January 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

V. Berg, J. Ford, L. Gentile, G. Kelly, L. Lattanzio, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, S. Poole, T. Straub, J. Viola, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 6:56 p.m.

Representatives from the Rotary Club were in attendance. Each company received a survey for a 2019 needs assessment. The Rotary Club would like to address needs within the community. One example discussed was the lack of community awareness that our fire service is 100% volunteer and the impact this has on fire companies' annual fund drives. Recruitment and retention of volunteers and the impact of manpower on public safety were also discussed.

The reading of the minutes from the December meeting was waived.

Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

Balance of account no change

Township Manager:

L. Gentile reported that R. Maclary and his staff will be revamping the Township website.

Police:

J. Viola reported the East Manoa Road bridge at Karakung Drive is closing in early April and will reopen in the fall. Old Manoa Road will be open for emergency vehicles. The Old Manoa Road bridge will no longer be there and the road will intersect with Karakung Drive. The Ardmore Avenue bridge will be closed for more than a year once work begins. The start date for this project is TBD. J. Viola will continue to forward PECO projects to the chiefs. L. Gentile reported that PennDOT will pave two state highways within the Township: Darby Road from Township Line Road to Sproul Road and Eagle Road from Township Line Road to Haverford Road.

Township Commissioners:

W. Wechsler reported that the Township is currently searching for a successor for L. Gentile. The search committee consists of 6 individuals. There are 11 applicants so far. Aimee Cuthbertson will be the interim Township Manager as of April 1 until the new candidate is able to start. D. Mariani will be the interim director of Public Works.

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

All apparatus is in service

Training:

- M. E. Norman discussed the RIT prop that was built in Manoa's rear garage. This prop is available for all Township companies to use. There will be a demonstration with the FAST Board vendor on February 25.
- M. E. Norman discussed a training opportunity for "Stop the Bleed." The class coordinator needs a count of members that will attend. M. E. Norman will send a few dates out to the chiefs.
- T. Straub indicated that there is HTRA money available for Township-wide training programs. M. E. Norman would like to bring the Mayday class back in town.

Recruitment and Retention:

The Township ceremony was held at the CREC. The chiefs recognized the committee for their efforts putting together a nice event.

Radio:

J. Viola attended the county Radio Committee meeting at the 911 center last week. The backup dispatch center at the training center is in the works. The RFP for the new radio system will be going out to engineering firms. The radio system will be on the 700-800 band. The RFP process will take several months. The upgrade of the radio system will be for all emergency services across the board. The county will probably have to fund radio replacement to some extent. The fire companies will have to supplement what the county provides. The project will take about 5 years to implement. All licenses for the 500 band expire in 2023. They are also looking at responding via computer rather than over the air.

Codes Enforcement:

- S. Poole reported that we have been having alarm issues with Applebee's and a gas station. Codes responds each time there is an alarm. Both businesses are over 3 alarms for the quarter and have received citations.
- S. Poole received a call from Mellon Restoration trying to track down the resident on Rockwood Drive. The resident's insurance adjuster advised the homeowner not to release any information. J. Viola suggested that going forward we should try to have the homeowner handle the board-up if possible.
- S. Poole reported that the IT department is working on the next Township newsletter. There is a section available for the HTBF. The summer edition would cover July through mid-November. J. Viola will forward information out to the chiefs.

Old Business:

V. Berg reminded the chiefs about the proposed firefighter rehab guidelines. There was some discussion on firefighter accountability at rehab. This topic will be discussed more in February.

New Business:

- T. Straub reported that our NFIRS report for the year was submitted and thanked everyone for their assistance in completing reports.
- J. Ford thanked J. Viola for coordinating the annual HTBF dinner.
- T. Straub reported that Oakmont has discussed Hepatitis B shots. This is required for new members but existing members may not be covered. L. Gentile indicated that Karen Murphy can coordinate titers and shots with Main Line Health.

The meeting was adjourned.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - M. Norman, Vote - Unanimous

February 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

V. Berg, J. Ford, W. Hatton, G. Kelly, L. Lattanzio, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, S. Poole, T. Straub, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Hatton at 6:57 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the January meeting was waived. Motion - G. Kelly, Second - M. E. Norman, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

Balance of account no change

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

No report

Township Commissioners:

W. Wechsler reported that the search for a new Township Manager is down to two candidates who will be interviewed by the selection committee. The commissioners will vote to hire a candidate at the April meeting. Aimee Cuthbertson will serve as the interim Township Manager.

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

All apparatus is in service

Training:

M. E. Norman reported that the "Stop the Bleed" class will be held at Brookline Fire Company on April 29. M. E. Norman spoke to Safety and Survival Training about conducting a Mayday class at each station followed by a Township-wide lecture. The training prop at Manoa Fire Company is in service and available for use.

Recruitment and Retention:

No report

Radio:

The County is continuing work on the backup dispatch center at the Emergency Services Training Center. The facility will operate wirelessly on microwave to eliminate the dependency on phone lines.

Codes Enforcement:

W. Hatton reported some irregularities at a daycare to S. Poole. The codes issues will be addressed.

Programs at the old Brookline School will continue until the end of the school year then the building will be demolished.

W. Hatton reported that the homeowner on Hastings Avenue was solicited for board-up service following the fire. C. Millay reported similar situations on Woodland Drive and Naylors Run Road.

Old Business:

The Bureau of Fire agreed to use the two-tag accountability system that was discussed previously.

There was additional discussion on the proposed firefighter rehab policy. Basic rehab will consist of EMS providers observing firefighters and assessing as needed. Full rehab will be an established branch with complete accountability. The Bureau of Fire agreed to adopt the firefighter rehab policy.

New Business:

- M. E. Norman reported that homeless shelters have returned to local churches for the winter. S. Poole will contact these facilities and advise them to notify the Codes Department when occupied.
- M. C. Norman asked about residential smoke alarm codes. There was some discussion on HUD funding for smoke detectors.
- W. Hatton reported that there will be a lunch on March 15 for L. Gentile and R. Dougherty who are retiring this year. Contact J. Viola if you want to attend. The Bureau of Fire will present them both with a gift in gratitude for their years of service to the Township.
- W. Hatton reported that there were some communications issues at the fire on County Line Road. Lower Merion companies will use Delaware County Fire Channel 4 when operating in Haverford Township. LMFD asked that this request be made in writing. Currently the Bureau of Fire does not have the ability to talk on LMFD 800MHz frequencies when operating there. We can use a spare LMFD radio if available or talk on Fire Channel 4.

The meeting was adjourned.

Motion - G. Kelly, Second - J. Ford, Vote - Unanimous

March 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

L. Gentile, W. Hatton, L. Lattanzio, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, A. Sivak. T. Straub, J. Viola

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 6:59 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the January meeting was waived.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - T. McDonald, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

Balance of account no change. J. Viola will write a check to himself and re-deposit it to keep the account active.

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

No report

Township Commissioners:

No report

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

Tower 34 is still OOS waiting for a part. It will be 2-3 weeks for the part to come in.

Training:

A Stop the Bleed class will be held on 4/29 at Station 35. M. E. Norman is meeting with SST to plan the Mayday classes.

The fire tower has been placed OOS due to a broken tile. We need to get a survey done on the steel work and the heat sensors need to be replaced. We will place these repairs in the fire budget for next year. The broken panel will be replaced and 20 spare panels will be ordered.

Recruitment and Retention:

The committee sent a report to the Chiefs.

Radio:

- J. Viola attended a radio meeting two weeks ago to discuss the radio system consultants. A follow-up meeting will occur to select a consultant. All emergency services are represented on the committee. County money has been allocated for this project.
- J. Viola reported we have been working to relocate the repeater from the basement of the old Township building. An above-ground building will be placed next to the tower with its own generator system to house the County radio equipment. There was some discussion on the fate of the parcel for the tower. It is cost-prohibitive to relocate the existing tower.

Codes Enforcement:

- S. Poole sent letters to all churches inquiring about sheltering the homeless. Several churches have responded and some have not. S. Poole will send the schedule out to the Chiefs once he has it.
- T. Straub attended a seminar on solar panels. These present a hazard to emergency responders. The County can add CAD notes for these addresses. S. Poole will send the list to the Chiefs.

Old Business:

W. Hatton completed negotiation of radio procedures with Lower Merion Township. We need to send a letter to their fire department requesting they operate on Delaware County Fire Channel 4 when they operate within Haverford Township.

New Business:

- J. Viola reported that East Manoa Road will close on April 8 and reopen in the October timeframe. Karakung Road will likely be paved. The Old Manoa Road bridge will remain open for emergency vehicles. Darby Road and Eagle Road will be paved at night after the school year. Preparations are underway for the Ardmore Avenue bridge project. West Chester Pike will receive a traffic adaptive system this year from Darby Road to Glen Gary Road. The system will continue out to New Ardmore Avenue in Marple Township.
- L. Gentile has been working to get things in order for the new Township Manager. All Township agreements have been extended for one year in preparation for the transition. The new Township Manager will be sworn in at the April meeting of the Board of Commissioners and will start in mid-May. The Township will be transitioning from Travelers insurance to another provider on August 1. There are several infrastructure and beautification projects within the Township that are funded this year. The South Ardmore (West Benedict Avenue) parking lot will be updated. Several grants have been procured to assist with these improvements.

The Bureau of Fire thanked L. Gentile for his support and commended him for his service to the Township.

M. C. Norman provided some information on PA 1CALL marking issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

April 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

J. Ford, W. Hatton, L. Lattanzio, J. McCans, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, S. Poole, A. Sivak, J. Viola, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 6:57 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the March meeting was waived.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - T. McDonald, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

J. Viola wrote a check for \$500 to R. Dougherty.

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

J. Viola reported that the Manoa Road project is underway. There should be a 12-foot lane on Old Manoa Road for apparatus. There was some discussion on assignments for handling an incident on Old Manoa Road.

Township Commissioners:

The new Township Manager starts on April 13th.

EMS:

J. McCans is monitoring a situation with Crozer Keystone North (DCMH, Springfield & Taylor). Contingency plans are being developed.

There is a meeting with the game commission at the Township building tomorrow to discuss the coyotes in the Township.

Narberth has a new unit in service for firefighter rehab. The county is purchasing a new emergency services vehicle for transportation of personnel.

Fire Prevention:

J. Viola reported that Commissioner D'Emilio asked if the HTBF would like to do a demonstration on Haverford Township Day. The Chiefs were in favor of the demonstration. A location will need to be determined.

Apparatus:

Tower 34 is back in service.

Training:

A Stop the Bleed class will be held on April 29th at Station 35.

Mayday practical sessions are scheduled for each station. The Township-wide lecture will be on September 23rd at Haverford Middle School.

A solar panel class will be held on June 17th at Station 35.

Recruitment and Retention:

The committee meeting was rescheduled due to a conflict.

Radio:

The backup dispatch center is on hold at the moment.

J. Viola reported that County Council may want to send the radio system project back out to bid. The project is not progressing at this point.

Codes Enforcement:

The solar panel list is almost complete. S. Poole will hopefully send the list out to the County before the next HTBF meeting.

- S. Poole was notified that the standpipe wheels are missing at 400 Glendale Road. Most companies carry spare wheels in their standpipe bags. There was also some apparent pipe corrosion. S. Poole contacted building management to have the sprinkler company come out.
- M. C. Norman asked about safety precautions around the propane tank at Manoa Shopping Center.

Old Business:

C. Millay sent the letter to the Chiefs that we will be sending to the Lower Merion Fire Department regarding the directive to use Fire Channel 4. All Lower Merion companies have Fire Channel 4.

New Business:

M. C. Norman asked about the possibility of upgrading the NFIRS system to pre-populate some information from the County.

The fire tower is back in service. There are extensive repairs that are needed (approximately \$65,000). We will hopefully get this into next year's budget.

- A. Sivak inquired about participation in the softball tournament.
- J. McCans reported that William Murphy is receiving an EMT of the Year award from Springfield Township this Saturday.

There was some discussion on equipment needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

May 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

D. Burman, J. Ford, G. Kelly, L. Lattanzio, J. McCans, W. Maguire, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, S. Poole, A. Sivak, J. Viola, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 7:00 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the March meeting was waived.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - J. Ford, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

J. Viola needs a \$50 reimbursement check from each company.

Township Manager:

D. Burman introduced himself to the Bureau of Fire.

Police:

J. Viola reported that the Township road resurfacing projects are starting. The Manoa Road bridge project is progressing. The Ardmore Avenue bridge project will start soon.

Township Commissioners:

No report

EMS:

J. McCans reported a chainsaw safety and stop the bleed class will be held from 8am - 12 noon on June 17 at the CREC. The chainsaw safety portion will be conducted by Stihl.

If anyone needs CPR contact the Paramedic department early.

Please also check your AEDs and contact the Paramedic department if any service is needed.

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

All apparatus is in service.

Training:

M. E. Norman sent a report reminding everyone that the solar panel safety class will be held on June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Brookline Fire Company. The cost is \$200 per company.

Mayday classes are in progress at each station.

Recruitment and Retention:

J. Viola has been in email contact with the Rotary Club. They will probably attend the next meeting.

Radio:

J. Viola was at County Council today to hear an update on the radio system upgrade. T. Boyce is also looking to get funding for a new CAD system. The system is the same as Chester County's and we will be each other's backup dispatch center. CAD notes will be available on mobile devices.

Planning is in progress for moving the county equipment out of the old Township building.

J. Ford reported that backup dispatch center discussions are in progress again. The site has been moved back to the County government complex.

Codes Enforcement:

S. Poole reported that the solar panel list was sent over to the County to be entered into the CAD. The Knox Box list will also be sent.

Christine in the IT department offered to have something placed in the next Township newsletter. The deadline is the end of September.

Old Business:

W. Hatton is still discussing the fire channel agreement with Lower Merion.

New Business:

- T. McDonald reported that Station 58 will be out of service this Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- S. Poole asked about building side letters for the fire tower.
- J. Viola discussed the use of outside cover companies when the remaining companies are still in service. We have sufficient apparatus and manpower in town. J. Viola asked the Chiefs to take this into consideration for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lou Lattanzio Deputy Chief Manoa Fire Company

June 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

V. Berg, J. Ford, W. Hatton, G. Kelly, T. McDonald, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, S. Poole, J. Rothrock, J. Viola

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 7:00 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the March meeting was waived.

Motion - W. Hatton, Second - J. Ford, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

J. Viola reported Oakmont owes money to the Bureau of Fire. The other companies are paid up.

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

J. Viola reported the Manoa Road bridge is still out. The Ardmore Avenue bridge project will begin in mid-July. Road resurfacing is behind schedule. J. Viola will look into Burmont Road. Bids open July 8th for Eagle and Darby Roads.

Township Commissioners:

No report

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

No report

Training:

M. E. Norman reported mayday training has been completed for each station. There were 64 attendees for the solar panel safety class. A seminar on fireground safety will be held on September 23.

Recruitment and Retention:

The Rotary Club will attend the next meeting to see how they can help with recruitment and retention.

Radio:

- J. Ford reported they will try to keep us the air while moving equipment out of the old Township building. The receiver site is almost ready for fiber.
- J. Viola reported the county performed an upgrade last week regarding a paging problem and issues experienced by the police department.

Codes Enforcement:

S. Poole reported the back end of Virginia Avenue is the widest access to Lynnewood School. AQUA is installing a new hydrant in the pit area off of Hillcrest Avenue.

Old Business:

W. Hatton sent a letter to Lower Merion regarding the fire channel agreement discussed by the Bureau of Fire.

New Business:

J. Viola reported on the upgrade received from the County.

There was a letter from Kirby Kerber indicating the tower is closed at the County training center. M. C. Norman suggested we have our tower inspected and asked if there is a capital improvement budget for the fire department. There was a partial collapse of the retaining wall at the fire training grounds on the hydrant side.

Fireworks at Llanerch Country Club are this Saturday with a barbecue at 6:00 p.m. at Manoa.

- T. McDonald asked about shutting down Steel Road and J. Viola said a State permit will not be needed.
- T. McDonald commended everyone for their efforts at the Royal Avenue fire.

The Bureau of Fire voted to suspend the July and August meetings and reconvene in September. M - W. Hatton, S - T. McDonald, V - Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. M - W. Hatton, S - T. McDonald, V - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Lou Lattanzio Deputy Chief Manoa Fire Company

September 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Haverford Township municipal building

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

D. Berman, C. Connell, J. Ford, F. Hand, W. Hatton, G. Kelly, L. Lattanzio, W. Maguire, J. McCans, T. McDonald, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, M. E. Norman, A. Sivak, J. Viola, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 6:55 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the March meeting was waived.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - M. E. Norman, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

J. Viola reported money owed to the Bureau of Fire. Dues for the upcoming year will be \$150. J. Viola will send an email to serve as an invoice for each company.

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

Manoa Road bridge due to open around October 15. The bridge is done and the roadway is being completed.

Township Commissioners:

W. Wechsler indicated that the Township will be reviewing training qualifications across the Township in the wake of the incident earlier this month. The Township is asking the Bureau of Fire to provide a recommendation for minimum training requirements for fire officers. Baseline requirements for new recruits and training for all members also need to be reviewed. The Township is looking for uniformity throughout the Bureau of Fire.

EMS:

J. McCans indicated there have been several serious medical incidents in the Township this month. J. McCans also suggested that every piece of fire apparatus be equipped with and AED. Please reach out if CPR training is needed. The Township recently switched to MLH which included the benefit of access to NFPA physicals.

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

Engine 34-1 is OOS until tomorrow afternoon.

Training:

M. E. Norman reported that we conducted 4 Township-wide drills this year. All classes were very well received. M. E. Norman also extended an invitation for all companies to use the training prop at Manoa. J. Viola provided an update on necessary repairs to the burn tower, which we requested budgeted funding for. Once the budget is approved we can proceed with repairs.

Recruitment and Retention:

F. Hand reported that the HTBF won an award for Recruitment and Retention from the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Our retention award night and community involvement initiatives stood out. The Bureau of Fire can send a representative to Clearwater free of charge to receive the award. Companies may send their representatives out-of-pocket. The Bureau of Fire selected C. Connell to attend on behalf of the Bureau of Fire. F. Hand suggested each company bring their personalized plastic fire helmets to Haverford Township Day. The Bureau of Fire decided to order 1000 HTBF plastic fire helmets. The annual awards ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020. There are some potential scheduling conflicts with the current date. Please submit your awards to the committee as soon as possible. C. Connell reported on some additional benefits the committee is working on.

Radio:

J. Viola reported the propagation study is complete. The County will be adding directional antennas to existing towers. The new radio system will be a 700-800MHz trunked system. The County wants to shut down the Haverford State site and rely on the Marple site at Broomall Fire Company. There are some doubts that this will provide adequate coverage. The County has assured us that testing will be done prior to making any changes. There are receivers for Sector 7, M7 and Fire 4 on the Manoa tower that get transmitted to the municipal building site before being transmitted out. Implementation of the new radio system is several years away but companies should start saving money for additional radios.

Codes Enforcement:

No report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

M. E. Norman reported that Manoa is getting into the water rescue business. Trained members of the Bureau of Fire are welcome to function with the water rescue team when incidents occur. The Chiefs and Township Manager will meet in closed session for additional discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. M - C. Millay, S - G. Kelly, V - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Lou Lattanzio Deputy Chief Manoa Fire Company

October 2019 meeting minutes

Location: Manoa Fire Company Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

J. Ford, W. Hatton, L. Lattanzio, C. Millay, M. C. Norman, S. Poole, T. Straub, J. Viola

The meeting was called to order by Chief Viola at 7:03 p.m.

The reading of the minutes from the March meeting was waived.

Motion - C. Millay, Second - T. Straub, Vote - Unanimous

Treasurer:

J. Viola will obtain the monthly report and send it out.

Township Manager:

No report

Police:

The Manoa Road bridge is due to open the second week in November. Eagle Road paving will begin Monday night.

Township Commissioners:

No report

EMS:

No report

Fire Prevention:

No report

Apparatus:

All apparatus is in service. J. Viola asked the Township Manager for \$200,000 to replace Foam 35. This is the cost of just the foam components. If the Township cannot subsidize the purchase Brookline will be out of the foam business. This line item would be in the capital budget, not the operating budget.

Training:

M. E. Norman sent a report that he will be scheduling PECO and Autism Awareness classes in the winter.

Recruitment and Retention:

Several representatives from the HTBF will be attending the IAFC conference in Clearwater to receive the recruitment and retention award. C. Millay attended a senate hearing on recruitment and retention. There is a strong push to change how relief funds are issued. The current formula uses property values which is problematic for rural fire companies. The consensus is to redistribute funds from wealthier communities to further aid the rural communities. This would have a large impact on the relief funds allocated to Haverford Township. There was additional senate discussion on qualifications for firefighters across the state.

Radio:

J. Viola reported that the radio propagation study is complete. There was some discussion on coverage across the Township. The new system will be in the 700-800MHz range.

Codes Enforcement:

S. Poole is working on Knox boxes for elevator keys. We are also looking to have locking Fire Department Connections on buildings. The connections use a specialty wrench from Knox. There was some discussion on closing the driveway at 2050 West Chester Pike. S. Poole will bring the HTBF's concerns to the planning commission.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

T. Straub reported that the monthly NFIRS report was sent to the county and state. W. Hatton would like a representative from each company to review and revise the Township Incident Command policy.

The meeting was adjourned.

M - C. Millay, S - J. Ford, V - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Lou Lattanzio Deputy Chief Manoa Fire Company