

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2018 07:00 PM

Chairman Burns 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 Steve Weisman absent

Commissioner Dave Hough present

Commissioner Pete Combates absent

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 Burns called for a motion that the February meeting minutes be accepted as posted. Commissioner Mosier made the motion, second to the motion by Commissioner Burns. Motion carried.

Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Colgate sent information on Right to Know. Commissioner Hough made copies and put one in each company's mailbox.

Treasurer's Report - Commissioner Mosier:

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

Joint Board Account -

Beginning Balance \$38,915.73 as of 2/1/18
Deposits and Other Credits \$350.00
Interest \$14.05
Checks and Other Debits \$416.99
Ending Balance \$38,862.79

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$963,797.42 as of 2/1/18
Deposits \$11,452.00
Other Credits / Interest \$336.25
Checks Paid \$120,671.64
Electronic Payments \$3,909.01

Ending Balance \$851,005.02

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

Insurance – Commissioner Burns:

No report

Pay Per Call Committee –

Chief Darryl Henry and Brian Wahler will represent Holmes Marshall on the committee. The committee met, and the Board agreed to continue investigating pay per call options.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mosier reported that Possumtown's truck will hopefully be back by Friday. Pump testing is scheduled for Thursday, weather permitting. Commissioner Burns will bring Holmes Marshall's pumper to be tested.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

PUBLIC:

River Road – Chief John Smolko reviewed the status of open requests with the Commissioners. Some corrections need to be made to the requests where River Road was referenced, and it should reference District 2. River Road requested five elevator keys, but the Commissions said two will be provided to each company. Chief Smolko mentioned upgrading the lights.

Possumtown – Commissioner Mosier mentioned that the cylinders came in today. Assistant Chief George Dizzine reported that there is an issue with the gas meter in Chief Paul Snyder's Chief vehicle. It is possibly a dead battery. Commissioner Burns said the battery probably needs to be charged. Assistant Chief Dizzine brought up a personnel issue regarding eDispatch. Commissioner Burns will discuss it with the individual.

Holmes Marshall – Assistant Chief Derrick Presley brought up the policy that only the Chiefs are allowed to drive the Chief's vehicle. He suggested that during the snow storms, it would be better to have the smaller vehicles with 4 wheel drive respond to low hanging wires rather than having the high end vehicles respond. Commissioner Burns suggested we temporarily suspend the policy for these situations. Assistant Chief Presley asked about having the Commissioner's pickup truck available. Assistant Chief Presley mentioned that Holmes Marshall is implementing a schedule to have coverage on standby at the firehouse during the storm. Commissioner Hough mentioned he heard that plows will not go out with power lines down, and he also brought up the safety of firefighters.

Assistant Chief Presley asked at what point do we consider it unsafe for the firefighters to go out. Commissioner Burns suggested that during the impending storm, the Chief or the senior officer out in the field make the decision as to what they feel is too dangerous, and if any one of them recommends we shut down then the District will follow suit. For non-emergency situations, the conditions should be reported back to dispatch that the conditions are becoming too hazardous. Assistant Chief Presley said he went to North Stelton last night for an extrication drill, and they simulated a victim inside a vehicle with a metal fence post through the victim. They cut it away with a battery operated band saw, and there was virtually no movement, no heat, no sparks, and it took the guy approximately 5 seconds to cut through it. Assistant Chief Presley had the piece of metal and showed how smooth the cut is. He would like to see the District get a battery operated band saw for the rescue truck. Assistant Chief Presley gave an application for membership to Commissioner Hough.

Commissioner Mosier has a request from Holmes Marshall to take 671 to Colonia on June 2 for a parade. The Commissioners approved. They are also requesting permission to take 672 to Mount Bethel on June 9 for a wetdown. This was also approved.

Chief John Smolko is scheduling a trip to Upstate New York on May 13 and 14 to look at the new rescue.

Commissioner Mosier will call Workman's Comp regarding dropping members from the rolls. Commissioner Mosier said PM on the generators are due in June.

Commissioner Hough read the application for membership from Jamie Dunham for Holmes Marshall. Everything seems to be in order. Commissioner Burns made a motion to accept the application of Jamie Dunham, second by Commissioner Mosier. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hough asked if anyone has receipts for the last standby to turn them in to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Burns 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 7:58 p.m.