

c. Reminder of the Firefighter Picnic on August 19, 2017

Mr. Walz reminded the committee members about the Firefighter Picnic on August 19th, 2017 at Hempfield Park at Pavilion E. He ordered posters that will be given at the Chiefs Meeting on August 2nd to place at each station and would also like to send a PDF form through ECM. There will be food donations, music, and entertainment for children.

7. SAFETY/OPERATING GUIDELINES

a. Update on the Status of Various Policies

Mr. Storey updated the committee regarding the policies that are out for review at this time. They are still in progress and they will work on changes and have them out for public comment to bring to the next workshop and have them for the next meeting for approval. One item that was brought to attention was the section regarding facial hair. The wording does not seem to be clear. Mr. Saunders noted that it should definitely be worded differently. Mr. Walz asked that there should be a graphic to accompany the section to clarify. Mr. Wolford asked about hair color and Mr. Storey responded that there are sections regarding Safety Standards and one for Personal Appearance but not one specifically for hair color.

8. EQUIPMENT/FLEET

a. Update on the E Rescue Tool Meeting

Mr. Thoma updated the committee with two presentations scheduled for Tuesday August 8th, 2017 at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m.

b. Rescue Engine Equipment List Status

Mr. Thoma noted that he now has the beginning of a merged Rescue Engine Equipment List which will be easier to view and make smaller.

c. SCBA Project Status

Mr. Beitel stated that the Board of Supervisors approved the SCBA Project and he is now working with vendors to get the order together.

d. Turnout Gear Program Status

Mr. Beitel noted that the Board of Supervisors approved the Turnout Gear Program and that the fittings need to be completed by the end of the month to have the price locked in. He stated that the committee should be aware that the dates will be coming quickly for fittings.

e. Aerial Certification August 15, 16 and 17

Aerial Certification will be held August 15th, 16th and 17th for Adamsburg, Carbon, and Hempfield #2. The dates are not specific to the stations at this time, however, Mr. Beitel noted that he is recommending that the order is Adamsburg on August 15th, Carbon on August 16th, and then Hempfield #2 on August 17th.

9. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

a. Fire Inspections at Facilities

Mr. Beitel stated that the Fire Inspections are almost complete at all stations. The Fire Inspection program started over a year ago and all township buildings and fire stations are working to get those completed.

10.ITEMS FOR ACTION

- a. When a current Bureau of Fire (BOF) member recruits a new member each person shall receive a \$100.00 gift card once the following conditions are met:
 1. The new member is an active member 2 years after joining
 2. The new member has completed all Essentials of Firefighting Training
 3. The new member has responded to 10% of calls in each year

A discussion was held regarding Junior Firefighters and the ability to reach the goal of completing the Essentials of Firefighting Training because of age restraints. Mr. Walz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Werner, to amend the item to read as follows:

- When a current Bureau of Fire (BOF) member recruits a new member each person shall receive a \$100.00 gift card, or a \$50.00 gift card for juniors, once the following conditions are met:
1. The new member is an active member 2 years after joining
 2. The new member has completed all Essentials of Firefighting Training; Junior members shall complete 3 of the 5 Essentials of Firefighter Training
 3. The new member has responded to 10% of calls in each year

Vote: 8-0. Motion carried.

11.OLD BUSINESS

a. Quint Project

Mr. Beitel stated that quotes are due to the Board of Supervisors by August 23rd. The Board of Supervisors will work with the Quint Committee.

12.NEW BUSINESS – NONE

13.COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Walz stated that there will be a Recruitment and Retention meeting on August 2nd, 2017.

Mr. Storey commented on the SOP Committee and the steps they take to make an effort to have the drafts go out before the work session so that there is enough time to make those changes before the meeting. The written documentation and communication of the suggestions helps to show how they got to the end result.

Mr. Marquis asked for an update on the status of having the meeting minutes posted on the website. Mr. Walz and Mr. Beitel stated that they are able to have the minutes posted to the website. Mr. Thoma asked if he invited those people asking to read the minutes to the meetings. Mr. Marquis responded that he does, in fact, invite those individuals to the meetings.

14.ADJOURNMENT

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Hempfield Township Bureau of Fire was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by Mr. Bruce Beitel.

CHAIRMAN