

TOWN OF HARRISBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 15, 2018
6:00 P.M. at Harrisburg Fire Administration Building

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robin Torrence

Present: Robin Torrence, Bill Kennedy, Barry Lefler, Chief Bryan Dunn

Absent: Graydon Choinski, Deputy Chief Ken Bradey, Battalion Chief Tim Wooten

Public attendance: Matthew Stiene

Town Official(s): None

1.0 Invocation:

Barry Lefler conducted the Invocation

2.0 Public comment:

None

3.0 Agenda changes and approval:

Barry Lefler made a motion to accept agenda, seconded by Bill Kennedy and passed.

4.0 Review of the consent agenda:

Bill Kennedy made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Barry Lefler and passed.

5.0 Old Business:

- A. Personnel update:** The four newest HFD fire fighters are attending the Fire Academy in Concord with an expected graduation date of Dec. 14, 2018. The graduation details have not been finalized.

The department has hired a new Part Time Administrative Assistant. The new Assistant, Scarlett McDaniel started this month. She will support the fire department and the Town's Sheriffs Deputies.

HFD has no open full time fire fighter positions, however there are a few fire fighters currently going through the application process for the Charlotte Fire Department. The departments PT Training Chief, Pete Skeris has left HFD to take a FT position with the Charlotte Fire Department. The department has named Jimmy Green has his replacement

- B. Station 2 update:** Construction of the new Fire Station 2 continues and is still on schedule. The occupancy date is still estimated to be mid April of 2019.
- C. Bridge Naming update:** The ceremony for the renaming of the Pharr Mill Road Bridge over Highway 49 in honor of Joshua B. Earley was held on Nov. 14, 2018 at Town Hall. Josh was a Harrisburg Firefighter who died in the line of duty on Mar. 6, 2002 after succumbing to injuries received battling a house fire on Harrisburg Rd.. The ceremony was well attended, including HFD Fire Fighters, the Mayor, Town Manager, Council

members, NC DOT representatives and members of the Earley family. The signs are now in place.

6.0 New Business:

- A. Advisory Board Appointments:** The application for Matthew Stiene did not get on the agenda of Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners for their regular monthly meeting in October. His application is on the November Agenda. Matt attended this month's HFD Advisory Board meeting and did introduce himself to the Board and discussed his experience with the fire service.
- B. Open House Report:** The department held an Open House at station 1 on Morehead Rd. on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Despite the less than ideal weather, the event was a success with a good crowd in attendance. With concerns about the possibility of poor/cold weather with the event scheduled late in October, the department would like to return the Open House to its traditional date, the first weekend in October next year.
- C. Apparatus Loan:** The Allen Volunteer Fire Department recently had one of their engines damaged after being involved in accident. While that engine is out service, the HFD is loaning the Allen VFD one of the old Spartan Quality Engines. The Allen VFD will equip the engine with their equipment and will operate under their insurance until they can repair or replace their damage engine.

7.0 Setting of next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at the HFD Administration Building.

8.0 Adjournment:

Bill Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Barry Lefler and passed.

Members:

Inside corporate limits:

Robin Torrence - Chairman
Bill Kennedy - Secretary
Barry Lefler

Outside corporate limits:

Graydon Choinski
Vacant
Ex-Officio member: Tim Wooten