

RAPHO AREA FIRE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members:

Fire Department **Primary** Representatives:

Phil Colvin (Sta 7-5) X **Mark Duttera** (Sta 2-7) X **Daniel Reif** (Sta 2-6)

Fire Department **Alternate** Representatives:

Brett Hamm (Sta 7-5) X **Troy “Butch” Montgomery** (Sta 2-7) **Andrew Kirchner** (Sta 2-6) X

Community Representatives:

Dale Murray (12/25) X **Pat Shupp** (12/23) **Jerry Earhart** (12/24) X **Gary Good** (12/23) X

Ex-Officio Member:

Township Supervisor
Jere Swarr X

Also in Attendance:

Emergency Management Coordinator
Lori Shenk X

Township Manager
Randall Wenger X

CALL TO ORDER at 7:03PM by Phil Colvin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 24, 2023 Meeting

Approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none

TOWNSHIP REPORT

Randall reported that the township cannot get new dump trucks until the end of 2024 or maybe even 2025. They are buying end-of-life trucks for now.

UPDATE ON REQUESTS FOR CAPITAL FUNDS

9/7/2002 – Rapho Township BOS released \$337,000 to Fire Department Mount Joy for their new Squad and Traffic Unit.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BALANCES FOLLOWING 9/21/2023 BOS Transfer approval

Fire Department Mount Joy \$106,002.78 after 9/21/2023

Manheim Fire Department \$194,372.79 after 9/21/2023

Mastersonville Fire Department \$361,046.42 after 9/21/2023

2023 Approved Rapho Twp Fire Protection Budget for reference

411.00 FIRE PROTECTION		
411.242 HYDRANTS	\$1,561.42	11 hydrants per MAWSA
411.354 WORKERS' COMP MASTERTSONVILLE	\$15,000.00	
411.539 MASTERTSONVILLE BUILDING CAPITAL	\$18,000.00	increased funding per motion 2/2/17
411.540 MASTERTSONVILLE CAPITAL FUND	\$151,230.00	6.5% Increase
411.541 MASTERTSONVILLE OPERATING	\$129,440.00	6.5% Increase
411.542 MT JOY (FDMJ) OPERATING	\$63,624.00	FAC Requested 6.5% Increase
411.543 FDMJ CAPITAL FUND	\$69,225.00	FAC Requested 6.5% Increase
411.544 MANHEIM FIRE DEPT. CAPITAL FUND	\$94,785.00	FAC Requested 6.5% Increase
411.545 MANHEIM (HOPE) OPERATING	\$34,006.00	FAC Requested 6.5% Increase
411.550 FOREIGN FIRE TAX	\$88,000.00	pass thru w/rev #355.13
Total 411.00 Fire Protection	\$664,871.42	

2024 Fire Company Budget Recommendation:

Rapho Twp opened by proposing +3% across the board. EIT has been up 10% first six months of 2023 but now dropping off. EIT may not exceed the budget figure. RE tax will likely be up only 38K.

The fire departments would like to see +5% Operating and +5% Capital

Mark: Finances tight; over budget by 10K.

Discussing tanker replacement: 800K elliptical or 1.2M pumper

Equipment pricing is up more than 25%

Bret, for FDMJ: Trying to hold budget but 55K in the hole. Will have to cut. Could consider 5%/5%

Andrew, for Manheim: at breakeven for 2024. Could live with 3% but would like the same 5%/5% as the other departments.

On a motion by Mark, seconded by Andrew, a request for +5% Operating and +5% Capital passed without objection.

RURAL WATER SOURCES

Water usage from ponds was discussed. Lori reported a charge of 15 cents/gallon going forward from a local pond. The explosion consumed 300,000 gallons.

Phil: Can Rapho reimburse owners of ponds?

Randall: Will need invoices for insurance to cover whoever had the loss.

OPEN DISCUSSION: No further open discussion

RECOMMENDED 2024 MEETING DATES : Feb 20 and Sept 24, 2024 @7:00 PM at Rapho Township Building

ADJOURN at 8:17PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Murray, Secretary