

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

September 20th, 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 absent
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 Burns. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough read an email sent to Commissioner Combates from Chris Santori of Garden State Fireworks, regarding an aerial fireworks display to be held on November 10, 2016 for Rutgers University 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Mosier:

All bills have been posted.

Joint Board Account -

Beginning Balance \$36,729.44 as of 8/1
Deposits \$0
Interest Paid \$2.47
Checks and Other Debits \$322.54
Ending Balance \$36,409.37

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$997,274.33 as of 8/1
Deposits \$322,958.00
Credits (Interest) \$79.69

Checks Paid \$55,982.06
Electronic Payment \$3,966.74
Ending Balance \$1,260,363.22

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

Commissioner Mosier reported that for the next three months, any expenditures will have to be absorbed by the fire companies.

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

Commissioner Combates reported in Commissioner Recine's absence. The Holmes Marshall engine is insured, and Commissioner Recine has the card. The Board has decided to reinstate the \$10,000 life insurance policy that was taken away 6 years ago. The policy will start in our next budget year, which starts in February. There was also talk last month of a \$10,000 critical illness policy that we were looking into, but it was too much to try and add it on. Commissioner Recine is concerned, and John Smolko brought up a lot of good points regarding the definition of an "active firefighter". As a Board, we are going to work on that. The workman's compensation policy cost is based on the number of "active firefighters".

Purchasing & Supplies – Commissioner Burns:

We are catching up on all of the things that were outstanding. There are still some items on backorder, some hose in particular.

Membership – Commissioner Hough:

No Report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

New Rescue Truck Committee – John Smolko indicated a meeting was held. We have the prints and spec sheet on it, and it will be brought up on the ballot in February.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Air Machine and Pole Barn – Commissioner Combates reported that the drawings for the Pole Barn and the applications are sitting in the Mayor's office, because the Township owns the land, and they need to sign the application in order to put the building up. It was dropped off in the office on Tuesday of last week, pending the Administrator's signature. Regarding the Air Machine, Commissioner Hough reported that he spoke with a couple of representatives while in Wildwood regarding grants, and he is looking into getting some money to help with the purchase. John Smolko reminded the Board to make sure it goes to 6000 PSI.

Washing Machine / Dryer for River Road - Commissioner Combates reported that installation of the washer and dryer began today. John Smolko said they tested it and the washing machine is working, and the dryer just needs a plug and it should be good. Commissioner Combates called Jack Dolan and the earliest appointment is Thursday of next week, and the dryer installation can be completed. Electrical and plumbing inspections will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIT Test – Commissioner Mosier reported that we need to have as many firefighters as possible show up on the 28th, because we get charged for 15 people, regardless of the number of folks that show up. If not, we will be charged twice. Regarding Regulatory Compliance, he also reported that some of the numbers to be provided to the Chiefs are not valid numbers. A conference call will be setup in the next couple of weeks with Commissioners Mosier and Burns, and the representative down in Trenton to go over how it works, so the training can be done on-line.

In Wildwood, Commissioner Burns spoke with Bill Cramer, the Acting Director of the Division of Fire Safety. Bill discussed the DFS relationship with Homeland Security. The DFS is making headway in the state government, and one of the initiatives is to pass on information relating to terrorism. Some of it is classified information, and DFS will be passing the information on to the Fire Chiefs via email. They asked us to have the Chiefs call DFS and provide them with valid email addresses. The Chiefs will have to enroll/register for clearance. There was also discussion again in Wildwood of consolidating fire districts, and changing the date of voting to November.

Commissioner Combates read 3 Articles from the District 2 By-Laws: Article 20.3.3 Active Firefighter, Article 20.3.5, and Article 20.4.

PUBLIC:

River Road – Glenn Harding asked about the on-line certification. Commissioner Mosier said he is working on it. A conference call will be set up, and Commissioner Mosier will let everyone know as soon as they are cleared to start the certification. Glenn Harding asked about who maintains the Monument, and he mentioned that a Boy Scout Troop wants to maintain it as an eagle project. John Smolko asked about the 15 point criteria for an active firefighter. A discussion ensued.

Poosumtown – Nothing

Holmes Marshall – Nothing

Commissioner Combates adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.