

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

## **District #2**

### **Regular Meeting**

**June 21st, 2016 07:40 PM**

A salute to the flag, and a moment of silence was held, prior to the start of the Insurance meeting which was held before this regular meeting.

#### Roll Call:

Commissioner Jim Mosier present  
Commissioner Rich Recine present  
Commissioner Bob Burns present  
Commissioner Pete Combates absent  
Commissioner Dave Hough present

Commissioner Hough requested to defer the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, as they are posted on the website. Commissioner Burns made a motion to accept the minutes as they were posted on the website, second to the motion by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough read an article that was posted in the Courier News on 5/26/16 announcing the special meeting to be held on Sunday, July 10 at 10:00 am at the fire training grounds. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss policy and procedures in the fire district.

#### Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Mosier:

All bills have been posted.

#### Joint Board Account - Statement for May 1

Beginning Balance \$40,735.78  
Deposits \$0  
Interest \$2.69  
Checks and Other Debits \$2,174.57  
Ending Balance \$38,563.90

#### Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$944,724.42  
Deposits \$322,958.00  
Interest \$75.35

Checks Paid \$54,976.20  
Electronic Payment \$2,942.13  
Ending Balance \$1,209,839.44

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

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

There is no report due to the Insurance meeting held before this regular meeting. Commissioner Recine read an Amendment to the Adoption Going to Massachusetts Mutual.

Water – Commissioner Hough:

No report. Commissioner Burns reported on the new hydrant at the corner of Morris Avenue and Hoes Lane, where the new walkway was constructed. The steamer is facing away from the street. John Smolko said it is that way, at a 90 degree angle, so that when the hydrant assist valve is put on, the hose is not in the roadway as much and it will also aid in producing less kink. Also discussed the hydrant at the circle on Knightsbridge Road. Commissioner Hough will look into the issue with both hydrants.

Purchasing – Commissioner Burns:

After the caucus meeting last Monday, he reviewed the requests and opened an account at Home Depot, and Powell Automotive. Some of the equipment has come in and is in the back of the room. There will be a turnout gear fitting on July 5 at 7:00 pm at the Commissioners building. Commissioner Burns reported on the black diamond leather boots, and will set up a date for fitting, etc. with the salesman. Commissioner Burns has not purchased the detergent for the washing machines yet. He has purchased cans of fuel for the smaller engines, and he wants to put brackets to house the fuel, on each piece of apparatus that has a small engine. He has the particular bracket in mind. The tops of the straight fuel cans will be painted red to differentiate between the mixed and unmixed. That should be completed next week.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mosier said he spent hours getting the printer to work for the ID Tags. Only Possumtown responded. No input yet from River Road, some input received from Holmes Marshall. It has to get done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Burns said he attended the State Volunteer Chiefs meeting, and two Commissioners from District 1 came up to him and asked if District 2 has a facial hair

policy. There was also an issue at a mutual aid call where a firefighter responded in his personal vehicle with his gear. A discussion ensued in regarding both policies.

Assistant Chief Presley is trying to get a hold of Chris to schedule a Water Ops class. Needs a number of people to sign up.

Commissioner Burns mentioned that Sick Leave needs to be addressed.

#### PUBLIC:

Holmes Marshall – Assistant Chief Presley has three purchase orders. He asked if he is allowed to sign the state form for the Relief Association. He reported that the final inspection for the new truck is July 18-20 and Commissioner Burns, Billy Jackson, Douglas Hough and Assistant Chief Presley will be going. Commissioner Mosier informed them that no more money can be spent on the truck. Holmes Marshall is happy with the size and contents of their EMS bags.

Commissioner Burns explained that requests should come in any time before the workshop meetings, and should not be addressed at the regular meetings. They can be dropped in the mailbox so that they can be reviewed prior to the meetings.

Possumtown – Chief Snyder reminded everyone that they are taking an engine to the Sayreville parade. A discussion ensued regarding one of the trucks. John Smolko mentioned that a Commissioner cannot be on a committee for purchasing fire apparatus. Just wanted everyone to be aware. He also asked if someone could look into it. Chief Snyder said that Attorney Braslow informed him that a Commissioner could not be on the truck committee of his own fire company. John Smolko said the saw for cutting masonry was impressive and we should have one for rescue. New Market is going to set up a demo for the saw that Foley has.

River Road – John Smolko said Fire and Safety called him, they are going to do the welding job on the rescue truck. Commissioner Burns is going to look into the compressor repair. John Smolko started a discussion about Optigon Controllers.

Commissioner Recine made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Burns. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm