

Deerfield Township Fire Board  
Minutes for August 21, 2006

Members Present: L. Wyatt, D. Webster, D. Wood, Chief Hoffman, Asst. Chief Ryan Martin

Meeting called to order 7:07pm by the Mr. Wood, acting chair

No July minutes. Meeting canceled due to inclement weather.

Fire Chief's Report for August 31, 2006 presented by Chief Hoffman.

Beginning Cash Balance	\$16,267.24
Income	\$182.50
Ending Cash Balance	\$11,076.67
Bills to be Paid	\$5373.07

Ten (10) Runs for month of July

- 2 Spotter Activations
- 3 Down Power Lines
- 1 Power Pole Fire
- 1 Station Stand-by (Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department)
- 1 Medical Assist
- 1 Grass Fire (Mutual aid with Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department)
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Discussion:

- A. Dry Hydrant Installation: Six dry hydrants have been installed. Concern voiced regarding condition of dry hydrant at Meridian Park. Chief Hoffman will contact Union Township regarding hydrant and discuss the possibility of shared cost bearing for repair. Although dry hydrants are installed original bid did not include hose fittings. A request to purchase 6 fittings totaling \$2910.00 was made by Chief Hoffman.  
Motion by Wyatt, second Webster to recommend to Township Board the purchase of 6 hose fittings for dry hydrants, total cost \$2910.00. Motion carried.
- B. Ground Frequency: Chief Hoffman presented the cost associated with acquiring own ground frequency. Estimate is from Pro-Comm for the cost of \$3150.00 which includes \$400 to reprogram 37 units; \$1900.00 for repeater; \$800 application fee to FCC. Board discussion.  
Motion by Wood, second Webster to recommend to the Township Board to approve the spending of \$3150.00 to secure ground frequency. Motion carried.
- C. EPA site evaluation: The EPA conducted a site evaluation and determined that water run-off from washing trucks in barn was contaminating ground. We must comply to EPA standards, therefore a solution must be determined. Board directed Chief Hoffman and Asst. Chief Martin to investigate different options to comply including a discussion with Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department. Board also recommends that Mr. Swanson, Township supervisor contact the EPA for clarification of the site

- evaluation. Chief Hoffman and Asst. Chief Martin will present information to the Fire Board next month.
- D. Chief Hoffman informed board Deerfield Township Fire Department currently has a total of 23 personnel (20 trained firefighters, 3 individuals in training process.)
  - E. Board members were informed of a recent incident between a fire board member and firefighter with regards to washing personnel vehicle. Board discussion. Board will discuss situation with fire board member. Recommend the issue regarding use of township property be addressed as the township develops Policies and Procedures.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Moved by Wyatt, second Webster to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Denise Webster, Secretary