

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

March 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Fire Board was held via zoom on Thursday March 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, Cheltenham Fire Company Chief Chris Drach, Cheltenham Township Fire Marshal Scott Lynch, Cheltenham Police Lieutenant Andrew Snyder, Cheltenham Township Emergency Management Coordinator/EMS Director Ken Hellendall, Board of Commissioners Mitch Zygmund-Felt, Ann Rappaport and Matthew Areman.

1 .CALL TO ORDER

- Fire Marshal Lynch called the meeting to order at 19:01.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Chief Lynch and second by Chief Levy to approve the February 3, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

5. REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL:

- Ashbourne Meadows ... 2^{3rd} set of town have been built and are awaiting final inspections. 4th set of the out of 5 townhouses under construction. 14 of the 20 total townhouses are sold and 9 are occupied.
- AQUA water main replacement projects in the Township on Edgemoor Road. Hydrants being added to Edgemoor & Ivenetta, Edgemoor & Garden and Edgemoor & Rowland. Water main replacement on Glenside Ave. between Glenview and North, adding hydrants Glenside & Glenview and Glenside & Hewitt. Additionally, water main replacement in Laverock. Hydrants being added at Laverock & Fox and Lindley & Twickenham.
- Fire Inspection Program is back up and underway.
- The \$18,000.00 checks from 2020, 2021 & 2022 recruitment/retention will be delivered on Friday 3/4/22.
- I will not be at the April Fire Board Meeting.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Training Grounds:

- Progress

b. Operational Policies:

- None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- None

8. COMPANY REPORTS:

- **GLENSIDE:** Chief McHugh reported:
 - Ladder 1 should be back in service by next week.
 - Chief McHugh mentioned he previously questioned the Fire Marshal regarding medical marijuana as it applies to the zero tolerance policy. Fire Marshal Lynch informed all that this was discussed at the March 2, 2022 staff meeting and following instructions from Township Manager Zienkowski, this will be sent to the Labor Attorney for an opinion. After a discussion, Ken will distribute the Township's zero tolerance policy to the Fire Chiefs.
- **LA MOTT:** Chief Lynch reported:
 - Thanked the Commissioners for the \$18,000.00 for recruitment/retention.
 - Voted in 3 new members, 1st live in should be by next week, 2nd within the month.
 - First Aid/ CPR next 2 Tuesday evenings
- **ELKINS PARK:** Chief Levy reported:
 - Progress
- **CHELTENHAM:** Chief Drach reported:
 - Progress

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT: LT. Snyder reported:

- Thanked Good Will canteen services for their support during recent Police incident and questioned how to go about a donation to them
- Chief Lynch questioned LT. Snyder regarding notification to the Fire Chiefs when there is Police activity in a specific area so that the Chief can notify members to avoid that area. LT. Snyder will do so.

10. EMS: Director Hellendall reported:

- Looking to hire 1 additional medic, 1 back from being out and 1 still out, getting 2nd daytime crew back up.

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Hellendall Reported:

- Attending the first drone meeting, working on policy, mutual aid and what type of incidents the drones can be used on. They have identified 5 pilots that will receive proper training and should be ready to go by July. Commissioner Rappaport questioned using the drones for traffic issues and this was addressed by LT. Snyder.
- No mask are being required under the current COVID-19 Policy, but the rest of the Policy remains in place.

12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Areman thanked all for their continued work
- Commissioner Zygmund-Felt spoke with Township Manager Zienkowski and will make sure that there is reconciliation for whatever funds are due to the Fire Companies by April and apologized on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

13. Election of Executive Officer:

- A motion was made by Chief Lynch and second by Chief Levy for Chief McHugh to continue as the Executive Officer, motion carried.

14. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- None

15. NEXT MEETING:

- The next scheduled meeting for Fire Board will be on Thursday April 7, 2022 7:00 pm, at the CTEOC.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no further business a motion was made by Chief Lynch with a 2nd by Chief Levy to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 19:35.

As recorded by:

Scott P. Lynch

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