

Deerfield Township Fire Board
Minutes for November 20, 2006

Members Present: L. Wyatt, D. Webster, T. Swanson, C. Purtill, Chief Hoffman, Asst. Chief Ryan Martin

Members Absent: D. Wood

Meeting called to order 7:00pm by the Mr. Swanson, chair.

Motion by Webster, second Purtill to approve minutes for October 16, 2006 as submitted.
CARRIED.

Fire Chief's Report

Beginning Cash Balance	\$6221.36
Income	\$695.23
Bills to be paid	\$6618.67
Ending Cash Balance	\$653.19

Six (6) Run for month of October

- 1 House Fire in Deerfield Township
- 1 Illegal Burn
- 1 False Alarm
- 2 Structure Fires w/Millbrook-Rolland Fire Department
- 1 Structure Fire w/Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department

New Business:

- A. Estimate of \$245,550 for new vacuum water tender received from Water Master Representative. Purchase of second tender will assist with reducing township's ISO rating. Board discussion. Fire Board recommends Township Board to continue discussions and appropriate actions for the future purchase of second water tender.
- B. Fire Department Personnel Issue: Chief informed board of a problem with a firefighter. Board supports chief to begin disciplinary procedures as outlined in the Fire Department Policies and Procedures.
- C. Board was informed about an inability to recover fire department equipment from a firefighter that appears to be no longer interested in volunteering. Several attempts have been made to contact volunteer. Board recommends contacting the township constable to assist with recovering fire department equipment.

Unfinished Business:

- A. EPA Drain Closure: Fire Board reminds Township Board that the township must comply with EPA standards (water run-off from fire barn) by January 1, 2007.
- B. Dry Hydrant Fittings: Hose fittings are still not the right ones. Fire Board strongly encourages Chief Hoffman and Assistant Chief Martin to secure the appropriate fittings and complete the necessary actions so the dry hydrants can be used by fire department personnel.
- C. Storage box at Morbark water tower is being constructed.
- D. Jaws of Life was been lent to Fremont Fire Department and appropriate training has been completed.
- E. Application for Raffle for spring breakfast. Reminder - township must apply for permit.

F. Dry hydrant at Meridan Park will be repaired.

Public Comments:

A. Township resident supports the continued investigation to purchase a second vacuum water tender.

Motion by Wyatt, second Purtil to adjourn. CARRIED. Adjourned 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Webster, Secretary