

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

7:00pm

Fire Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Grile, Heselden, Carfagna, Harper, Lindblom, Rike, Kresge, Streeter, McHale, Goodman, Honeycutt, Ponzi

Absent: Wallace

- Minutes from previous meeting approved
 - 1st-McHale
 - 2nd-Kresge
- Jill Carfagna nominated to be secretary
- Chief Honeycutt
 - August Monthly Report provided to committee
 - 1200 incidences in August
 - Question asked regarding 8/27 incident
 - Chief reported that it was a rescue operation at Hoover
 - Reported as a fatality
 - 15 water incidences/year, mostly in Alum Creek
 - EMS Billing
 - \$39.055 for the year
 - Residents do not pay for any type of EMS service
 - Process explained to committee
 - Question asked regarding a typical bill
 - Depends on level of service received
 - \$895 for basic life support
 - Average on collection about \$200
 - Also bill for mileage
 - Body Armor
 - Have it now, already on trucks, worn during a violent type incident
 - Notable incidences
 - Westerville had a fire last month.
 - Smoke detector issue
 - Question regarding Las Vegas and what is being done in township to prepare
 - Active aggressor training twice last year
 - Training with Liberty Township and then came back for three days of intensive training
 - Collaboration with other cities and townships
 - Try to keep up with changes
 - Question regarding November 4th and what may happen
 - Honeycutt not aware of any preparation
 - System that makes department aware of what is going on in other cities, states, country

- Budget Time
 - Present to Trustees on 11/2
 - Done Annually for upcoming year
- Short one full time fire fighter, short 11 part time shift personnel, requirements are high, use National Testing to help find candidates, have 26 people in the works right now, country problem filling part time positions, Chief reviewed reasons why candidate pool is low (world issues, cancer epidemic, fit test), BWC claims have gone down tremendously, union behind fit test
 - 11 part time could be converted to 3 full time, Chief explained why they aren't going this route
 - Part time people - \$15.50/hour
 - Discussion regarding age and whether as fire fighters age they can keep up with the job – Chief said yes
 - 30 minutes of cardio, 15 minutes of weight training – all
- BWC grant \$12000 to replace extractor
- AFG Grant for a medic – didn't receive
- 10/28 – Open House for Township – Fire, Police, Maintenance Buildings
 - Fire-haunted house, house with flames kids get to spray, burn simulator (two rooms – one with sprinkler, one without)
- Search and Rescue Trailer (Deputy Chief Ponzi)
 - From Ohio Fire Academy for three days of training
 - Greater than 50 students, trailer free on a regional grant - 72 students – Delaware, Orange, Harlem
 - Genoa guys functioned as instructors
 - Trailer – 2 floors, first floor residential search unit, second floor conference building course-series of obstacles, worked on communication and collaboration skills

Other business:

- Target meeting length
 - 1 hour
- Procedure if Chief/Deputy Chief pulled away
 - Chief-more our meeting as time goes on, be able to continue on
 - Chief-Has to be an employee in the building if Chief/Deputy Chief have to leave
 - Chief-Adjourn if needed
- EMS Reimbursement
 - Chief-Made a little headway, are now talking to Harlem and see if they can make a deal with Harlem, want to do one at a time, closest we've gotten in 10 years
 - Chief-Good thing – letters to commissioners would be good to show support
 - Chief-want something based on a percentage

- James-make a motion to either all write individual letters or write one letter and we all sign
 - Chief-more individual letters has more weight, personal opinion
 - Stephen-multiple letters, do we need to raise awareness in general community?
 - John-model letter to go off of
 - Deb-We don't need to vote at this point.
 - Stephen-next meeting agenda item-raise awareness in township
 - Deb-something in HOA newsletters
 - James to draft a letter
- Middle School Life Skills Academy
 - Fire Marshall working on this, Jill volunteered to assist if needed
- February Meeting Date
 - February 6, 2018
- Next Meeting Agenda Items
 - EMS Reimbursement
 - Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm