

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on August 28, 2018, at 7:00 PM, at Fire Station 25 located at 7723 Hamilton Blvd, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Chairman, James M. Brunell; Vice-Chairman, John "Sean" Gill; Supervisor, Kathy A. Rader; Township Manager, Robert Ibach; Assistant Township Secretary, Cindy Yaskowski; Bureau of Fire Director, Grant Grim; and Station 25 Fire Chief, Steve Oplinger.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss matters with volunteer fire company, Station 25, 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:**

Director Grim updated the Board on several action items that had resulted from the previous meeting of November 20, 2017, including: donations, recruitment and retention of volunteers, available grant funding, and the removal of the electric pole near one of the truck bays.

- **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to have Manager Ibach find monies in the budget to reimburse Station 25 for the \$17,879 spent on removing a pole and installing an underground line.**

Manager Ibach reported that PennDOT asked the Township for permission to work at night in order to complete the bridge work in front of the firehouse before winter. Possibility that PennDOT can help the Fire Company with moving the inlets or providing concrete.

### **DISCUSSIONS & UPDATES**

Director Grim led a discussion updating the Board and attendees about FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program, the Safer Grant, and filming for the website.

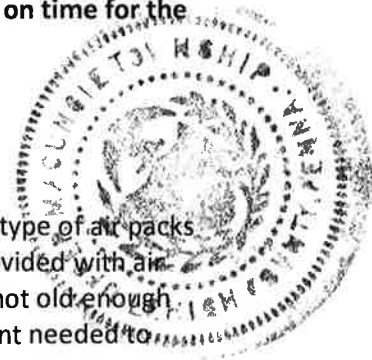
- **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VP Gill and unanimous, to have Manager Ibach work with Director Grim to ensure all grant closeout documents are processed on time for the Safer grant.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Brian Schultz** – reported on:

- A committee of 3 members from each fire company was formed to decide what type of air packs will be purchased with grant money. Currently Station 25 & Station 8 will be provided with air packs using grants and relief; Station 56 is not included because their packs are not old enough (only 9.5 years). The Committee will report back to the Supervisors on the amount needed to pay for every department.
- Members have been exploring options regarding improvements to the firehouse including expanding engine room, additions, and renovations. Chairman Brunell feels adding on conservatively rather than building a new firehouse is the best option, while also maintaining the history attached to this building and site. Providing live-in facilities would be a positive recruitment tool.

**Gary Mattox, Deputy Chief** – remarked that live-in facilities would require a lounge, showers, etc. and questioned costs. VP Gill remarked that the Township may be able to help financially, if the live-in work facilities works out for Station 8.



Discussion followed about finding an individual who can help with locating grant money that would cover some expenses for firehouse renovations and additions. One suggestion was made that Representative Day's office may have information/help.

- **Chairman Brunell made a motion, seconded by VP Gill and unanimous, to have Manager Ibach work with staff to assist the 3 Fire Companies in applying for grants.**

**Dennis MacArdle** – Announced that Station 25 is hosting a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony; More details to follow.

**Upon a motion by Chairman Brunell, seconded by VP Gill and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 8:09 PM.**

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Cindy Yaskowski, Assistant Township Secretary



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