

**17TH CHARTER REVISION
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**MINUTES
April 17, 2012**

The 17th Charter Revision Commission Public Safety & Health/Education, Ethics Committee was called to order by Chair Sandak at 7:00 on April 17, 2012. In attendance were committee members: Jay Sandak, Gail Okun, Clarence Grebey, Robert Robins, and Michael Jachimczyk: Dudley Williams and Rosanne McManus commission members and members of the fire service.

The approval of the minutes for April 10 and Apr were held.

Chair Sandak distributed a supplemental report to be presented at the April 18, 2012 Commission meeting. Several changes were made upon discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Jachimczyk, seconded by Mr. Robins, and approved by the committee to submit the report. Discussion followed on procedures going forward. A ballot will be presented next Wednesday with all the items listed and cross referenced for the voting to follow.

There was continued discussion of the fire service issues and fire marshall issues. Chair Sandak shared a document describing the Montgomery fire service for reference. It was suggested that the document could serve as a guideline. Mr. Sandak again stated that the two points that we are trying to achieve are 1.create a single fire service composed of volunteer and career members and 2.protect the volunteers in this system. Discussion followed. The question of the Fire Commission, its membership and powers was then discussed. Chair Sandak then distributed a flow chart showing a structure for the new fire service... including the Director of PSH&W-SFD Fire Chief_Asst.. Chief for the career division- Asst. Chief for the Volunteer division and including a Fire Marshall with deputy fire marshalls and the Fire Commission. Discussion followed on the structure, job descriptions, and the issues that would arise. It was suggested that some of the wording in the Montgomery document could be used.

The committee then addressed the role of the Fire Commission in this new structure, its duties, role and powers.

It was agreed that the goal was that the parties will see a balance that is in the best interest of the community and that the public health and safety is the ultimate goal. Maintaining the effectiveness of the volunteers and the viability of the volunteer companies were paramount goals.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 by Mr. Jachimczyk, seconded by Mr. Robins, and approved by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Okun