



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 17, 2015  
6:30 p.m.  
Village Green, 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Tom Counts, Frank Bertone, Jim Hrivnak, Steve Lutz, Debra Miller, and Fire Chief Jensen.

I. POND MAINTENANCE/AERATION

Fire Chief Jensen thanked the Committee for allowing him to attend tonight's meeting. He commented that seven of the ten water emergency calls received in the last few years were because of animals in the water. He stated that ponds create both a human hazard and an animal control issue. He encouraged educational opportunities be provided by homeowner's associations, the City, and the Township. He said it is not always possible to prevent people from going out on ponds. He stated that he was a strong advocate for making sure that there was a rope or buoy adjacent to all bodies of water. He also said that while swimming pools have fences around them, ponds are needed for drainage.

Chief Jensen stated that in cold weather people tended to be attracted to ice on ponds. He said that fortunately, drownings have been minimal and, due to milder winters, fewer people tend to venture on ice.

II. PERSONNEL MANUAL UPDATE

The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the Personnel Manual. The Committee was informed that the changes reorganized items to more appropriate sections, eliminates duplicate items and, in some areas, policies have been reduced to a less wordy version. The Committee concurred with the draft changes.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.