

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #2

Regular Meeting

April 17, 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 (arrived after roll call)

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 March meeting minutes be accepted as posted. Commissioner Mosier 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 \$38,862.79 as of 3/1/18

Deposits and Other Credits \$6,800.00

Interest \$18.23

Checks and Other Debits \$119.33

Ending Balance \$45,561.69

Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$851,005.02 as of 3/1/18

Deposits \$13,052.00

Other Credits / Interest \$329.02

Checks Paid \$109,215.54

Electronic Payments \$3,854.84

Ending Balance \$751,315.66

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 Weisman. Motion carried.

Insurance – Commissioner Burns:

No report

Rescue Truck Committee -

Chief John Smolko spoke to Bob and they owe us the fittings because one was defective. The guys can take the fittings with them and try them out on the truck, so if there is an issue, it can be fixed up there. Vinny, Estevan, Glenn, Darryl, and Bob will be going. We also need to see if the air cart fits in the passenger side rear compartment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief John Smolko asked about Emergency Response recommendations. Commissioner Burns said if you're using lights, you should be using sirens. There are two modes of response: Routine where you go with the flow of traffic, and Emergency where you use lights and sirens. Commissioner Hough said the website lists recommendations of what the state considers emergency and non emergency situations. Assistant Chief George Dizzine said the speaker for the class was very good. Commissioner Burns mentioned the VFIS classes are free for firefighters, and there are a lot of classes available and also a lot of materials available to firefighters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hough read an Amendment to the LOSAP Resolution dated 1/16/18, Section 6, Paragraph 2. A roll call vote was taken on the Resolution: Burns-yes, Combates-absent, Hough-yes, Mosier-yes, Weisman-yes. Commissioner Hough certified the Resolution was newly adopted by the Commissioners at this regular meeting held on April 17, 2018. The foregoing Resolution was introduced by Commissioner David Hough, seconded by Commissioner Jim Mosier. Commissioner Burns mentioned hose testing and ground ladder testing was done. All of the ground ladders passed, but there were some lengths of hose that did not pass. Commissioner Mosier reported that 637 still needs to be tested, so we will hold off on determining how to allocate the spare hose we have until 637 is done. Commissioner Burns suggested that when a firefighter is taken from a scene to the hospital, someone should go along to the hospital to show support of the firefighter and to assist with information the hospital needs to ensure billing is properly handled regarding worker's comp. If someone cannot leave the scene with the firefighter, someone should go to the hospital as soon as possible to show our support.

PUBLIC:

Rescue Squad – Evan Segoski spoke about the smoke house and partnering with the fire companies. He also spoke about responding to specific calls with the district fire companies. Evan mentioned the Open House on April 24 at the new RWJ Emergency

Department. There is a 5K run at Piscataway High School on April 29 and they will be giving out backpacks. The rescue squad will be helping with stuffing the backpacks, and asked the companies if they have any promotional information they would like to have included in the backpacks.

Poossumtown – Chief Paul Snyder asked about when the guys should go for turn out gear and boots. Commissioner Burns said he will get back to Chief Snyder.

Holmes Marshall – Captain William Jackson asked about scene lights, and he mentioned that the scene light is out on 675. Commissioner Burns asked Captain Jackson to speak with him after the meeting for clarification regarding the lights. Commissioner Mosier spoke about the information to be included on the back of the new ID tags (i.e. allergy and contact info). Captain Jackson reported that Anuj could not find his mask after the car fire.

River Road – Chief John Smolko requested to take 656 to the Middlesex carnival on April 23. Commissioner Mosier made a motion to approve taking 656 to the Middlesex carnival on April 23, seconded by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried. Chief Smolko will reach out to Poossumtown and Holmes Marshall for a couple of guys. Chief Smolko discussed changes to be made to pending requests with Commissioner Burns. Tires will be put on 651 tomorrow. The piercing nozzle loss claim will be turned in to insurance. There will be a picnic in Riverside Park on May 19. Chief Smolko asked about two bills he turned in to Commissioner Burns to give to Commissioner Mosier. Chief Smolko has two PMs to schedule.

Captain Jackson asked about AE pads. Commissioner Hough replied they are working on it.

Fire Police class was mentioned. Commissioner Hough and James Sanders will be attending from Holmes Marshall.

Commissioner Burns asked Bill Kerwin to explain a proposal he has regarding the purchasing/budget process, and backup responsibilities.

A discussion ensued regarding LOSAP. I Am Responding was also discussed.

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 8:10 p.m.