

CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
8230 OLD YORK ROAD – ELKINS PARK, PA. 19027

February 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Fire Board was held via zoom on Thursday February 3, 2022.

In attendance, via zoom were Glenside Fire Company Chief John McHugh, La Mott Fire Company Chief Kevin Lynch, Elkins Park Fire Company Chief Brian Levy, Elkins Park Fire Company President Mike Wolk, Cheltenham Fire Company Deputy Chief Tim Schuck, Cheltenham Township Fire Marshal Scott Lynch, Cheltenham Police Lieutenant Andrew Snyder, Board of Commissioners Mitch Zygmund-Felt and Ann Rappaport.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Fire Marshal Lynch called the meeting to order at 19:02.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Chief Lynch and second by Chief Levy to approve the January 6, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

5. REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL:

- Ashbourne Meadows ... 2ND set of town have passed final inspections. 4 out of 5 townhouses in the 1st. cluster are occupied.
- Pool Hall at 1901 Cheltenham Ave. under renovations to become a nail salon.
- 8158 Ogontz Ave. under renovations to become a gym.
- Sprinkler issues at 1990 Ashbourne Rd. have been repaired
- Electrical issues Bldg. 1 @ Brookview have been repaired.
- 2 portables and 1 mobile from the former OFC have been re-assigned to EPFC.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Training Grounds:

- Progress

b. Operational Policies:

- None

c. MC Emergency Services Trunked Radio System Update:

- Ken Hellendall reported good progress and this item can be removed from future agendas.

d. Glenside Fire Company update on Air Truck:

- Fire Marshal Lynch asked Chief McHugh of the status of the recently acquired Air Truck from the former OFC organization. Chief McHugh reported that the truck was lettered in the past week and returned to the GFC, there are 10 qualified driver/operators and 2 additional in training. The truck has been requested 2 times at fire scenes, 1 in Abington and 1 in Upper Dublin. The truck is currently OOS with a bad compressor starting switch that should be repaired by the end of the week. There was a brief discussion regarding the air truck responding to a call that it was requested to from the former OFC building. Commissioner Zygmund-Felt requested the GFC provide to the Township a copy of the Lease/Purchase agreement and proof of Insurance. There was a brief discussion regarding the dispatch procedure for this piece of apparatus and it is up to each individual CTFD Fire Company to adjust their box cards.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- None

8. COMPANY REPORTS:

- **GLENSIDE:** Chief McHugh reported:
 - Thanked all for their assistance at recent vehicle extrication on Greenwood Ave., all worked well together.
 - Voted in a new junior firefighter
 - GFC is hosting a first aid class Tuesday 2/15/22 at GFC
- **LA MOTT:** Chief Lynch reported:
 - Live in candidate coming in March for physical and 1 additional candidate in process.
 - 1 new member voted in and will be starting Fire I class end of month.
- **ELKINS PARK:** Chief Levy reported:
 - Engine 3 is OOS with break issues, station 4 running engine 1st, and tower 2nd.
- **CHELTHENHAM:** Deputy Chief Schuck reported:
 - CFC hosting virtual Haz Mat Ops refresher class 2/10 & 2/17. If interested, contact Chris or Tim for zoom link.

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT: LT. Snyder reported:

- 2 new officers on the street for training, look for new faces.
- Thanked all for assistance at recent vehicle extrication on Greenwood Ave.
- Discussed posting pictures on social media following an incident and reminder all that any incident is a potential crime scene. FM Lynch stated no future posting of pictures unless cleared by Police and FM. Policy to follow.

10. EMS: Director Hellendall reported:

- Thanked all for assistance at recent vehicle extrication on Greenwood Ave.
- In process of hiring 1 new fulltime paramedic, 1 paramedic out long-term and 1 out short-term.
- Ken discussed more mutual aid ambulances covering calls in Cheltenham; this is because Cheltenham is covering more mutual aid calls. This is not for the lack of staffing, but because other Municipalities need assistance.
- 1 ambulance has new chassis.

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Hellendall Reported:

- Continue to wear masks.
- All Chiefs and Presidents should have received info from him from the Township regarding COVID-19.
- COVID-19 test kits still available, call if needed.
- Kim Kirschner is back to work and baby is finally home and doing GREAT! No visitors, but a call may be appreciated.

12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Rappaport thanked all for the rescues
- Commissioner Zygmund-Felt asked EMC Hellendall to discuss social media from the recent snow storm. Ken reported all positive. During storms, info is coming in from residents and EM Team tries to update every 2 hours. There were 120 comments sent to the BOC and PW.
- Commissioner Zygmund-Felt questioned Chiefs if any money had been received from the Maintenance Program yet, Commissioner will look into.

13. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Deputy Chief Schuck questioned the release of the \$6,000.00 to each fire company for retention/recruitment.
- EMC Hellendall discussed recently predicted weather forecast.

14. NEXT MEETING:

- The next scheduled meeting for Fire Board will be on Thursday March 3, 2022 7:00 pm, **via ZOOM.**

15. ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no further business a motion was made by Chief McHugh with a 2nd by Deputy Chief Schuck to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 19:32.

As recorded by:

Scott P. Lynch

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