

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

## **District #2**

### **Regular Meeting**

**August 16th, 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 Bob Burns present  
Commissioner Rich Recine present  
Commissioner Dave Hough present  
Commissioner Pete Combates present

Commissioner Combates called for a reading of last month's minutes. Commissioner Hough made a motion to defer the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, as they have been posted on the website, second to the motion by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough read correspondence from River Road Fire Company regarding a fire call on August 11 at Hillside Avenue where a TIC malfunction occurred. A report has been filed.

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

All bills have been posted.

#### Joint Board Account -

Beginning Balance \$38,585.79 as of 7/1  
Deposits \$0  
Interest Paid \$2.56  
Checks and Other Debits \$1,858.91  
Ending Balance \$36,729.44

#### Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$1,137,478.58 as of 7/1

Deposits \$0  
Credits (Interest) \$73.48  
Checks Paid \$136,316.58  
Electronic Payment \$3,961.15  
Ending Balance \$997,274.33

Commissioner Combates called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and to pay the bills for the month. Commissioner Mosier made the motion, second by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mosier reported that an analysis of the 2016 budget was done and we are no longer spending any money, through the end of the year, unless there is an emergency. A discussion regarding the budget ensued.

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

Commissioner Recine reported we are caught up with the insurances, workman's comp and everything else. There is a problem with an individual that passed away, and we are trying to get the benefits for his family. The beneficiary form was never changed. Commissioner Recine reminded everyone to make sure their beneficiary form is up to date. We have a problem with the LOSAP. For one of the individuals who took out from his LOSAP, the checks came directly to Fire District 2 under Lincoln Benefit Life. We now need to cash the checks, and write a check to the individual and provide him with a 1099, and then it looks like District 2 is paying him. Lincoln Benefit Life made this change six months ago. With Massachusetts Mutual, the distribution check will be made payable to the individual, as it should.

Commissioner Combates read the Mutual Aid Response Protocol from the County. A discussion ensued regarding the mutual aid agreement between Highland Park and River Road. A discussion ensued in regards to mutual aid.

Purchasing & Supplies – Commissioner Burns:

No report

Membership – Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough has an application from Imran Qasir for Holmes Marshall. Application is in order. Commissioner Hough made a motion to accept Imran Qasir as a member of Holmes Marshall. Second to motion by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Truck/Engine Committee – No report

New Rescue Truck Committee – No report

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Washing Machine / Dryer

River Road - Commissioner Combates reported that River Road is having the plumbing put in for their washing machine. Electrician is coming in tomorrow to do the hookup for the dryer. The washing machine will probably be installed during the last week of August or the first week of September. The old dryer can be put in the pole barn once that is put up.

New Air Machine and Pole Barn – Commissioners Combates and Hough got the drawing from the architect on the layout of the pole barn. The building will be 24x24.

Andrew Smolko mentioned it was noticed at the last workshop meeting that Holmes Marshall and Possumtown were putting in for the blitz fire nozzles K12. It was brought up that River Road never put a request form in for it. Andrew has documentation that the request was put in.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Peter Barnoski Sr. asked how the Commissioners feel about calling out three fire companies to help the rescue squads with a lift assist. A discussion ensued. It was suggested to be a topic of discussion at the Chiefs' meeting.

## PUBLIC:

River Road – Assistant Chief Harding said regarding lift assists, it's been the tradition, he has no objection. John Smolko said they do not want new jump bags, they want to update the stuff in the ones they have because some of the items have expired. John spoke with Commissioner Burns about getting three hoses ordered.

Possumtown – Nothing

Holmes Marshall – Nothing

Commissioner Combates adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.