

CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD

8230 OLD YORK ROAD – ELKINS PARK, PA. 19027

April 7, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Fire Board was held via zoom on Thursday April 7, 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 Asst. Chief Mike Wolk, Cheltenham Fire Company Chief Chris Drach, EMS Director Ken Hellendall, Board Commissioners Dan Norris, President and Mitch Zygmund-Felt.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Commissioner Zygmund-Felt, acting on behalf of 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 Drach to approve the March 3, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

5. REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL:

- Ashbourne Meadows, 5th set of Townhouses framed and under roof, 23 of 25 sold.
- Bryer House apartments have illegally installed 2 electric car charging units in the underground parking garage. I am currently working with the President of the HOA to resolve.
- WAWA on Limekiln Pike has installed 2 electric car charging units in the rear in a designated area away from the building with proper permits, inspections and disconnects.
- Sprinkler issues at 1990 Ashbourne Road have been fixed, again.
- I still have not received the heads to the mobile radios from the former OFC. They have blatantly disregarded any and all communications from the Township. Township solicitor working on this.
- Building/Codes/FM are now wearing ballistic vests while performing inspections.
- New Property Rental Inspection Ordinance finished and will be possibly discussed at the April Public Safety Meeting with a recommendation to the Commissioners to adopt. At this time, we believe there is about 5,000 + rental units in the Township. If adopted, Inspection program will begin January 2023.
- Glenside FC, please inform personnel inputting info in Emergency Reporting not to use Township of Cheltenham on basic 3, please use specific mailing location...Wyncote, Laverock, Glenside...
- Thank you all for your assistance last week with the small kitchen fire at the Towers of Wyncote, the dwelling fire at 121 Krewson Lane and the dwelling fire at 1030 Serpentine Lane.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tabled

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- Ken/JP/Mike discussed a list of hazardous intersections and the associated problems in a number of neighborhoods.

8. COMPANY REPORTS:

- **GLENSIDE:** Chief McHugh reported:
 - Food Truck event 5/21 4-8PM in front of GFC Fire House. Six food trucks scheduled.
 - 2 New applicants
- **LA MOTT:** Chief Lynch reported:
 - 2 new members voted in
 - On 4/12, Fox News scheduled to visit during a Training Session
 - Planning new recruiting events
- **ELKINS PARK:** Asst. Chief Wolk reported:
 - Acknowledged receipt of \$18,000 for recruitment and \$10,500 for maintenance thanking Township
 - EPFC hosting VRT Class for the following dates: 4/12, 4/19, 4/30, 5/10, 5/17 & 5/21 with a school bus available for transportation
- **CHELTENHAM:** Chief Drach reported:
 - Progress

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT: No Report

10. EMS: Director Hellendall reported:

- New ambulance in; making do with auto lifter: no place for storage
- Three slots still empty; in process of hiring 2 new fulltime paramedic, 1 paramedic out long-term and 1 out short-term.
- Township Building odors still being investigated; air quality being monitored; thanks to EPFC for their response to this staff and building safety matter

11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Hellendall Reported:

- Chief Drach indicating that CFC needs better communication with improved antenna and cable equipment

12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Board President Norris thanked all for their service and commitments
- Commissioner Zygmund-Felt indicated that Township staff was looking into Federal, State and County fund availability for all of our fire and public safety providers

13. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- No comment

14. NEXT MEETING:

- The next scheduled meeting for Fire Board will be on Thursday May 5, 2022 7:00 pm, via ZOOM.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no further business a motion was made by Chief Kevin Lynch with a 2nd by Chief J P McHugh to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 19:27.

As recorded by Commissioner Zygmund-Felt on behalf of:

Scott P. Lynch

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Fire Marshal