

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

**May 5, 2022**

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The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Fire Board was held via zoom on Thursday May 5, 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 P. Lynch, Cheltenham Township Police Lieutenant Andrew Snyder, Board Commissioners President Dan Norris, Mitch Zygmund-Felt and Ann Rappaport.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Fire Marshal Lynch called the meeting to order at 19:00.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A motion was made by Chief Lynch and second by Chief Drach to approve the April 7, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- None

**5. REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL:**

- Ashbourne Meadows is making good progress.
- Working with Management and the Elevator Company at 900 Valley Road regarding the recent elevator emergency false alarms.
- 7804 Caversham Rd. has submitted sprinkler plans for review. This system will be a tank & pump system. The tank will be 425 gallons with a 35 GPM pump. This is due to the type of occupancy.
- The new WAWA at Easton & Waverly should be underway starting Monday 5/9/22.
- Thank you to all for assistance with recent fire investigation at 7334 Sycamore Ave.
- Working on process of getting several streets in the Township to be one side parking only. Chiefs to provide FM with list of streets in their local for such.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chief McHugh discussed box changes to GFC coverage area and informed that Engine 2 will be added on initial dispatches. Motion by Chief Drach and second by Chief Levy for changes to go to MCDPS.
- Chief McHugh discussed the rising costs of fit testing and he is working with Wes Fritz to acquire the machine and will work on getting members certified to perform said tests.

## 8. COMPANY REPORTS:

- **GLENSIDE:** Chief McHugh reported:
  - Food Truck event 5/21 4-8PM in front of GFC Fire House. Six food trucks scheduled. If attending with apparatus, please inform and you will be given instructions how to get into area.
  - Voted 1 new member in and has 2 additional candidates waiting physicals.
  - Thank all for assistance w/ recent Paxson Ave. dwelling fire.
- **LA MOTT:** Chief Lynch reported:
  - Membership drive doing well, 5 candidates going for physicals.
  - Thanked all for assistance at recent dwelling fire 7334 Sycamore Ave., and is working on critique.
- **ELKINS PARK:** Chief Levy reported:
  - Thanked all for assistance at recent dwelling fire at 1030 Serpentine Lane.
  - 3 members have recently completed their Fire I and will be graduating in 3 weeks.
  - Discussed converting existing engine into a squad. Mentioned the costs for a new, very basic engine is \$700,000.00 and with the existing engine being 15 years old EPFC is not sure of the sustainability of this piece of apparatus. Commissioner Zygmund-Felt requested information on new apparatus be sent to him to see about grants.
- **CHELTENHAM:** Chief Drach reported:
  - Discussed current engine is 22 years old and a new ladder will be about 1.8 million.
  - Regular daytime driver will be out for about 3 months due to medical issue and reminded Commissioners that he has been discussing the daytime staffing issues for about 20 years and cannot guaranty apparatus during the day. Chief Drach mentioned that he has asked the Commissioners numerous times for help with this.
  - Losing a Chief Officers by end of month who is moving because can't afford to live in Cheltenham.

## 9. POLICE DEPARTMENT: LT. Snyder report:

- Thanked all for assistance a 2 recent vehicle extrications
- EP Hospital is landing and flying more helicopters, was informed by Chief Drach that FC not responding.
- New Officers have finished their field training and you will see them on the streets.
- Chief Lynch discussed citizens interfering with operations at scenes on the border of Philadelphia/Cheltenham and requested Police handle.

## 10. EMS: No Report

## 11. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: No Report

## 12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Zygmund-Felt assured that he heard the situation with the costs of equipment and apparatus and is committed to seeking grants.

## 13. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- No comment

**14. NEXT MEETING:**

- The next scheduled meeting for Fire Board will be on Thursday June 2, 2022 7:00 pm, TBD.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Scott P. Lynch*

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