

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHEL, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING THE BETHEL UNION FIRE COMPANY AND THE FRYSTOWN COMMUNITY FIREFIGHTERS AS THE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED FIRE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND RELATED SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHEL; AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE COMPANIES, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE FIRE COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING PUBLIC FIREFIGHTING DUTIES; AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO FIREFIGHTERS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Bethel, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. Fire Companies Recognized

The Bethel Union Fire Company of the Township of Bethel, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and the Frystown Community Firefighters of the Township of Bethel, Berks County, Pennsylvania, are hereby designated as the officially recognized fire companies ("fire companies") for the Township.

Section 2. Authorized Activities of the Fire Companies

a. The fire companies recognized by the Township are hereby authorized to provide such services to the Township as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons situate therein, which include, by way of example and not of limitation, the extinguishment and prevention of loss of life and property from fire, automobile accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and other dangerous situations.

b. The fire companies may also provide non-emergency and public service functions, such as, again by way of example and not of limitation, removing water from property after storms, and assisting in the removal, abatement and prevention of damage or injury to persons or property, whether through natural causes or man-made situations.

c. The fire companies may also conduct and participate in such training activities and drills, whether within or outside of

the Township, as may be deemed necessary by the officers of each fire company to maintain proficiency in providing service.

d. The fire companies may also respond to calls and provide services to municipalities outside of the Township.

Section 3. Authorized Activities of Members of the Fire Companies

a. In addition to actually participating in the activities of the fire companies as authorized above, or in going to or returning from any activity, the members of the fire companies recognized by the Township are also authorized to do the following things:

1. Engage in any type of drill, training, ceremony, practice, test or parade when duly called for or authorized by an officer or officers of the fire companies;

2. Engage in fund-raising activities for the fire companies, when authorized by an officer or officers of the fire companies;

3. Engage in the performance of any other duty or activity authorized by any officer of the recognized fire companies.

Section 4. Purpose The purpose of this Ordinance is to recognize the fire companies as the official fire companies of the Township, and to state additional authorized activities for firefighters for workers' compensation purposes.

Section 5. Repealer All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Severability If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Supervisors of the Township of Bethel that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 7. Effective Date This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment, as provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 13 day of November, 1995.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF BETHEL, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BY: John J. Brown  
Chairman

ATTEST: Randall A. Hoag  
Secretary