

SEPTEMBER 2021 SOUTH LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD MEETING

The September 2021 meeting of the South Londonderry township Fire Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Carl Epler at 1900 hours on September 8, 2021.

The following fire Board members were present:

Carl Epler
John Breive
Mark Houser Jr.
William Bova
Barry Sell
Jim Hess
Kevin Bucks
Curtis Bucks

A motion was made by Jim Hess and seconded by Kevin Bucks to accept the minutes from the July 2021 meeting. This motion was carried.

Old Business:

1. Ways for Fire Board to move forward in 2022-:
 - No discussion
2. 2022 Meeting Schedule:
 - There was a consensus that the meetings will be agenda driven. The secretary will solicit agenda items from the membership and if there are no agenda items for any month, the fire board meeting will be cancelled for that month.
 - A motion was made by Mark Houser Jr. and seconded by Jim Hess that beginning in January of 2022 the fire Board meetings will be scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 1900 hours. This motion was carried.

New Business:

1. Budgets Reviews:
 - Barry Sell stated that Campbelltown's Fire Tax budget is the same as last year.
 - Jim Hess passed out copies of Lawn fire companies fire tax budget which is attached to these minutes.
2. Act 65 requirements:
 - The secretary had passed out copies of the Act 65 requirements. No one had any comments or questions.
3. Campbelltown/Lawn Fire company Issues:
 - This topic generated a rather lengthy and at times a heated discussion.
 - There is a perception that at one time a few years ago during some box card assignment disagreements and disciplinary action taken against a member of

Campbelltown Fire Company that the Lawn Fire Company tried to have the Campbelltown Fire Company closed down. This was vehemently denied by the Lawn Fire Company members present. There is tension between the two fire companies over various incidents over the past few years. It is hoped that by bringing the items causing the tension, out in the open, a way can be found to ease the tension and foster better cooperation. The consensus between the members of both companies is that they do work together and cooperate at the emergency scene to bring the incidents to a successful conclusion. A way needs to be found to continue this cooperation when they return to their respective fire stations.

- There have been talks between the various fire departments in the southwestern end of Lebanon County about forming an alliance. However, the high cost of doing this makes it very doubtful that this will happen.
 - There were two township supervisors present observing the meeting along with William Bova, who is the township representative on the Fire Board. The question was asked if there is any possibility that the Township Supervisors are contemplating closing the Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company. All the Supervisors vehemently denied this.
4. Fire Board Member input of New business:
- Mark Houser Jr. related an incident on the turnpike in south Londonderry township where no emergency equipment from the township was dispatched to the incident. He feels that any incident occurring within the township should have at least one apparatus from a township company respond. Unfortunately the PA Turnpike Commission has employed a contractor to determine the emergency response on the turnpike.
5. John Breive read a letter stating that at the end of 2021 he will be resigning as the Fire Board secretary and as a member of the Fire Board. A copy of this letter is attached to the minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the September 2021 meeting of the South Londonderry Township Fire Board. This motion was carried.

The September 2021 meeting of the South Londonderry township Fire Board was adjourned at 2016 hours, September 8, 2021, by Vice-Chairman Carl Epler.

Respectfully Submitted

John Breive, Secretary.

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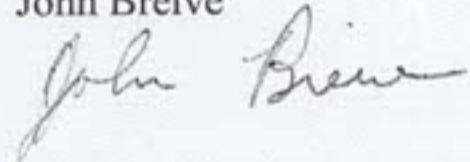
South Londonderry Township Fire Board
20 West Market St.
Palmyra, PA 17078
Sept. 8, 2021

Fire Board Members,

As of 2359 hours on December 31, 2021, I am resigning as secretary and a member of the South Londonderry Township Fire Board. I feel that at my age and at this point in my life, it is in my best interests and possibly the best interests of the Fire Board that I take this action. I have been a member of the Fire Board since it's inception and have been secretary of the board for most of that time. I hope that during my tenure, I have helped to enhance and improve the fire protection capabilities of both fire departments located in the township. I am harboring no animosity against any actions taken by the fire Board, or any member of the Fire Board. I wish to thank the South Londonderry Township Supervisors and the members of the Fire Board for affording me the opportunity and the honor to serve the citizens of South Londonderry Township for all those years. I wish the current and future Fire Board members all the best.

Sincerely,

John Breive



Fire Board Secretary

Lawn Fire Department - South Londonderry Township Budget

2022

Fire Tax income		\$180,000.00
Lawn Fire Tax split (40%)		\$72,000.00
04-419-213	Small Equipment Purchase	(\$37,400.00)
04-419-231	Fuel gas	(\$100.00)
04-419-232	Fuel Diesel	(\$1,600.00)
04-419-260	Maintain Small Equipment	(\$4,000.00)
04-419-374	Repairs/maintain equipment(Aparatus)	(\$7,000.00)
04-419-747	Wirelss Connectivity	(\$2,300.00)
04-471-410	Tanker 3 Loan	(\$22,754.25)
	Rescue/Engine 3 Loan	\$0.00
419-740	New Engine equipment/mounting*	(\$25,000.00)
	Wagon 3 Replacement (2022)	(\$31,000.00)
	Sell Wagon 3 (when new is delivered)	\$75,000.00
	Volunteer incentive payment	(\$3,000.00)
Total Budget Expenses		(\$59,154.25)
Net Budget (income minus expense)		\$12,845.75
	estimated fire tax account balance	\$124,891.50