

# Haverford Township Bureau of Fire

## February 2016 meeting minutes

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Location: Manoa Fire Company

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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### **Attendees:**

K. Kelly, J. Klodarska, L. Lattanzio, M. Norman, J. Rothrock, J. Straub, T. Straub, J. Viola, W. Wechsler

The meeting was called to order by Chief Norman at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Motion - T. Straub, Second - J. Viola, Vote - Unanimous

### **Treasurer:**

No report

### **Township Manager:**

No report

### **Police:**

No report

### **Township Commissioners:**

W. Wechsler thanked the fire companies for their efforts at the fire on Strathmore Rd.

### **EMS:**

No report

### **Fire Prevention:**

M. Norman asked if we want to try a joint venture. The majority of the companies prefer individual events at their station to attract the local crowds.

### **Apparatus:**

No report

### **Training:**

No report

### **Recruitment and Retention:**

The committee met last week.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

J. Viola thanked everyone for their help at the fire on Strathmore Rd. Cooperation amongst the chief officers was good. Brookline conducted a critique of the incident last night. Members agreed that utilizing an aide to assist the Incident Commander is a good practice. We do need to handle personnel accountability better and need a consistent approach for the Township. All 5 companies are using a tag system with a tag or ring for each piece of apparatus. We need to have discipline and work on improving our accountability. K. Kelly suggested forming a Township-wide committee to address accountability and bring a system back to the Bureau of Fire. J. Viola suggested forming the committee with a representative from each company.

J. Viola questioned the dispatch handling for the request for the Spill 35 on Sunday. The request was not acknowledged in a timely manner.

T. Straub mentioned that there is money in the budget for pagers and asked if anyone needed pagers. If anyone needs them let Tom know.

J. Klodarska suggested using a resource pre-planning worksheet for special incident needs. J. Viola indicated that most of the resources are already arranged through Township contract or emergency management.

There was some discussion on a pre-plan application for iPads.

NFIRS report was sent to the County and the State. The County report was rejected 3 times due to a bad address. We contacted the county and got no response.

K. Kelly reported that the Pump Operations class is in the works.

J. Viola reminded everyone to attend the County Chiefs' meeting on 3/28 to vote on the Radio Procedure Manual. We are trying to extend the time to second dispatch from 3 minutes to 5 minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Motion - T. Straub, Second - J. Viola, Vote - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Lattanzio  
Manoa Fire Company