

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

January 16, 2018 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 Hough confirmed that the notices have been posted for tonight's meeting. Commissioner Hough requested to defer the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, as they have been posted on the website. Commissioner Combates called for a motion that the December meeting minutes be accepted as posted. Commissioner Recine made the motion, second to the motion by Commissioner Burns. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

No correspondence

Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Mosier:

Commissioner Mosier reported that the bills for the month have been posted for payment.

Joint Board Account -

Beginning Balance \$48,354.64 as of 12/1/17

Deposits and Other Credits \$175.00

Interest \$19.35

Checks and Other Debits \$64.82

Ending Balance \$48,484.17

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$792,994.86 as of 12/1/17

Deposits \$335,089.25

Other Credits / Interest \$412.53

Checks Paid \$94,669.47

Electronic Payments \$3,920.67

Ending Balance \$1,029,906.50

Commissioner Combates called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read and to pay the bills. Commissioner Recine made the motion, second by Commissioner Burns. Motion carried. Commissioner Mosier requested that all bills for 2017 that need to be paid be given to him immediately, so they can be charged to 2017.

Commissioner Combates announced that approval was received from the DCA to adopt the 2018 budget. Commissioner Combates read the resolution for the newly adopted annual budget. After the reading, a vote was taken to adopt the 2018 annual budget. Record of vote: Combates - yes, Recine - yes, Hough - yes, Mosier - yes, Burns - yes.

Insurance - Commissioner Recine:

Commissioner Recine reported that workman's comp is up to date, and he provided forms that need to be posted at each of the firehouses. Commissioner Recine will find out if individual identification cards for the group term insurance are available. He is still waiting to find out if the state will be giving a cost of living increase for LOSAP.

New Ladder Committee – It has been resolved as a repair.

Commissioner Combates announced that a new committee was formed to research a pay-per-call program for the fiscal year 2019. Commissioners Recine and Burns have volunteered to co-chair the committee. They are asking for two members from each fire company to join the committee.

Rescue Truck Committee – Chief John Smolko reported that the chassis will be trucked up here from Florida in February, and they will bolt the box on it. Hopefully delivery will be in April.

Training - Commissioner Burns announced that the driver training class initially scheduled for December has been rescheduled, and VFIS will provide the training in March. The class will be held for two days, on a weekend. Commissioner Combates reminded everyone that Regulatory Compliance class will be held tomorrow, January 17 at 7:00 pm, and on Saturday, January 20 at 8:30 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

LOSAP – Commissioner Hough read the LOSAP resolution. After the reading, a vote was taken to adopt the LOSAP resolution. Record of vote: Burns – yes, Combates – yes, Hough – yes, Mosier – yes, Recine – yes.

Reimbursement of Expenses – Commissioner Hough read the new reimbursement of expenses guidelines. Commissioner Mosier communicated that the point system did not change. Record of vote: Burns – yes, Combates – yes, Hough – yes, Mosier – yes, Recine – yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Combates received two phone calls from the Division of Fire & Safety, DCA, indicating they did not receive any reports for 2017 from Holmes Marshall, and they are also missing reports from Possumtown. They said the reports should be sent monthly. River Road is up to date.

Commissioner Mosier reminded everyone to use up their old def.

PUBLIC:

Possumtown – Chief Paul Snyder reported he lost the remote starter for 638. Also his truck needs PM. Commissioner Recine wants to make sure we are not paying for the same service twice, if something was not fixed the first time around. A system needs to be put in place to ensure this does not happen (i.e., itemized bill vs bottom line bill, if applicable).

Holmes Marshall – Assistant Chief Derrick Presley has two transfer applications. James Sanders, transfer from Possumtown Fire Company. Commissioner Combates made a motion to accept the transfer of James Sanders to Holmes Marshall Fire Company, seconded by Commissioner Mosier. Motion carried. Derrick Presley Jr, transfer from New Market Fire Company. Commissioner Mosier made a motion to accept the transfer of Derrick Presley, Jr. to Holmes Marshall Fire Company, seconded by Commissioner Recine. Motion carried. Assistant Chief Presley needs speedy dry, and O rings. Assistant Chief Presley said there is still a problem with the seat belt sensor on 671. Assistant Chief Presley asked for an update on the radios. Commissioner Burns left a message today for Billy Johnson regarding the status of the order. Chief Daryl Henry asked about new vendor for radios. A discussion ensued regarding radios. Assistant Chief Presley and Commissioner Mosier discussed accountability tags/ID cards. Commissioner Hough requested the 2018 roster from Holmes Marshall and Possumtown. Assistant Chief Presley reported the CPR class was held, and they had 9 attendees. Chief Paul Snyder mentioned that AED pads need to be checked out for replacement. Assistant Chief Presley asked if the ladies auxillary can participate in the CPR class, and the response was yes. Assistant Chief Presley provided the Commissioners with copies of certificates.

River Road – Chief John Smolko requested the i200 certificate for Jones, but was told when he gets it from the State, he needs to give a copy to the Commissioners to be filed. Chief Smolko mentioned there were problems at the Radisson again. There were two ceremonies going on and they had a large candle under the smoke detector which set off the alarms. The folks would not leave the lobby. Chief Smolko mentioned there have also been issues with calls at PowerBack Rehabilitation, and Chanel. A discussion ensued regarding these issues. Chief Smolko mentioned an incident at an extrication call where ALS was on the scene, and Robert Wood called in New Brunswick saying Piscataway took too long. Chief Smolko asked when the SCBA refresher class will be held. Assistant Chief Presley will let him know once the class has been scheduled. Chief Smolko started a discussion regarding Firefighter 1 certification.

Commissioner Hough reminded the Chiefs to post the new LOSAP requirements at the firehouse. Commissioner Recine reminded the Chiefs to post the insurance information. Commissioner Burns is requesting signatures showing support for the State Fire Museum.

After the public meeting, the Commissioners discussed applying for FEMA Grants for Fire Departments. Commissioners Burns and Hough will follow up on the grant for SCBAs. The Commissioners also discussed the NFIRS for Holmes Marshall and Possumtown. Commissioner Burns will set up qualifications for different firefighter stages, and will work on getting helmet emblems to distinguish them. Commissioner Burns needs copies of the insurance cards for the vehicles from Commissioner Recine.

Commissioner Combates called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mosier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.