

FIRE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 22, 2019

The Fire Oversight Committee met in regular session on October 22, 2019 at 5:29 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers. This meeting was chaired by Mr. Kuhn.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Richard Petit, Lynn Cleveland, Mark Cross, Glenn Jirka, and Mike Kuhn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Fire Chief Dan Alldred and Roni Saul, Administrative Assistant. There were no members absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the March 25, 2019 minutes as submitted. Dr. Cross second the motion to accept.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Alldred presented the August and September 2019 monthly reports. August-little slow at 75 call for the month/avg. for year at 84 monthly. September- busy with 91 calls for service including two structure fires. We stand at 753 calls for service at the end of September /2018 =760 end September.

Lack of personnel continues to be our biggest hurdle, appears to be little or no interest in people doing this type of work especially the Paid-On-Call positions. I am advertising openings on our Facebook page, at local hospitals and attended Sinclair Community College Fire Fighter class graduation in May and spoke with many candidates-no response.

Budget 2020-asking for approval at the meeting tonight-biggest changes to this year's budget are costs of renovation and new construction of the fire-ems facility and pay increases for personnel. I have asked for an increase in pay rates for both part time and paid on call positions. Roni and I did some research and the proposed increases will put us in line with or a little better than some of the departments in the area.

Then added incentives for paid on call personnel will help with the burden of providing coverage "for nothing". If approved POC's will receive a \$24.00 stipend for a 12 hour weeknight shift and \$36.00 for a 12 hour Saturday or Sunday shift as well as 6 Holiday nights.

Perhaps with the boost in pay rates and incentives and anticipated completion of our new facility we can lure new personnel and also keep what we have. We are seriously hurting for paid on call or nighttime personnel.

Construction on the new building is going well, apparatus bay floor concrete poured and the structural steel has been set with most of the roof decking installed. Anticipating being able to place some apparatus in the bay in December.

New chief vehicle has been ordered-2019 Dodge Ram quad cab pick-up 4 wheel drive. Anticipated to arrive very soon and then will be up fitted.

My friend Tom Wallace retired as of October 5th after 50 years with Farmersville Fire Department. I wish him a long, healthy, happy retirement.

Fire Prevention Week was held this week. We estimate presentations for about 600 kids. We still have one more presentation on October 24 for Germantown Christian.

Open house was held Saturday October 19th from 6-8. Attendance was low this year due to time change of Saturday Nightmare Out.

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS REPORT:

There was no members report.

BUSINESS:

Review of proposed 2020 budget. Mr. Kuhn offered to answer any questions that the FOC may have. Dr. Cross asked about the Administration Charge and Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Jirka was able to answer his questions.

Motion for members to approve 2020 budget. Mr. Jirka motioned for approval and Dr. Cross 2nd the motion. All in favor with unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Kuhn motioned to adjourn, Dr. Cross 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.