

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was held on October 10, 2016, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Building at 8330 Schantz Road, Breinigsville, PA 18031. Those present were Vice-Chairman, John "Sean" Gill; Supervisor, Kathy A. Rader; Township Secretary, Ashley Godshall; Fire Commissioner Grant Grim; Fire Chiefs: Jacque Creamer – Station 8, Arlan Wright – Station 25, and Leroy Gross – Station 56. Also, the Presidents: Jeff Grim – Station 8, Gary Gorr – Station 25, Joe Corcoran – Station 56; and Solicitor, Andrew V. Schantz.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss matters with the three volunteer fire companies in Upper Macungie Township; any other issues that may come before the Board; and, to take any necessary action, if appropriate.

VC Gill opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and asked all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

DISCUSSIONS & MOTIONS

After Action Review of Parkland View Fire – A total of 12 Fire Departments assisted in putting out a fire at Parkland View Apartments on October 9, 2016: Good Will Fire Co #1 of Trexlertown, UMT Station #56, Fogelsville Fire Co, Lower Macungie Twp Fire Dept, Alburtis Fire Dept, Topton Fire Dept, Greenawalds Fire Dept, Cetronia Fire Dept, Macungie Fire Dept, Woodlawn Fire Dept, Catasaqua Fire Dept, and Weisenberg Fire Dept. An After Action Review of the fire will be held at the Trexlertown Fire Co on Tuesday, October 18th and refreshments will be served.

Budget 2017

--**Large Projects – Station #8 & Station #25 – \$20,000** – The Board requested a breakdown of the requested budget improvements for tomorrow's Budget Meeting.

--**831 Refurbishment** – #831 is currently out of service for at least six months. \$335,000 has been requested for a full body restoration and to swap halogen lights for LEDs.

--**Replacement Unit #2561** – Viable bids were received from two manufacturers (Smeal and Ferrara) and need to be further reviewed by the Fire Commissioner. \$250,000 was set aside last year and carried over. \$275,000 is requested for 2017. The price increases for Smeal, the currently preferred bidder, on November 3rd. The Board intends to act on this at the October 18th Budget meeting.

--**Reimbursement Program** – There was some discussion regarding 1099s tax forms. The Township auditor recommended the Fire Companies file directly instead of UMT filing on their behalves. UMT will file this year's 1099s and will show the fire stations how to do them for next year. The Township intends to raise the current reimbursement rates to fire department members to offset any extra costs of the tax filings. **A motion was made by VC Gill, seconded by Supervisor Rader and unanimous, to raise the current reimbursement rate from \$7.50 to \$10 for the remainder of 2016 and forward.**

Recruitment & Retention – Update – Interviews are scheduled in October with three firefighters from each department for marketing and recruitment purposes, utilizing the new software, Digital Feast.

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) – Update – Officers are reviewing every Monday evening and are aiming for January 2017 to finalize.

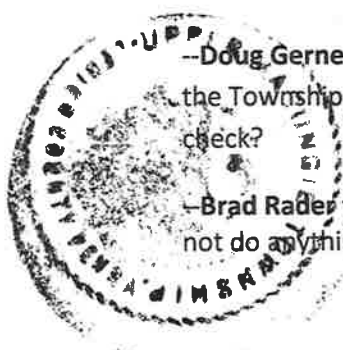
Open House Station #8 – October 15, 2016, 10am – 2pm – The Open House will include a smoke trailer, pizzas and other refreshments, and an appearance by Judge, the Allentown Fire Department Arson K9.

PUBLIC COMMENT

--**Charles Deprill from Station 8** – expressed concern about how the new 1099 policy may affect non-profit status and member voting. Solicitor Schantz will look into it.

--**Doug Gerner from Station 8** – Is the requirement to have a CDL to operate fire trucks mandated by the Township or insurance company? Who is liable for an accident if there was no time to do a pre-check?

--**Brad Rader from Station 8** – **Lisa Court (private road)** is being blocked by truck parking, and HOA will not do anything about it. If the HOA President would approve, police could ticket.



--Leroy Gross from Station 56 – Asked about getting some of the fire company numbers changed/updated in the phone book.

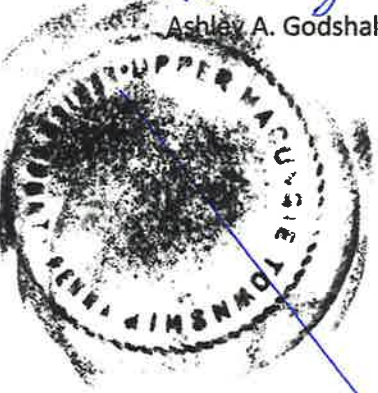
--John Ellerman of Good Will Fire Co #1 Trexlertown – Does the new 1099 procedure change worker's compensation obligations or does the Township still take care of that?

--Bill Gillespie of Good Will Fire Co #1 Trexlertown – Expressed concern about the fire reports getting finished in time and who is doing them.

There being no other business, upon a motion by Supervisor Rader, seconded by VC Gill and unanimous, the meeting is adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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