

**BREITUNG TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
JOINT MEETING WITH THE FIRE DEPT OFFICERS  
JUNE 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Olson at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call: Present:** Trustees Johnson, Wales, Soderbloom, Treasurer Taylor and Supervisor Olson.

**Absent:** Clerk Neuens – excused.

Also Present: Superintendent John Gaudette, Chief Jeff Iverson, Rick Lindow, Russ Garrett, Dennis Peterson, Matt Cousineau, Rob Blazier, Scott Marshall, Joe Smeester, Jim Nelson, Joe Hruska, Jim Rose and Pete Schlitt.

Pledge was recited by all.

Public Comment: No Comments.

**Motion** by Trustee Wales, **second** by Trustee Soderbloom to approve the June 19, 2018 agenda as presented.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's): Chief Iverson explained that SOG's are guidelines. They are meant to give direction, however common sense needs to be applied. Sometimes the weather is too hot for full turnout gear at an accident scene.

The SOG's are currently being updated which is being headed up by Joe Hruska.

There are concerns that the SOG's are not being followed. The SOG's are not only for the people being rescued but for the safety of the fire fighter.

Everyone is responsible for everyone else. Safety is key.

The Chain of Command is as follows: Fire Fighters, Lieutenants, Captains, Assistant Fire Chiefs, Fire Chief and then the Board of Trustees. Ultimately the Fire Chief is in charge of the Fire Department.

Need more daily use of the Chain of Command.

As three separate stations, we must remember that we are one department, especially when on scene.

In order to prevent breakdown there needs to be more coordination of duties at the scene. The Incident Commander needs to know what is going on and come up with a plan; directions need to be given; Fire Fighters need to follow the plan. Independent actions may cause harm.

Officers need to be actively part of the training and they need to guide by being a good example.

Each Fire Fighter needs to know and follow the SOG's. Enforcement is needed.

Staffing: The need for more Fire Fighters will be placed in the Township's summer newsletter.

Grants: The SCBA – Joe Hruska gave an overview of how grant writing is done and mentioned the FEMA grant is due by the end of 2019.

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Equipment: The Rescue Van is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. It is owned by the County and run by Breitung Township Fire Fighters.

The next joint meeting between the Fire Department Officers and the Township Board will be on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Soderbloom, **second** by Treasurer Taylor to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote: Unanimous, motion carried.**

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Olson at 7:30 p.m.

Hand-notes taken by Treasurer Taylor in Clerk Neuens' absence.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Reviewed and Approved by,

Samantha Neuens  
Breitung Township Clerk

Denny Olson  
Breitung Township Supervisor