

Berlin Township 2009 Fire Committee  
Meeting November 11, 2009

1 This meeting was held at the Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Road, Delaware,  
2 Ohio, 43015

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4 **CALL TO ORDER**

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6 The 2009 Fire Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Spangler at 7:00 PM.  
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9 **2009 Fire Committee Members Present:** Steve Spangler, Joe Korleski, Elizabeth Kline,  
10 Pat Paykoff, Craig Hall, Assistant Fire Chief, and Jim Hahn.

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12 **2009 Fire Committee Member Absent:** Joe Holehouse,  
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14 **Attendees:** Phil Panzarella, Trustee; Bill Bechstein, Fire Chief Fire Department;  
15 Chris Paykoff, Lieutenant Fire Department; Joe Pichert, Lieutenant Fire Department  
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17 **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

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19 Zoning Secretary Cathy Rippel provided proof of publication for the legal notice for this  
20 meeting, which was published on November 4, 2009 in the Delaware Gazette, providing  
21 notification of the meeting date, time, and items for discussion.  
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23 **LEGAL NOTICE**

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25 Berlin Township Fire Committee Meeting Berlin Township Fire Committee will meet at  
26 the Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Road, Delaware, OH on November 11, 2009.  
27 Purpose of the meeting is to review fire department operations and make  
28 recommendations to Berlin Township Trustees. The Public is welcome to attend.  
29 By order of the Berlin Township Trustees,  
30 Theresa Cannon, Fiscal Officer  
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32 **MOTION #FC-4; Approve Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2009**

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34 Approve meeting minutes from October 14, 2009

35 Motion by: Spangler

36 Seconded by: Paykoff

37 Vote: Hahn-yea, Hall yea, Korleski-yea, Kline-yea, Paykoff-yea, Spangler-yea

38 Motion Passed.

39 Comments:  
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41 Mr. Spangler asked if there was any old business to discuss. All members in agreement  
42 said no.

43 Mr. Spangler said he had put together an agenda to discuss some issues from the previous  
44 meeting and to update all members on the activities occurring. Mr. Spangler said the first  
45 item he would discuss was fire protection services in the areas of the Township that could  
46 remain non-conformed boundaries. Mr. Panzarella said he had been working on the issue

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47 and had the following answers so far in regards to this issue. The City of Delaware and  
48 Berlin Township would both collect the taxes, but the Township would only get a small  
49 portion of the taxes from any property in the conformed area, but the Township would  
50 still be responsible for fire services. Chief Bechstein said he had spoken with Chief  
51 Donahue, Fire Chief of Delaware City about this issue and the City's attorney. In the  
52 meeting Chief Donahue said that the City would be responsible for all the area annexed  
53 even if it was in a non-conformed area. Mr. Spangler said it would make sense for the  
54 City to conform the boundaries. Mr. Panzarella said that they tried to have the City do  
55 this several years ago when the Township and City were going to reach an annexation  
56 agreement. One of the reasons this agreement was not accepted is that the City did not  
57 want to conform the boundaries that they have annexed. Mr. Panzarella said he had  
58 contacted the auditor about what areas were conformed and which ones were not. For  
59 example the residents living on Kitdare Drive would be able to vote in City of Delaware  
60 elections and Township elections. Mr. Panzarella said he asked the Auditor's Office  
61 could create a map of areas that have been conformed and not conformed. Mr. Spangler  
62 replied that the Board of Elections would be a great resource to help with that  
63 information. Mr. Paykoff asked the Fire Department members what the response time of  
64 the City to that area. Chief Bechstein replied, "15 minutes". Lieutenant Pichert said the  
65 City would send units from either the 42 and London Road station or their main station  
66 on Liberty Street. Mr. Paykoff asked what would be Berlin's response time to that area.  
67 Chief Hall replied that they had an incident in Cheshire Crossing a couple of weeks ago  
68 and it took our engine 7 – 8 minutes to respond. Mr. Paykoff asked if the City had any  
69 plans for any future stations. Mr. Spangler replied that in his research Chief Donahue  
70 said that they plan to build two more stations. One located on Cheshire Road and  
71 Braumiller Road near the water tower. The other station would be located near Houk  
72 Road near the new shopping center. Chief Bechstein also replied saying he had also been  
73 told the same information. He also was told that the City and Liberty Township had been  
74 talking about working on a joint operation in that area. The City would build the station  
75 and then Liberty Township would provide the manpower. Chief said to the best of his  
76 knowledge the City had not contacted Berlin Township to see if they would be interested  
77 in an agreement. Mr. Panzarella commented and said that his understanding was that  
78 these run cards were set up throughout the county to send the correct apparatus on an  
79 emergency called automatic mutual aid response. He said our department could be sent  
80 to that area of Delaware City on a fire, but there is not anything we can do about it. If our  
81 department is requested to respond they have to respond to the call its part of the mutual  
82 aid agreement.

83 Mr. Spangler said the next thing he would like to find out are progress reports on what  
84 the other committee members have found out. Mr. Spangler said he would go first and he  
85 presented members with a handout of the information that he collected. Mr. Spangler  
86 said he had asked each of the departments 5 questions. He said he had heard back from  
87 Genoa Township, Delaware City Fire Department, BST&G, Tri Township Fire District,  
88 Orange Township, Concord Township, and Harlem Township. He has not had a response  
89 from Liberty Township yet. Mr. Spangler presented the information on Genoa Township  
90 Fire Department. They have an estimated 20,000 residents, 6,500 homes and around 160  
91 commercial buildings. They operate off a 3.3 mil levy which is due to expire in the next  
92 year. Mr. Spangler said they are currently going through the same process that we are

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93 going through here at Berlin. Their last major upgrade was the addition of an aerial  
94 ladder truck in 2007 for around million dollars. Their future plans are looking into  
95 forming a fire district with Harlem. Chief Hall advised that they currently staff an engine,  
96 ladder, and medic unit. Delaware County EMS also has a medic unit, Medic 7, is housed  
97 with them. Mr. Spangler presented the information on Delaware City Fire Department.  
98 They operate off a .4% levy that is based on income tax which would be the equivalent of  
99 a 7 mil levy on property tax. They have 2 stations but were not sure how their stations  
100 were staffed. Lieutenant Pichert replied that Station 301 on Liberty Street had 6 – 7  
101 firefighters and they cross manned an engine, rescue, ladder, and medic. Station 302  
102 location near Rt. 42 and London Road has 3 firefighters that cross man an engine  
103 company and a medic unit. Mr. Spangler said their last major upgrade was in 1988 when  
104 they opened the substation, Station 302. Mr. Paykoff said that sat empty for several years  
105 due to a lack of funding. Mr. Spangler said Delaware City has the money to build  
106 stations and purchase equipment but they do not have the money to sustain manpower.  
107 Future plans are to build two stations one located on Cheshire Road and Braumiller Road  
108 near the water tower. The other station would be located near Houk Road on the  
109 Northwest side of town. Mr. Spangler was not given a timeline as to when they may  
110 begin construction on the new stations.

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112 STEVE SPANGLER DESCRIPTIONS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS. SEE  
113 ATTACHMENTS BEHIND MINUTES

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115 Mr. Hahn was next and presented his information that he and Ms. Kline collected. He  
116 showed and explained a spreadsheet, Various Tax & Levy Calculations, which he has  
117 used to figure out for the Olentangy School Levies. The areas in yellow would change  
118 depending what type of figures is placed into them. The next spreadsheet was  
119 “Comparisons of fire statistics for various townships/municipalities”. Mr. Hahn said he  
120 had been collecting information from the other members of the committee and plugging  
121 them into his spreadsheet. He said some of the information may need to be adjusted but  
122 thought that this would be a good starting point. Chief Hall explained that the other  
123 departments gave their total number of incidents not just their incidents in their  
124 townships. Mr. Hahn said he was unaware of this and they both agreed that they needed  
125 to compare apples to apples. Lieutenant Pichert said he believed that Berlin’s total  
126 number of incidents was around 300 last year. Mr. Hahn suggested breaking down the  
127 departments by fire and EMS incidents, possibly even by their township. Mr. Hahn  
128 stated that some departments also provide EMS coverage and that most departments are a  
129 50/50 split of fire and EMS, most of their firefighters were trained as paramedics. Mr.  
130 Hahn asked if Berlin Township should provide paramedic responses. Chief Hall  
131 explained that Delaware City, Liberty Township, and Concord Township provide EMS  
132 due to the county EMS agreement. Orange Township, Genoa Township, and Harlem  
133 Township decided to provide their own EMS even along with the County EMS. Chief  
134 Hall continued and said that half of the departments are at the paramedic level, and does  
135 not see the need for the department to provide paramedic care. Mr. Paykoff asked how  
136 paramedic care is provided in Berlin Township. Chief Hall responded by saying Medic  
137 10 is stationed at the fire station 24/7 and is in a lease agreement with the Township.  
138 Chief Hall continued to say that the fire department will respond with the medic if it is a

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139 life threatening situation such as a heart attack or stroke. Mr. Hahn commented and said  
140 that he received excellent care from the EMS crew and the Fire Department when his  
141 wife was feeling ill. Chief Hall explained that in years past once the department started  
142 to have some day time staff the department used to respond on every EMS call in the  
143 Township due to the longer response times of the medic units. Once Medic10 established  
144 24/7 coverage and looking at the actions that were being done on scene it was decided  
145 that the fire department would cut back responses to only life threatening situations when  
146 the medic crew requested the fire department. The types of runs that we are not  
147 responding on are broken fingers, cuts, and ill people. However if Medic 10 is tied up on  
148 another call or is out of their primary run area Berlin will be dispatched as a first  
149 responder and will conduct patient care until another paramedic unit arrives on the scene  
150 and assumes patient care. Mr. Paykoff commented that this was a good policy adapted  
151 by the department. Using the Delaware County Fire Station Map said that the residents of  
152 Berlin Township are very lucky in the location that they live in that our mutual aid  
153 companies both fire and EMS can arrive in a reasonable amount of time. The location of  
154 the current fire station is located in the center of the township and allows for the fire  
155 department to reach the furthest areas of the township around 8 minutes.  
156 Mr. Hahn continued to explain his spreadsheet and he found the two common themes of  
157 departments going to full time coverage were the number of incidents and response times.  
158 Some of his research was that departments did not go full time until their incidents  
159 surpassed 800 calls while others went when the response times were becoming greater  
160 than 7 minutes. Mr. Panzarella said that NFPA has specific guidelines on response times  
161 for fire and EMS.  
162 Mr. Korleski presented his information on zoning and comprehensive land use plan. He  
163 said that he contacted George Kaitsa and forwarded all the information to the committee  
164 members via email. He said to ignore the statement about the second station. Mr.  
165 Panzarella said that the station was built for the build out of township. Lieutenant Pichert  
166 said the station can house 6 males and 3 females; the medic crew has 3 members. Mr.  
167 Panzarella said that the one room could be turned into three more beds.  
168 Mr. Paykoff said that he had spoken to Mr. Kaitsa and working on getting figures back on  
169 what it would cost the residents and what kind of millage would be needed. Mr. Paykoff  
170 also said the he had also met with Mr. Yost. Mr. Paykoff said next meeting he would  
171 hope to have the figures and that the fire department's cost information and Mr. Hahn's  
172 information to help develop a plan and millage for the levy. Mr. Paykoff asked the fire  
173 department what there cost was for a full time firefighter if they were to go to a 24/7  
174 operation. Chief Hall and Lieutenant Pichert replied starting at a base salary of \$38,000  
175 dollars once other cost were added in the cost for 1 full time firefighter would be around  
176 \$64,000. Mr. Paykoff asked what the cost of a top pay firefighter would be. Lieutenant  
177 Pichert responded the fire department estimated around \$44,500 base pay and then once  
178 other cost were added in around \$79,000. Mr. Paykoff said that he had about the same  
179 estimates in talking with other fire chief's. Mr. Panzarella said that if the full time  
180 firefighters were lieutenants their cost would be about 9% more on their base salary. Mr.  
181 Panzarella and Mr. Paykoff said their concern with full time staff would be the benefit  
182 costs of full time employees. Mr. Paykoff said it might be cheaper to hire part time  
183 instead of full time. Mr. Panzarella said my white paper details the cost of what the staff  
184 would cost until 2014. Mr. Paykoff asked what the cost would be of a part time

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185 firefighter working the 24/7. Lieutenant Pichert responded it would cost for one part time  
186 position around \$50,000. Chief Hall added that it usually takes at least 2 part time  
187 firefighters to equal one full time firefighter, and that the majority of our staff work full  
188 time at other fire departments so they may get a mandatory call to return to their full time  
189 full time fire department. The other thing with part time is that they can only work 1500  
190 hours a year. He continued to say the reason for the full time firefighter was the same  
191 reasons that Joe was hired full time in 2006. Cost wise it was more effective to hire a full  
192 time firefighter rather than find 4 more part time firefighters. Mr. Hahn said that there  
193 are pros and cons to full time and part time but believed the future staff should consist of  
194 both. Mr. Chris Paykoff said if they were going to do another levy that it should be  
195 separate levies. One levy would be keep the department operating at the level of service  
196 it is currently providing, and the second levy for be for 24 hour coverage. That way it  
197 promises to the voters what they are going to be provided with. Mr. Paykoff and Mr.  
198 Korleski agreed that may work better than putting on a single larger levy. Mr. Korleski  
199 said that the staffing levy may have a hard time passing since it would be for full time  
200 24/7 coverage in that many people think that they already have that. Mr. Panzarella said,  
201 "I have walked the streets and the residents of this township know what they have." Mr.  
202 Korleski disagreed with him and said, "They just assumed they already have it. They  
203 drive past the fire station and see firefighters and paramedics out working on the trucks or  
204 see them driving in the township. The public would have to be educated on what the fire  
205 department is trying to do." Mr. Panzarella said Delaware County provides 24/7 EMS  
206 coverage.

207 Mr. Spangler said the next item on the agenda was response times. He said that he would  
208 like to review the memo that was presented by Lieutenant Pichert. Spangler said that this  
209 was very good information. He said that it took the longest to get to Worthington Arms.  
210 Mr. Panzarella said he thought that Heverlo Road would take longer to get to. Mr. Hahn  
211 said that at the last meeting they learned that other departments use also keep track of  
212 their mutual aid companies, due to the fact that some mutual aid companies can respond  
213 quicker. For instance Berlin has several obstacles to go through to get to Columbus Pike,  
214 where as the Orange Township station on 23 has a straight run. He said this is an efficient  
215 system in that it prevents duplication of services, but provides the nearest available  
216 resources.

217 Mr. Spangler said that he would like to have anyone share their information at the next  
218 meeting and be able to give Mr. Hahn their information so that he could put it into the  
219 worksheet he developed. Mr. Spangler then said that he would like to come up with a  
220 draft proposal by the end of the next meeting. Mr. Spangler presented the members of  
221 the committee with a draft proposal. Mr. Panzarella said the first two items on this are  
222 completed already. Mr. Panzarella said he had talked about expanding coverage on the  
223 weekends and holidays to 10 hour days. Mr. Paykoff asked why just those days why not  
224 every day? Mr. Paykoff asked if it would be possible to have some firefighters work  
225 different shifts such as having a couple guys work from 7AM – 9AM and then another  
226 group work a couple hours after getting off work from 3PM – 6PM? Lieutenant Pichert  
227 said that sometimes if an on duty staff member working goes home sick some paid on  
228 call members will come in to cover that position. It would become a logistical challenge  
229 to schedule that and Mr. Paykoff agreed. Mr. Paykoff asked how other departments  
230 schedule their staff. Chief Hall replied full time employees work 24 hours and then are

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231 off for 48, but sometimes they will be called in for incidents, attend training, or work  
232 overtime. Then most departments have a 12 hour part day/night shift or a 24 hour shift  
233 for their part time staff. Lieutenant Pichert said that most firefighters are used to the  
234 work shift and believed that the members of the fire department would be in favor of  
235 working a 12 and/or 24 hour shift. Mr. Paykoff said he was trying discussion some ideas  
236 and get feedback on what works. Mr. Spangler said that he agrees that their needs to be a  
237 progression to a full time 24/7 operation, needs to be a timeline, and what kind of funding  
238 is needed. Mr. Hahn said that in his experience there are three factors that make an  
239 organization have a positive work environment for an organization's employees:  
240 leadership, good equipment and facilities, and good pay. Mr. Spangler asked how the  
241 pay worked in the fire department. Lieutenant Pichert replied that all members with the  
242 exception of Chief Bechstein and himself were part time paid. A firefighter makes  
243 \$11.31/hour, estimated \$12.50/hour for lieutenants and \$12.85/hour for the Assistant  
244 Chief. Lieutenant Pichert said as a firefighter he started out around \$30,000 dollars a  
245 year and prior to my promotion was making around \$33,000 dollars a year. As a  
246 lieutenant I make around \$35,000 dollars a year. The Fire Chief is around an estimated  
247 \$63,000 dollars a year. Mr. Chris Paykoff asked how much does it cost to operate the fire  
248 department per day? Lieutenant Pichert replied he did not have exact figures but  
249 estimated it around \$300 - \$400 per day. Mr. Panzarella said in his white paper the pay  
250 for a part time lieutenant was \$12.34/hour. Lieutenant Pichert said all members on call  
251 are paid per hour with a minimum of 1 hour. Mr. Paykoff said maybe the committee  
252 should look at offering a bonus for the part time staff or more pay for the paid staff on  
253 call. Lieutenant Pichert said in the fire department's research he had contacted Concord  
254 Township and they had a system set up that works very well for them and their part time  
255 staff. It is a system that works off the number of hours worked in a year. He said in the  
256 fire departments staffing plan those hours and figures could be found. Mr. Paykoff said  
257 he had talked to several retired fire chiefs and they had tried paying their volunteers more  
258 to show up. Chief Hall responded and said he remembered that Orange Township had  
259 increased their pay just prior to going to a full time 24/7 operation, it worked for a while.  
260 Chief Hall said that it's not always about the money you have to keep in mind that these  
261 members have families and other activities they like to do. Out of the 9 paid on call  
262 members 4 of them work a 24 hour full time fire job, so they are away from home for 24  
263 hours. Some other members have children that are very active in sports and other  
264 activities in school.  
265 Mr. Spangler said the Chief was going to show some videos about response times. Chief  
266 responded that one of the videos was not playing correctly and asked if it could be placed  
267 on next meeting's agenda. Ms. Kline asked if it would be possible to visit the fire station  
268 and see the equipment. Mr. Paykoff asked if they could hold the next meeting in the  
269 training room. Other members agreed that the fire station would be a good place to meet.  
270 Mr. Panzarella said that he would bring it up to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting  
271 to have them ask the Chief for permission to use the fire station. Mr. Paykoff asked why  
272 Mr. Panzarella would have to do that with the Chief already in the room. Mr. Paykoff  
273 asked Chief if it would be okay to have the next fire committee meeting at the fire station.  
274 Chief said, "You are welcome to have as many meetings as you would like to have  
275 there." Mr. Panzarella said that when the station was built the Trustees passed a  
276 resolution that they had to ask the Chief permission to hold public meetings there.

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277 Mr. Spangler said that the next meeting was going to be Saturday, December 12, at  
278 7:00PM. Chief Hall asked if it was a Saturday but in his notes he had December 8, at  
279 7:00PM. Mr. Spangler said that was correct.

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281 **MOTION #FC-5, Approve Next Meeting Location**

282 Approve meeting at fire station for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 7:00PM

283 Motion by Mr. Spangler

284 Seconded by Mr. Paykoff

285 Vote: Spangler – yea, Hahn-yea, Hall yea, yea, Kline-yea, Korleski-yea, Paykoff-yea

286 Motion Passed.

287 Comments: None

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290 **MOTION #FC-6, Approve to adjourn meeting at 8:45PM**

291 Motion by Mr. Hahn

292 Seconded by Mr. Paykoff.

293 Vote: Spangler – yea, Hahn-yea, Hall yea, Korleski-yea, Kline-yea, Paykoff-yea

294 Motion Passed.

295 Comments: None

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Steve Spangler, Chairperson

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Jim Hahn, member

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Joe Holehouse, member

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Joe Korlesski, member

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Elizabeth Kline, member

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Pat Paykoff, member

317 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

318 Craig Hall, member

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324 2009 FIRE COMMITTEE

325 QUESTIONS TOO AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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327 (1) How would you describe your current staffing and how many  
328 firefighters are employed?

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330 (2) How many residents and businesses do you currently serve?

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332 (3) What is your current millage or tax rate for fire service?

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334 (4) When was your last major upgrade too fire dept. and how many  
335 residents and business at that time?

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337 (5) Do you for see any major upgrades in near future?

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340 2009 FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT FROM DELAWARE CITY

341 CHIEF DONAHUE: ANSWERS

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343 (1) Fulltime staffing, 44 fire fighters.

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345 (2) Appox. 35000 residents and 1200 business.

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347 (3) City uses income tax at a rate of .4% plus they receive ½ million  
348 from county for EMS runs. They have a 5 million budget, witch  
349 would take 7 mills if millage where used.

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351 (4) Last update was in 1988 when tax was passed. He did not know  
352 what population was at that time.

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354 (5) Planning 2 new stations, one on Cheshire rd. at water tower area  
355 and one in area off hospital and Houk rd.

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361 2009 FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT FROM ORANGE TOWNSHIP

362 Chief Stewart: Responds to questions:

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- 364 (1) 7 persons full time and 1 part-time at stations 361 and 362. Total of  
365 16 per day. Minimum manning is 6 per shift per station. Total  
366 payroll is 47 and 17 part-time.
- 367 (2) As of 10/12/2009 service 1063 business and 27 schools (including  
368 preschool, daycare and public schools) Population is 22,926.
- 369 (3) In 2004 doubled full time staff from 23 to 47. Had 750 business  
370 and 8 schools.
- 371 (4) Plan to hire 3 battalion chiefs, a training officer and 3 firefighters.
- 372 (5) Plan to build a third station in 2014.
- 373 (6) TAX EVALUATION: \$1,023,084,530.00
- 374 (7) FIRE LEVY: 5 MILLS = \$4,986,254.00
- 375 (8) 2009 Salary breakdown = \$3,879,700.00
- 376 (9) Total budget = \$7,957,930.00
- 377 (10) Benefit's appropriations 2009 = \$1,932,450.00

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380 2009 FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT FROM BST & G

381 Chief Almendinger: responses to questions

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- 383 (1) Staffing is all part-time, keeping 3 firefighters on duty 20hours a  
384 day. Even the Chief is also part-time. Have 37 on his roster.
- 385 (2) Residents and business he wasn't sure but thought approx. 8 to 9  
386 thousand, couldn't estimate # of business.
- 387 (3) Currently and for many years has been 2.0 mills
- 388 (4) Last major upgrade include equipment overhaul and maintained  
389 and implement the part-time staffing.
- 390 (5) Future upgrades include updates to current facility and new facility  
391 at North Star in future.
- 392 (6) The Chief also noted that his department is at approx. 900 runs per  
393 year, and covers approx. 53 sq. miles.

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401 2009 FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRI TOWNSHIP

402 Chief Morris: Responds to questions:

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404 (1) Staffing- 29 on roster. 4 fulltime, 12-13 volunteers. Manned 24/7  
405 by 3 persons.

406 (2) Residents-6,300 Business-80 ?

407 (3) Current milage. Operating levy 4.5 (\$750,000) Equipment levy .9  
408 (\$180,000)

409 (4) New engine 2008. New station in progress.

410 (5) Add additional staffing

411 (6) No income from the city of Delaware. Mutual Aid – made 76 runs  
412 for the city, city 10 runs. In 2008.

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414 2009 FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT FROM GENOA TOWNSHIP

415 Chief Honeycutt: responses to questions

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417 1. Genoa Township Fire Department employs 22 full time personnel and 16  
418 part-time personnel. The breakdown is as follows:

419 **Staff** Chief, Deputy Chief, Administrative Assistant, Lieutenant  
420 dedicated to Fire Prevention, investigation, and public education

421 **Emergency Response Personnel**

422 3 Suppression Lieutenants (1 per 24 hour shift)

423 15 Fulltime firefighters (5 per 24 hour shift)

424 16 Par-time firefighters to supplement the full time members when  
425 available (max 2 per shift)

426 A minimum of 6 suppression personnel are on duty at all times  
427 excluding the staff members.

428 2. Genoa Township's current population is approximately 21,500 with  
429 approximately 163 businesses.

430 3. Our current millage is 3.3 and expires at the end of 2010. We are  
431 currently in the process of preparing for an upcoming levy for 2011-  
432 2015.

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- 433 4. Our last major upgrade was the purchase of an aerial truck in 2007. Prior  
434 to that in 2001 there was a transition from volunteer to full time and an  
435 extensive addition to the existing station. The approximate population in  
436 2001 was 11,000 and I am unsure of the # of businesses at that time.
- 437 5. Due to safety issues, regarding modern building techniques (lightweight  
438 construction), and national standards, we are contemplating an additional  
439 9 full time personnel (3 per shift) and also requesting a second station on  
440 the east side of the Hoover Reservoir. Both of these issues have the  
441 support of all three Genoa Township Trustees and are in front of the fire  
442 levy committee at this time for support and funding. A new levy will be  
443 up in front of the voters in May for 2011-2015.