

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

April 19th, 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 absent.

Commissioner Pete Combates present.

Commissioner Dave Hough present.

Commissioner Combates asked Mr. Secretary if all of the announcements have been made for this meeting. Commissioner Hough confirmed.

Commissioner Hough requested to defer the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, 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 Recine. No discussion, motion carried.

Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Mosier read a Resolution for Commissioners, Township of Piscataway.
Subject: Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property Possumtown Engine Spartan

Treasurers Report - Commissioner Mosier:

All bills have been posted.

Joint Board Account - Statement for March 1-31

Opening Balance \$43,234.69

Deposits \$329.00

Interest \$2.90

Checks \$1,794.07

Closing Balance \$41,772.52

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Opening Balance \$757,056.46
Deposits \$ 0
Interest \$49.75
Checks Paid \$66,303.60
Electronic Payment \$4,205.84
Closing Balance \$686,596.77

Commissioner Mosier reported that the 1st quarter taxes were deposited. Commissioner Combates made a request that we have a standing purchase order for the washers and dryers. Regarding the 3rd fire house installation, they requested that we pay for them at least, and they will stand on delivery and the training. Commissioner Combates requested that we pay the bill. Commissioner Combates called for a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read and to pay the bills. Commissioner Recine made a motion, second by Commissioner Hough. No discussion, motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

Commissioner Recine said we are all caught up with workman's compensation. He received a letter today from VFIS in reference to River Road, they have a new liability specialist for that phantom fall. Discussion ensued about re-evaluating the amount of insurance coverage for River Road fire house, the building and contents. Commissioner Recine said he will call them tomorrow.

New Rescue Truck Committee – Commissioner Combates stated there was a meeting on Saturday. Chris from Absolute gave a great presentation on an E1. We went over and looked at the River Road Fire Company building, and depending on what truck is chosen, we may have to make a small modification to the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

Washing Machine / Dryer River Road – They are looking into putting the washing machine into the boiler area, by removing the boiler. John Smolko got a price for that. A discussion ensued regarding where to place the washing machine. No decision was made.

New Air Machine and Pole Barn – Not much new since last meeting. Commission Hough and Commissioner Combates said we are working on the specs. John Smolko asked if the building will be heated. It was confirmed that the building will be heated, as the building will also be used for storage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hough reported that the fire hydrants on Plainfield Ave, Bound Brook Ave, and Ballis Ave have been repaired.

Commissioner Mosier mentioned that the mutual aid with Andrew went very well the other day.

Commissioner Hough said there are two applications for membership. (1) Zaiyr R Davis for River Road. Commissioner Combates called for motion to accept Zaiyr Davis as probationary member. Commissioner Hough made the motion, second to motion by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried. (2) Matthew Vayo for River Road. Everything is in order. Commissioner Combates called for motion to accept Matthew Vayo. Commissioner Mosier made the motion, second to motion by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried.

Commissioner Recine reported in reference to the next group of backgrounds, they sent the DLs right back quickly, the criminal history takes a couple of weeks. He will call and follow up. Once he gets the criminal history results back, he will start the third group.

Assistant Chief Dizzine asked Commissioner Recine if he would provide a list of the applicants that have already been completed to satisfaction so we can keep track of them. Commissioner Recine said he will provide it.

PUBLIC:

Andrew Smolko asked about the status of the outstanding equipment orders. Commissioner Burns is not in attendance this evening. Will have to follow up with him.

Andrew Smolko said River Road Rescue squad cannot make it on Sunday 4/24/16 for flash over because they are covering the 5K run for the high school. He was just notified three hours ago. Discussion ensued regarding possible alternatives. A bus and EMTs are needed.

John Smolko said 652 is up and running with a new battery charger and air conditioning cover.

Regulatory compliant fit test pulled someone's gear. If someone is non-compliant, the Chief will pull the gear, and bring it over to the Commissioners building. Commissioner Mosier is looking into putting the regulatory compliance on-line. He is also working on putting together two classes, beginning on September 1. Bottom line is that it is a state requirement.

John Smolko brought up an issue regarding radio communication, and a discussion ensued. The Chief will handle the issue in-house.

Assistant Chief Presley brought up concerns regarding rules and procedures. Commissioner Combates expressed that it is the Chief's responsibility to ensure the firefighters are following the rules and procedures. The concerns will be discussed at the next workshop.

The discussion of purchasing leather boots was tabled, until the next workshop.

Commissioner Combates called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Commissioner Mosier, motion second by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.