



Powell Township Fire Department
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 1st 2022
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Meeting called to order at: 1800hrs, by Chief Sutter at Station 1

Members Present: Assist Chief Brian Roell, Capt. Greg Ochylski, FF Tyler Stansky, FF Rudy Goupille

Excused Absences: Assist Chief Matt Anderson, Capt. Chauncey Moran, Capt. Josh Boudreaux, FF Jack Cram

Guests Present: John Hogan

Approval of Minutes: January 27th Meeting Minutes *Roell / Goupille*

Monthly Pager Test: completed at 1748hrs All working ok

Review of Calls / Events:

- 2022-003 02/06/22 MVA-Motorist Assist at Perkins Park (2 Thank you letters to read)
- 2022-004 02/23/22 Assist Mqt Amb/Rescue Sled on Dam Road

County Firefighter's Report: Next Meeting in April TBD, Email ref FFTC New Nov 3rd 2021 Rules requiring a county training committee.

Station #1 Report: 2104 is still out of service. Desmet: All good, pumps not run due to cold temps

Station #2 Report: 2103 is still out of service. Roell: There is snow coming in under the bay doors, garage doors need maintenance, the oil fill on 2103 was off, 2102's Go Light is still glitchie. Ochylski advised it maybe the batteries in the remote. 2102's primer needs to be exercised every month. Requesting a door lock to the fire bays from office area. Did not clean the office area due to the Food Pantry currently using this space. Sawmill stand pipe has been cleared.

Committee Reports:

- Training Committee Report Goupille: Nothing at this time, February was ice rescue training with the coast guard.

Chief Engineer's Report:

- Sutter: Monthly Station Duty Sheets have been updated to include the fleets gas meters, new siren on 2106, and removed the station 1 generator test but it still includes documenting the generator's hours.
- Ochylski: Washed 2101's under-body.

Announcements:

- **Lifting Fire Station Guest Restrictions**, please continue to exercise caution if anyone is feeling ill.
- **2103 & 2104 are still out of service** – these vehicles should still be checked during station duty but not driven off property. 2104 is snowed in if you can just make sure it turns over.

Old Business:

1. **906 Station Lock Update**, Cram advised 906 is gathering all the parts and will get back with a date. Menza advised he would like to honor their agreement.
2. **2104's old radio**: Still waiting on an install quote from Elcom for 2106. Power cord is on back order 6-8 weeks \$36.24, radio mic is damaged and will need to be replaced \$42, it will need a new antenna as well \$45.
3. **Station 2 Damaged Weather Head and Mast** repair date set 03/09 to be coordinated with Alger Delta
4. **Turnout Coat Name Panels Needed**: List compiled & submitted for quote. Due to the increased cost of materials they will run about \$85 each. \$515 + shipping. *Ochylski/Roell, all approved motion passed*
5. **Chainsaw Safety Gear**: picked up on Monday and is ready to be placed in service on 2101,2102,2106.
6. **Eagle Mine Grant** Explosive Gas Detectors are in, will complete a short in-service training tonight. Clarey's shipped us everything but the **propane calibration gas**. Will be submitting for that out of the remaining \$321 of mine grant funds at the next township meeting est \$150.
7. **DNR VFA Grant** for wildland boots & a replacement fire danger sign: Sign arrived this week. Email went out last Friday ref boot sizes, deadline to submit your boot size was Friday 02/25.
8. **Use of the HMC Grant** for RMS and County CAD/Mapping: Tabled in Jan, Both approved in Feb. RMS is being configured right now, CAD will take several months to gets parts and software together and then setup with central dispatch.
9. **Station 1 Loft and Stairs**: Still in the process of contacting contractors for new/updated quotes.
10. **Fire Corps Auxiliary Program**: Tabled by the board in Feb. and we already had 1 person interested that left their contact info at the end of the Feb Twp Mtg.
11. **Firefighter Dustin Taylor**: Helmet approved by the board, Plaque Status Ochylski: Still working on it, will present findings at the next fd meeting.
12. **Update on the Pagers & Batteries**: Due to a recent decrease in our communications budget we will need to adjust the numbers to fit. Will be reducing our request to 2 new pagers, 12 replacement pager batteries, and 15 replacement radio batteries to stay within budget.
13. **2022-2023 Budget**: Met w/supv on 02/08. Supv advised she recommended the fire budget to be increased \$5,000 due to cost of living expenses, still working out details with line amounts with the supervisor. Supv does not agree with all of our adjustments. **Review of remaining budget**. Short discussion followed. It was asked if emergency management was kicking in for a portion of electric and gas at station 2 since they are using the building as a food pantry now.

New Business:

1. **R&R Inspection/Estimate Reports from 01/05/22**: 2101 had a couple of burnt out light bulbs Ochylski is working on it, 2102 had a drive shaft U joint replaced, 2106 needs new front sway bar outer bushings, 2112 ATV 14gal Water tank leaks. Requested City of Marquette for 2106's Priority 2 repair In-Service Urgent Repair Needed, perhaps they can also wrap up the shoreline while its there.
2. **AFG Grant Writer Fee's**: \$2000 + \$667 We do not have a line item for a grant writer is this something members would like us to request from donated funds? Will check what was used for the last round of AFG grant writer fee's and request the same.

Public/Open Comment:

- John Hogan inquired about the Wilson Creek Dry Hydrant, discussion followed.
- Goupille advised he will be participating in the Pigs N' Heat Fundraising event on 03/09/22.

Equipment and supplies requested:

- \$550 to purchase 6 needed Turnout Jacket Name Panels for members hired after 2017
- \$150 from Eagle Mine Grant funds for Propane Calibration Gas

Building or Vehicle repairs requested:

- City of Mqt - 2106 Sway Bar Bushings / Shoreline Wrap up
- Loft & Stairs Quotes still pending

General Funds Balance: \$25,148.07 / 63.63% used **Donated Funds Balance:** \$38,953.26 / 5.05% used

Next Meeting / Upcoming Training / Upcoming Events:

Next Regular Meeting March 31st @ 1800hrs / Training: To Be Determined

County FF Meeting April 2022 – Meeting Info Still Pending

Township Meeting March 15th @ 1900hrs

Station Duty for March: Change air pack batteries **Station 1** – Anderson **Station 2** – Boudreaux

Tonight's Training: Review of the new Explosive Gas Meters, Station 1 Generator, & Chainsaw Safety Gear

Business Meeting Adjourned at: 1900hrs **Minutes Prepared by:** Chief Sutter

Chief's Notes: None

Our 2022 Station Duty Rotation is as follows:

Month	Station 1	Station 2
February	Desmet	Roell
March	Anderson	Boudreaux- Change Air Pack Batteries
April	Goupille	Weber
May	Pelto	Roell
June	Iacovacci	Boudreaux- Change Air Pack Batteries
July	Ochylski	Weber
August	Moran	Roell
September	Stansky	Boudreaux- Change Air Pack Batteries
October	Cram	Weber
November	Sutter	Roell
December	McWebb	Boudreaux- Change Air Pack Batteries