

# Haverford Township Bureau of Fire

## January 2021 meeting minutes

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Location: Brookline Fire Company

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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### **Attendees:**

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

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

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

Motion - A. Sivak, Second - T. Straub, Vote - Unanimous

### **Treasurer:**

No report

### **Township Manager:**

No report

### **Police:**

J. Viola reported that Aqua and Peco continue to work throughout the Township. This work will continue for the next few years.

### **Township Commissioners:**

No report

### **EMS:**

There was some discussion on COVID-19 vaccines.

### **Fire Prevention:**

No report

### **Apparatus:**

C. Millay inquired about apparatus replacement for 34 and 56 that was due to be replaced in 2020. W. Wechsler stated that we will have a better idea on the feasibility of apparatus replacement when we understand the impact on tax revenue.

### **Training:**

J. Viola reported that the construction on the fire training tower is nearing completion. We spent close to \$100,000 to refurbish the building. We need to come up with a monitoring plan for use of the tower. Bring ideas to the next meeting. There was some discussion on the condition of the retaining wall.

M. E. Norman reported that the training prop at Manoa was modified to include additional scenarios.  
M. C. Norman reported that the HTRA allocated \$5,000 for training this year if we are able to assemble again.  
J. Viola reported that there is a class action lawsuit against National Foam related to cancer. We have paperwork from National Foam reporting that we have not used the hazardous foam.

**Recruitment and Retention:**

We can defer the recognition ceremony until next year.

**Radio:**

J. Viola reported that radios and cellular phones will be coming. A list of radio needs for the fire departments will need to be formulated.

**Codes Enforcement:**

S. Poole has been sending updated information for Knox boxes and solar panels.

**Old Business:**

M. E. Norman inquired about the status of Emergency Reporting. J. Viola will check in with S. Poole and R. Maclary.

**New Business:**

M. E. Norman inquired about standardizing a RIT on building fire responses. Manoa is making a few run card changes.

M. C. Norman asked about contacting Aqua about replacing Jones snap hydrant connections. W. Hatton will reach out to a contact at Aqua.

W. Hatton thanked everyone for their support during a difficult year. We had over 70 members of the HTBF respond for the fire on Cardiff Lane. Discipline on the fire ground has also improved. We need to remember to use our accountability system.

M. E. Norman reported that Manoa is completing the water rescue requirements for state certification.

There was some discussion on sending an HTBF representative to the Township Commissioners' meeting. W. Wechsler can read a prepared report as the fire department liaison.

Submissions for the Township newsletter are due by February 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

M - A. Sivak, S - T. Straub, V - Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,  
Lou Lattanzio  
Deputy Chief  
Manoa Fire Company