

**Special Fire Meeting  
May 20, 2025**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

The Special Fire Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Upper Macungie Township was called to order on May 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Fogelsville Fire Station, 7850 Lime Street, Fogelsville, PA 18051. Present were Jeff Fleischaker, Chairman; Sunny Ghai, Vice-Chairman; James M. Brunell, Supervisor; Robert R. Ibach, Jr., Township Manager; Kalman A. Sostarecz, Jr., Assistant Township Manager; Jazmin Vazquez, Township Secretary; and Peter Christ, Commissioner, Bureau of Fire.

Chairman Fleischaker opened the meeting and asked all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

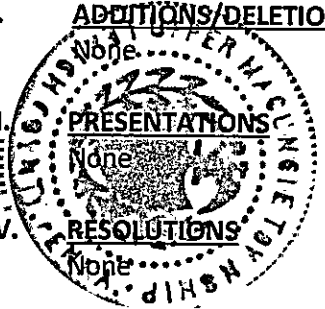
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**III. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**IV. RESOLUTIONS**

None



**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Review of 2024 Meeting Action Items**

Commissioner Christ gave an overview of the action items list from the meetings that were held in 2024 with the fire companies of UMT. Station 8 staffing program was started in April of 2025. Station 25 had three items, and they have been placed on hold, these are the repair of the trash enclosure, Paving of the parking lot, and the floor repair. Station 56 had 1 item; the Plymovent System Upgrade will be presented at the 2026 Budget Meetings. A committee was previously established to explore the future of fire services in Upper Macungie Township. The committee has completed its work and disbanded after making a formal recommendation to move the fire services forward. Replenishment of the Maintenance Fund will be considered during the 2026 Budget Meeting.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. General Matters Related to the Volunteer Fire Departments of UMT**

**1. Update on Staffing/Membership**

Commissioner Christ stated that the staffing program currently has 46 members, with 17 members residing outside of Upper Macungie Township. He mentioned that the Standard Operation Guidelines (SOGs) are expected to be finalized and distributed by July 1, 2025. The targeted go-live date for all fire responses to be unified under Upper Macungie Township Fire and Rescue, Station 57, is January 1, 2026.

**2. Future of Fire Protection**

Commissioner Christ reported that there will be a final draft of Township SOG's distributed by July 1, 2025. The Operational Officers of Station #57 had a meeting on May 19, 2025, and expressed readiness to become operational under the new structure on January 1, 2026. Under the proposed structure, all fire department personnel will operate under Station #57, consolidating the current four independent companies. The Operational Guidelines remain a top priority and will be the central focus of the upcoming Officers' Meeting on June 23, 2025. The radio communications project is progressing well, with all front-line apparatus now equipped with new radios.



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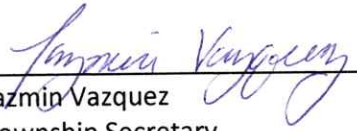
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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/COURTESY OF THE FLOOR  
None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT  
There being no other business, Vice-Chairman Ghai made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Chairman Fleischaker. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

  
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Jazmin Vazquez  
Township Secretary

