

**BLUE ROCK REGIONAL FIRE COMMISSION**  
**26 East Charlotte St.**  
**Millersville, Pa 17551**  
**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**

**Minutes**

February 7, 2013

Present at the meeting:

Jean Neff  
Ted Gingrich  
Scott Bailey  
Dan Bezek  
Phil Lastowski  
John May  
Jay Breneman  
John Leed III  
Rob Weir  
Ann Harach

Arrived at 18:10:  
Duane Hagelgans  
Wanda Ware

Meeting commenced at 18:00 with Scott Bailey calling the meeting to order. John May motioned to approve the January minutes. Phil Lastowski would like the minutes amended to reflect why Solicitor Wanda Ware was present. Wanda Ware was present to define policy on handing out information to the public. All were in favor of the amendment.

Public Comment: No comment.

John Leed III (Blue Rock Fire Rescue Board member) was present to discuss why information on executive sessions has not been documented. Leed mentions the Sunshine Law and questions what falls under allowable executive sessions under the law. John would like times kept and a general reason as to why the session was held. Scott Bailey advises that this will change but these things have been growing pains due to changes in leadership and general growing pains.

Rob Weir is present to discuss the track of land behind his home. Through his own investigation he found that the piece can be separated from the larger piece and that it is zoned agricultural. At the last meeting he offered to pay for any and all costs involved in moving the property to his name. Phil Lastowski proposes that there are procedures that we should follow such as advertising the sale and receiving sealed bids for the parcel. Jay Breneman is in agreement. BRRFD owns the property and we must have agreement between township and borough to sell

the parcel. We will follow up with Wanda Ware about a policy to disperse assets. This issue will be put on hold pending further information.

Wanda Ware provided papers for right to know items. She states that under the act we need to appoint a right to know officer, have a form letter for denial, form for request, and a fee schedule. Fee schedule will need to match what the policy of the borough and township.

Duane – What information is subject to the law? If someone is seeking a document from BRFR they need to ask BRFR. Computerized fire reports are BRFRD property. There are very few district documents.

Hagelgans and Bailey met with Bertz-Hess and will continue to follow up. The estimate that Bertz-Hess provided for a review seems excessive. Duane met with Ryan Strohecker yesterday Manor Township's audit is \$12,000 per year. Bailey and Hagelgans do not feel comfortable with the proposal from Bertz – Hess that is estimated \$15,000. We do not need a full audit but want to follow correct policies and procedures.

The 2012 budget ended \$168,000 in surplus. We are paying 5.5% interest for the rescue at Station 1. A motion was made by Jay Breneman to use \$100,000 of the surplus money to pay down the high interest loan. Seconded by John May and approved by all.

Fire Commissioner's Report:

Blue Rock Fire Rescue ended the year at 79.3% about 12% under budget for the year.

Fundraising should be through auxiliary. We are hopeful to have a spring fund drive to send out in the near future.

Workers Compensation will be moving to SWIF by April 1, 2013.

Any Blue Rock property should be offered to the borough and township and then to the public.

The old sign on Columbia Ave for Station 1 did not meet legal standards. Barry Smith is going to look into a new sign on Columbia Ave. John Leed III would like to see a new Blue Rock Fire Rescue sign. The placement of any sign will need to meet all laws and regulations.

There is a movement to regionalize fire police in the county through a Fire Police Task Force. This brings up the issue is worker's compensation when on calls outside of the first due territory. Municipalities do not have the worker's compensation for firemen anymore. Fire Police are covered under the Fire Company's policy.

Motion to adjourn made by Jay Breneman, seconded by Scott, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 19:17.