

Deerfield Township Fire Board
Minutes for September 18, 2006

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

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

Minutes from August 21, 2006 were read by Denise Webster.
Motion by Purtill, second by Wood to approve minutes as read. CARRIED.

Procedure for posting minutes: The minutes will be sent to the Office Manager and the township webmaster within 8 days of the meeting. The Office Manager will post the minutes at the township hall and mail a copy to fire board members. The township webmaster will post the minutes to the township web site.

Fire Chief's Report for September 18, 2006 presented by Chief Hoffman.

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| Beginning Cash Balance | \$11048.67 |
| Income | \$0 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$7840.01 |

Five (5) Runs for month of August

- 1 P.I. Accident w/injuries
- 1 Structure Fire
- 1 Gas Leak
- 1 Mutual aid Structure Fire w/ Millbrook Rolland FD
- 1 Mutual aid Structure Fire w/Nottawa Sherman FD

Discussion:

- A. EPA Drain Closure: Asst. Chief Martin continues to investigate options to comply to EPA requirements. Asst. Chief Martin will report back to the board next month.
- B. Dry Hydrant Meridan Park: The cost to repair the dry hydrant is \$3500 plus \$200 for the hose fitting for the total cost of \$3700. Permission to fix the hydrant must be secured from Union Township. The board recommends that the chief discuss the option for cost sharing with Union Township.
- C. Fall Open House is scheduled for October 14, 2006
- D. Building Stand-by Generator: Discussion on the merits of purchasing a generator for the township. Preliminary cost includes \$12,000 plus installation. Members felt that this purchase would be beneficial to the township.
Motion by Purtill, second by Wood to recommend to the township board to continue investigation of purchasing a stand-by generator for the township hall. CARRIED
- E. Fall Breakfast is scheduled for October 29, 2006
- F. Meeting is being scheduled for September 30 with the Water Master Representative to begin discussions regarding the specs and cost for the future purchase of an additional water tender.

- G. Information was provided to board members regarding Cost Recovery Corporation. Another company, besides AccuMed Billing, to assist township with billing and collection of fire runs. Information will be passed on to the township board.
- H. Information about VFIS (Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Services) were presented to the board. The current insurance policy is through Burnham-Flower. Board recommends the a cost and service comparison be conducted.

Old Business:

- A. Use of township facilities by firefighters to wash personnel vehicles.
Board discussion. It was the consensus of the board to allow firefighters to use township facilities to wash personnel vehicles whether the reason is fire run related or not. The Chief and Asst. Chief will monitor activity and report back to the board as needed and/or if conditions change which dictate a need to revisit the issue.

Public Comments: None

Motion: Moved by Wyatt, second Purtill to adjourn. CARRIED. Adjourned 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Denise Webster, Secretary