

Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Company  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 17, 2016

Meeting called: 1904 Hrs.

Members Present:

Petronilo Abiera	Chair	Donna Kern	Co-Chair
Victoria Airey	Member	Joe Cain	Member
Charles McDevitt	Member	Larry Riley	Member
Paul Reinke	Member	John Sneckenberger	Member
Michael Sparks	President	Michael Kratovil	Chief
William Kern	Treasurer		

Members Absent:

Salvatorre Anello, Esq.	Company Attorney	Vacancy
Member		

President: Addressed Board reference pending merger/combining with Violetteville. Discussions have gone well and a formal memorandum of understanding is anticipated on or near the end of October, confirming both organizations willingness to go forward. Anticipate the next milestone to be reached in March 2017 when documents of incorporation, new constitution and application for 501 (c)3 status as a charitable organization by the IRS should be in development or initiated.

A lengthy discussion, initiated by the President and Chief, followed about how the paid program payroll fund increased from an expected \$16K to \$26K with the answer being it was a carryover from the prior fiscal year. President Sparks reported the paid program will be delayed until early next year in considering input by Treasurer Kern that our paid program fund should have at least \$35K to begin and properly support the initial program. The President also briefed on possible local funding sources for a new station and related that to proceed we needed to reestablish a new building fund, closed in prior recent administrations, to demonstrate to potential donors our intent and direction reference a new station. He requested \$10K be shifted from the paid program fund to establish a new building fund. The Board concurred with a unanimous vote of all present.

An appeal by life member Jason Dimeler was brought to the floor by the Chair. The issue: is an indefinite suspension for violation of the public media policy sufficient for in effect throwing out a member permanently. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed by unanimous decision of the board that (a) Jason did not take advantage of the opportunity of an earlier Board hearing to hear his appeal, (b) The Board would not conduct another hearing and (c) The President would recommend proceedings for permanent removal. The Board discussion will be included in his file.

An unplanned discussion about the removal of Sean Jacoby was brought up by the Chief. The issue: Should a member who resigned from the Department be subsequently removed? Another lengthy discussion ensued, involving his history of record ending with a recommendation that it may be reviewed after a period of at least two years. The removal stands. The Board discussion will be included in his file.

Finally, a review of finances including account balances and our budget was reviewed. Overall, Board members want to review the finances for the past two years, including all credits, debits and budgets. The treasurer was directed to consolidate this information and forward it to the chair for dissemination to all members.

Adjourned: 2143 hrs.

Petronilo A. Abiera, Chair