

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

May 17th, 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 Mr. Secretary if all of the postings have been posted for this meeting tonight. 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. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

No correspondence

Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Mosier:

All bills have been posted.

Joint Board Account - Statement for April 30

Beginning Balance	\$41,772.52
Deposits	\$100.00
Interest	\$2.71
Checks and Other Debits	\$1,139.45
Ending Balance	\$40,735.78

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance	\$686,596.77
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Deposits \$321,958.00
Credits \$52.91
Checks Paid \$58,904.63
Electronic Payment \$4,978.63
Ending Balance \$944,724.42

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

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

Commissioner Recine said we are all paid up. Regarding the new LOSAP, he received a letter today from VFIS that Lincoln Benefit Life was sold to Resolution Life Holdings. With Resolution Life Holdings, there are restrictions imposed on limiting contributions, minimum withdrawal amounts, and distributions made payable to the owner of the contract, rather than the participant. VFIS suggested we have a resolution made and switch to Massachusetts Mutual. Commissioner Recine spoke with Mr. Braslow, who will call VFIS regarding writing a resolution. The broker will still be VFIS. Commissioner Burns suggested we spend some time researching Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Recine will request a meeting with the VFIS representative.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Truck/Engine Committee - Holmes Marshall Engine. Commissioner Mosier received pictures of the engine. A trip to see the truck is currently scheduled for June 12-15, subject to change. Email needs to be sent to them relieving them of any penalties once the truck hits New Jersey. Commissioner Mosier signed off on the lettering.

New Rescue Truck Committee - Regarding the rescue truck, Commissioner Combates said a trip is scheduled to go down and take a look. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled. Will schedule it after the Harrisburg show.

OLD BUSINESS:

Washing Machine / Dryer River Road – Commissioner Mosier said they are working great. The dryer will go where the hose dryer is. River Road is waiting for Commissioners' approval to remove the boiler, and he will get a proposal to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mosier made a motion to approve the removal of the boiler, second to motion by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried.

New Air Machine and Pole Barn – Commissioners Combates and Hough are working on it. Commissioner Combates scheduled a meeting for next week. A variance will need to be approved since it is being placed in a residential zoning area. A discussion ensued regarding the ownership of the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mosier's son has to take a CPR class at Possumtown, and Commissioner Mosier requested that the Commissioners pay for the class. There is possibly another firefighter that will need to attend the class. Commissioner Burns made a motion to pay for the class for the two firefighters. Second to motion by Commissioner Combates. Motion carried.

Commissioner Burns said he is available to make the trip on June 12-15, if he is needed.

Commissioner Burns reported on training, and bail out kits. He is looking for a recommendation on the brand of bail out kit.

Commissioner Burns proposed that the 6 tickets for Harrisburg be made available, through the chiefs, for any firefighters that want to go.

Commissioner Burns said there is an issue with the bill submitted by River Road, for refreshments provided for the flash over drill. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Burns made a motion to pay \$100 of the submitted bill. Second to motion by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried.

Commissioner Burns requested a private session after the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Commissioner Mosier started a discussion about the CPR class. 15 signed up for the class, only 5 showed up. Paul's daughter has to be paid for the 15 spots. She is already giving us a break. For every 9 people, she has to hire an additional person. Commissioner Burns said these types of training issues need to be addressed. A discussion ensued. Commissioner Mosier made a motion to pay the full amount of the CPR class. Seconded by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried.

Commissioner Burns announced ladder testing will be on Tuesday, May 24 10:00 am at Possumtown; Wednesday, May 25 8:00 am at River Road and 4:00 pm at Holmes Marshall.

Commissioner Burns announced that on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 at the training grounds, Foley is going to demo a new saw that they are selling. He also announced that on Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 pm there will be a class at the training grounds on LDH Relay. The training class is being held because on June 5 there will be a LDH drill for the Northwest Middlesex County Relay Strike Team. If you sign up for the drill on June 5, you are expected to attend the class on June 2. If you cannot attend both, you should attend the classroom training on June 2.

Commissioner Burns has a box of detailing supplies for Holmes Marshall. If anyone else needs supplies, let him know.

Commissioner Burns started a discussion about whether or not oxygen is needed on the engines. This discussion will be tabled and brought up at a workshop.

Commissioner Burns said a number of people need turnout gear. He will arrange for a salesman from New Jersey Fire to come out and measure the firefighters.

The discussion of purchasing leather boots was tabled.

PUBLIC:

River Road – John Smolko mentioned that he signed for something from FedEx that was for the Commissioners, but someone in the firehouse touched it and now it is gone. All equipment must be dispersed from the Commissioners.

Possumtown – Nothing

Holmes Marshall – Assistant Chief Presley says paperwork needs to be handled better. The State Certificates are sent directly to the home of the firefighter.

Commissioner Combates adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.