

South Londonderry Township Fire Board
Regular Meeting
November 2nd 2022

Members Present: Kurt Kauffman, Barry Sell, Al Wilson, Ed Houser, Dan Braden, Jim Hess, Carl Weidler

Members Absent: Bill Bova, Travis Haak

President Kauffman called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours

President Kauffman led the Fire Board members and others in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

Public Input

There was no public input

Approvals

1. Minutes - Motion to approve the minutes from the June 1st 2022 meeting was made by Dan Braden and seconded by Barry Sell. Motion carried.
2. Financial Report – Motion to accept the financial report for the Fire Tax fund as presented January thru September 2022 by Dan Braden seconded by Barry Sell. Motion Carried

Fire Chief Report

Lawn Fire Company – No Report

Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Barry Sell – 41 calls for the month of October 2022

Old Business

Chief Barry Sell inquired about having fill in members of the board to assure each fire company was properly represented at each meeting. There was discussion held and it was decided that this could be a possibility if voting members were determined prior to the start of each meeting.

Lawn Fire Company advertising fund raising on Campbelltown LED Sign

New Business

Dan Braden challenged the board to develop some progressive goals for 2023 that are in the best interest of Campbelltown, Lawn and South Londonderry Township. He provided a perspective of the mission statement, and constitution of the fire board that structures what we should be focusing on each time we meet. He encouraged each board member to take ownership in the board and focus on what each of us can do better as individuals to make for a stronger Fire Board team. Dan also expressed a desire to find new ways to involve younger members of Campbelltown and Lawn to be a part of the Fire Board. The you members of our organizations are the leaders of tomorrow and we should be taking every opportunity to teach them. Dan made the following three recommendations to the fire board to consider for 2023

1. Open a dialogue with the Palmyra Area School District Board on how we could develop a training program at the CTC for high school students to receive firefighter training.
2. Discuss how both departments can do a joint fund drive in 2023 to eliminate duplication of services and prioritize the efforts of volunteers.
3. Develop a program to train new leaders to be administrators and officers of the fire department

Ed Houser shared that Palmyra School District has discussed to providing firefighter training to students at their district safety meetings.

Ed Houser asked about how we could assure a joint fund drive would not negatively affect one department by potentially receiving less funds when the revenues are split. Dan recommended a committee to explore revenue and a potential split of that funding

that could be mutually agreed upon. Dan stated that it would be a good way to demonstrate the departments are willing to make a joint effort for funding options as outlined in the mission statement.

Jim Hess brought up that he would like to further discuss an apparatus replacement schedule that is for all SLT front line apparatus. He believes that it is important to communicate to the Township what the future financial needs are for fire protection so the Board of Supervisors can plan for additional funding as required.

Kurt Kauffman stated that SLT has agreed to provide an in-house loan to the Campbelltown Vol Fire Co for the purchase of Engine 2.

After additional discussion on involving younger members of the fire department in the fire board it was decided to draft a constitution change to allow for a fourth representative from each fire department to be a voting member of the fire board. The fourth member would be a younger individual of each department that could be mentored on fire board responsibilities and administration.

Dan Braden will provide the draft constitution change and present at the next Fire board meeting in December.

Good of the Order

Adjournment

Al Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 20:05, seconded by Carl Weidler. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C Braden
Secretary - South Londonderry Township Fire Board

