

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

March 15th, 2016 07:00 PM

Chairman Combates called the regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #2 to order at the Fire Commissioners Building, 101 Netherwood Ave.

A salute to the flag, and a moment of silence was held.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Jim Mosier present.

Commissioner Rich Recine present.

Commissioner Bob Burns present.

Commissioner Pete Combates present.

Commissioner Dave Hough present.

Commissioner Combates asked if all of the publications have been set forth for the meeting today. Commissioner Hough confirmed.

Commissioner Hough requested to defer the reading of the minutes, as they are posted on the website. Commission Combates called for a motion to accept the minutes as opposed to reading them, as they were posted to the website for viewing. Commissioner Mosier made a motion to accept the minutes, second to the motion by Commissioner Burns. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough read a Resolution. Subject: Cash Management Plan of Piscataway Township Fire District 2 Middlesex County New Jersey for period ending March 31, 2017

Treasurers Report - Commissioner Mosier:

All bills have been posted for the month, for both accounts.

Joint Board Account -

Opening Balance \$43,250.52

Interest \$2.74

Checks \$ 0

Service Charge \$18.57

Closing Balance \$43,234.69

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Opening Balance \$884,345.13
Deposits \$19,887.41
Interest \$51.05
Checks Paid \$143,155.67
Electronic Payment \$4,071.46
Ending Balance \$757,056.46

Commissioner Combates called for a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read.
Commissioner Recine made a motion, second by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried.

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

We are all up to date. Commissioner Recine submitted a bill to Commissioner Mosier for workman's compensation. Commissioner Mosier said the bill was paid.

Purchasing & Supplies - Commissioner Burns:

A couple of things came in today. Holmes Marshall has paperwork in the bin, River Road has supplies on the table, Possumtown's equipment was delivered. Commissioner Burns wrote up a request from last night that includes some other things that need activity.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Truck/Engine Committee – Holmes Marshall new engine. Commissioner Mosier said the truck is still being worked on. Assistant Chief Presley said they need an inventory list of equipment so they can start to figure out how to store it in the compartments. We need to send pictures with make/model so they can figure out dimensions. A discussion ensued regarding the mounting of equipment.

New Rescue Truck Committee – Commissioner Combates stated that the first meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20th, at 9:00 a.m. Coffee/Donuts will be provided. John Smolko lined up a representative from Pierce. We will take a look at the Bay to see what kind of chassis will fit. From there, we will use the information to move forward with other vendors, specs, etc.

SOPs/SOGs Committee - Commissioner Recine was in contact with Attorney Braslow, who was supposed to attend the meeting tonight to give a report, but was not able to make it. Mr. Braslow sent Commissioner Recine some SOPs and SOGs from other departments. Commissioner Recine will review it, and we can possibly take some things from that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Washing Machines / Holmes Marshall - Commissioner Combates stated it will take another \$6,000 to complete the project. The plumber needs to put a pump in the floor, not on top of the floor. He will pipe it via the same route that was discussed, and will do it some time next week.

Washing Machines / River Road - As previously discussed, Commissioner Combates said we can cut that one section out, put the washing machine there, and put a pump in the floor. We will be keeping the air machine where it is.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Air Machine and Pole Barn – Commissioner Combates went to the Township and got a copy of the survey. The property goes all the way over to the first house. Need to get the pole barn guy to draw up the plans for a non-conforming structure for residential zone, so that an exception can be made by the zoning board, since the fire company is needed in the community for fire protection. We need to get a variance, and the fees will most likely be waived, but approval is needed by the zoning board. We are probably at least two months out on this. We need to determine the structure size, keeping in mind the property size, parking, storage, etc. The structure should be at least tall enough, so that when you bring your rig in, you can be in out of the rain, as opposed to running a hose.

Commissioner Combates read a letter dated 3/15/16, from the Board of Fire Commissioners to the District 2 Fire Companies, Subject: The Possible Consolidation and Expansion i.e. EMS, of Emergency Services in Fire District 2 County of Middlesex. Commissioner Hough indicated a copy of the letter will be mailed to the companies.

Commissioner Hough requested a roster from each fire company, and would also like to know which members are active. For insurance purposes, the list should include all members that are active in the fire company, but they may not necessarily be actively fighting fires. The insurance company needs to know which members are active, so they can be covered.

Commissioner Hough read an Application for Membership from Evan M. Segoski. He would like to be a member of River Road Fire Company. The application is notarized, medical is complete, application for background check was done. Commissioner Combates called for a motion to accept Evan Segoski as probationary member of River Road Fire Company. Commissioner Mosier made motion to accept the application, second by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried.

Discussion of Andre Davis' application. Commissioner Combates will give the relief application to Relief Secretary Buddy Walker tomorrow.

Commissioner Recine said he needs all of the white copies of LOSAP so that the file can be closed out. He needs to get the last couple from Chief Snyder, so he can do the background checks.

John Smolko said he tried calling Rosemary Dickson numerous times. Chief Harding said he got a hold of her, and she will drop off the pager tomorrow night. We ended up paying for Somerset County fire school. She also had turn out gear. Commissioner Burns will get the pager and turn out gear back.

Commissioner Burns attended the Fire Districts Meeting two Saturday's ago. Our lobbyist reported that the district consolidation bill passed, was signed by the Governor, and it is now law. Also, as a result of the review that was done regarding issues with the way LOSAP was handled by local fire companies, the state took out a local finance notice about LOSAP, and also the district's association put out another document about LOSAP and things that LOSAP requires of the local fire districts, local managers, and the local fire companies

There was a discussion of recalibration of gas meters. Commission Burns will follow up.

John Smolko asked the Commissioners to look into buying better tires for the Chiefs' cars.

Assistant Chief Presley wanted to confirm that Andre Davis' application is still good, and Nick Higgins' is good. Commissioner Combates confirmed. Assistant Chief Presley said he received the check for Brian Agnew's clothing allowance. He also asked if there was any word on the drill from Colgate. The reply was no. Chief Snyder is looking into it. Assistant Chief Presley said the fuel keys have been returned, both gas and diesel. He needs 2 bags of speedy dry. He does not have the registration for 678 and does not know when it expires. Commissioner Burns asked if anyone knows when the registration for the others expire, and said they were all done at the same time. Chief Harding said not to go by that. Assistant Chief Presley said he still needs the registration for 671. The one received was not the right one, it should end in 92, not 93.

Commissioner Burns said we need to pursue Fernando Chang about selling Possumtown's old engine.

John Smolko suggested putting two firemen in each house as janitors so you have manpower during the day. The Commissioners will look into this suggestion.

Chief Harding and John Smolko submitted a run sheet for District 2. Commissioner Burns said we will review it.

Commissioner Mosier made a motion to end the meeting, motion second by Commissioner Combates. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.