.

Douglas Gerner – says they have a vehicle capable of doing most of what a rescue engine can.

Peter Grodziak (200 Windermere Ave) – believes the data of the current equipment usage pulled from the Firehouse program should be analyzed to see exactly what capabilities each of the trucks have and where that equipment would be best utilized. Chairman Brunell would like Manager Ibach and Director Grim to look into what reports can be generated to analyze this data.

Brian Kuhns (1127 Nursery St) – believes a committee of all three fire companies should be put together to create a list of equipment needs after the data is gathered and analyzed.

Jeffrey Grim (1606 Hickory Ln) – believes extremely expensive trucks may not be necessary for the needs of the Township.



Chuck Deprill (5421 Chapmans Rd) – would like the Township to consider charging the insurance companies for some of the fire calls. Mr. Deprill has a local acquaintance who provides a service of collecting fire call fees from the homeowner’s insurance policies.

- **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to authorize Director Grim to research the above referenced insurance billing service for appropriate fire calls.**

Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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