

Blendon Township Safety Services Committee

MINUTES

May 3, 2018

1. The meeting was called to Order at 3 pm on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at the Borculo Community Center.
2. Roll Call: Present: Glenn Overweg, Dave Postma, Steve Kraai,
Stan Taylor
Absent: Don VanderKuyl
3. Approval of the agenda: Approved as presented.
4. Fire Department Budget YTD: None
5. Fire Chief Report – Verbal Report
6. Fire Run Report – None
7. Fire Officers' Meeting Minutes – Verbal Report
8. Opportunity for public comment – None
9. Old Business:
 - Discussion regarding building and equipment maintenance;
 - Discussion regarding staffing;
 - Discussion regarding software;
 - Discussion regarding township personnel changes as they relate to the Chief;
 - Report on FDIC trip; and
 - Discussion regarding implementation of Knox Box in commercial buildings.
10. New Business:
 - Discussion regarding the department's capacity as it relates to 3+ story commercial developments.

- Discussion of cost recovery fee program for the department. After reviewing costs, historical examples, and other department policies, Chief Gernaat requested authorization to implement a cost recovery program for the department, utilizing the following fee structure:
 - 1) Labor, billed as first hour plus ½ hour increments @ \$41/hour;
 - 2) Heavy apparatus @ \$198/hour
 - 3) Light apparatus @ \$99/hour
 - 4) Supplies:
 - a) oil dry @ \$18.25 per 40# bag
 - b) absorbent pads @ \$1.50/each
 - c) 5x10 dike booms @ \$55/each
 - d) other supplies billed at cost plus 10%

Motion by Mr. Postma, seconded by Mr. Kraai, to implement a cost recovery program for the department as presented and commensurate with existing township policies. The motion was approved as presented.

- Chief Gernaat requested authorization to build an office in the community center and roof over the NE entrance of Station 2. Motion made by Mr. Kraai and seconded by Mr. Postma. The motion was approved as presented.
- Chief Gernaat discussed the continuing difficulty of staffing the department, citing a current staffing level of 75%. The board discussed options to attract area talent for the department. The Chief cited pay rates for other departments and the fact that our department has not had an increase in the hourly pay rate for ten years. The Chief requested an increase in work detail pay rate from \$11 to \$15. The motion was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Postma. The motion was approved as presented with the increase to take effect 5/22/18.

- The board discussed a recent call in Borculo involving a 36 year old male in full arrest. Utilizing CPR and multiple defibrillation attempts, the patient eventually responded, was transported to the ER, and is now recovering. The Board unanimously agreed to recommend a public commendation for the firefighters involved in saving the life of this resident.

11. Round Table Comments: None
12. Next Scheduled Meeting:
July 26, 2018 at 9 am
Borculo Community Center
13. Meeting adjourned at 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Taylor
Acting Secretary