

## South Londonderry Township Fire Board Meeting

### Regular Meeting

02/06/2024

**Members Present:** Kurt Kauffman, Al Wilson, Dylan Wilson, Slate Wenger, Dennis Hauenstein, Barry Sell, Brandon Sell, Nick Henry, Carl Weidler, Travis Haak, Faith Bucks, John Eberly

**Members Absent:** None

President Kauffman called the meeting to order at 19:00.

President Kaufman led the Board Members and others in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Agenda**

Election of Officers was moved to the first item in New Business as per standards.

### **Public Input**

There was no public input.

### **Approvals**

- There was a motion by Brandon Sell to approve the meeting minutes from the October 2023 meeting, seconded by Dylan Wilson, motion carried.

### **Fire Chief Reports**

- Campbelltown Fire Company - Ed Houser reported 49 calls, 6 personnel per call, 5:13 average response time.
- Lawn Fire Company – Chief Wilson reported 30 calls, 16 of 30 in South Londonderry Township, HAAS system alerted 329 drivers of emergency incidents.

### **Motions**

There were no motions to approve.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to review.

### **New Business**

- Election of Fireboard Officers
  - Brandon Sell nominated Kurt Kauffman for chairman, seconded by Kurt, motion carried

- Brandon Sell nominated Al Wilson for vice chair, seconded by Kurt, motion carried
- Al Wilson nominated Slate Wenger for secretary, seconded by Kurt, motion carried
- Apparatus Plan and Fire Tax
  - Faith and John presented a spreadsheet with information and numbers on expected cost of apparatus between both companies through 2045
  - Discussion was held on the proposed tax increase from .245 mils to .50 mils, changing the split between the two companies to .40 mils into a joint account for apparatus replacement, then 60% of the remaining .10 mils to Campbelltown and 40% of the remaining .10 mils to Lawn, intended for upkeep of other apparatus and other yearly expenditures.
  - Questions and concerns were expressed on the impact of raising taxes, and if this proposal is functional or just prolonging the need for a paid department or other such solution to retain members and reduce need for fundraising events.
  - It was asked of John to prepare a Plan A, B, C... with different tax rates and percentages to each company to see what different options would look like.
- 2024 Meeting Dates
  - Received prior approval for the first Tuesday of the month with the exception of the August meeting due to National Night Out, and the November meeting due to election day. Those meetings would be on the first Wednesday of the month if needed.

**Good of the Order**

None

**Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings**

None Stated

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

March 5th, 2024

**Adjournment**

Being no other business of the South Londonderry Township Fire Board, Carl Weidler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:00, seconded by Dylan Wilson, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Slate C. Wenger

Secretary – South Londonderry Township Fire Board