

South Londonderry Township Fire Board
Regular Meeting
March 2nd 2022

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

Members Absent: Bill Bova

President Kauffman called the meeting to order at 19:00 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 -Ed Houser made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2nd 2022 meeting with the following corrections.

The word “loves” be changed to “will” in the context *“Palmyra loves will add on with apparatus to Station 2 calls, but its not a two-way street if Station 2 tries to add on to Palmyra.”*

Motion was seconded by Dan Braden and approved. Motion carried

Ed Houser asked that in the future all minutes are reflected accurately

2. Financial Report -A financial report from South Londonderry Township for the SLT Fire Tax Fund was emailed out to the members of the board by Township Manager John Eberly prior to the meeting.

Jim Hess made a motion to accept the financial report as provided.
Motion was seconded by Dan Braden and approved. Motion carried

Barry Sell said he spoke with Township Manager Eberly and requested and itemized list of expenditures be included in all future financial reports.

Fire Chief Report

Lawn Fire Company – Chief Jim Hess provided the following report of calls for the month of February 2022

21 Total Calls for the month (see breakdown below)

Cancellations	8
Miscellaneous	7
False Alarm	1
Barn Fire	1
MVA w/ confinement	1
Failed to Respond	1
Spill Control`	1
Transfer	1

Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company – Chief Barry Sell reported that Campbelltown’s report was incomplete at this time and will be provided to the Township Supervisors at a later date.

Old Business

Department Relations

Ed Houser stated he though there was good communication and progress after the last meeting. He was frustrated though about communication with Palmyra Fire of what occurred in the fire board meeting and that it was misunderstood. Ed emailed his written comments to all fire board members after that meeting to provide clarity to what was spoken.

Chief Dave Dugan from Palmyra Fire attended the fire board meeting and shared feedback with the board. Chief Dugan expressed the importance of working toward a better working relationship between fire departments. He sees first hand that volunteerism is dyeing and his department is desperately trying to form better relationships with their mutual aid partners to combat the decline in volunteerism.

Ed Houser asked Chief Dugan if Palmyra would consider dumbing down their high standards for other departments? Chief Dugan shared that Palmyra Fire would approach a merged organization with a “clean slate” and build that larger department from scratch.

Chief Dugan shared that Palmyra is averaging 5.4 personnel per fire apparatus and 7.8 personnel per call

Ed Houser stated that a relationship with Palmyra probably isn't going to work for Campbelltown and maybe not Lawn.

Chief Dugan reiterated that Palmyra Fire needs help as well as the community. The Palmyra area will be getting 700 new homes in the near future and some of those homes are closer to the Campbelltown Volunteer Fire Company (C.V.F.C.) than they are to Palmyra Fire. He also stated that Palmyra is reworking their run cards to increase the amount of manpower that responds on calls and that he completely depends upon C.V.F.C for their tankers as 40% of their district doesn't have fire hydrants.

New Business

Constitution Change

Al Wilson made a motion to make the following changes to the Constitution of the South Londonderry Township Fire Board.

Current Version:

Article IV: Nomination and Election of Officers

Article IV: Section 1 - The nomination for officers named in Article III shall be made at the stated meeting in January of each year.

Article IV: Section 2 - The election of officers named in Article III shall be held at the stated meeting in February of each year.

Article IV: Section 3 – Votes shall consist of one (1) vote per board member

Proposed version:

Article IV: Nomination and Election of Officers

Article IV: Section 1 – The nomination and election of officers named in Article III shall be made at the stated meeting in January of each year.

Article IV: Section 2 – Votes shall consist of one (1) vote per board member

The motion was seconded by Ed Houser and approved. Motion carried

Good of the Order

Chief Hess asked why Station 3 was cancelled by Chief Sell while responding to a vehicle fire on Lawn Rd. Chief Sell stated the fire was pretty much out before he arrived.

Al Wilson inquired about having the junior firefighters from each department get together to review apparatus. Al stated he would like to see more training with all juniors together.

Adjournment

With no other business to address a motion was made by Jim Hess to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Travis Haak and approved. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:31 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C Braden
Secretary - South Londonderry Township Fire Board