

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

## **District #2**

### **Regular Meeting**

**August 21, 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 absent

Commissioner Bob Burns present

Commissioner Steve Weisman absent

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 Burns made a motion that the July meeting minutes be accepted as posted, second by Commissioner Combates. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough announced he received an email invitation from Colgate regarding a tour of the facility on August 29th or 30th. Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Hough, and Chief Henry will attend.

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

In Commissioner Mosier's absence, Commissioner Combates reported that the bills for the month have been posted for payment. The checks for Wildwood will not be issued until Commissioner Mosier returns.

Joint Board Account - No report because the statement was not received

#### Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$1,144,396.15 as of 8/1/18

Deposits \$0

Other Credits / Interest \$1,098.81

Checks Paid \$50,073.02

Electronic Payments \$4,627.06

Ending Balance \$1,090,794.88

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

Pay Per Call Committee – Bill Kerwin says they came up with a formula that would allow for distribution on a monthly basis. Mr. Braslow says he has a problem with the formula because the amount cannot vary from month to month. Bill put another example on an excel spreadsheet. Commissioner Burns will send the information to Mr. Braslow to get his feedback.

New Rescue – Chief John Smolko reported that the service engine light came on. They will come by tomorrow to check it out. The traction control was fixed. The wrench is wound the wrong way, so it needs to be fixed. The M&W back charger is not working. The rescue needs to be cleaned and detailed. It needs a high band radio so we can communicate. Chief Smolko said he requested traffic wands. Collapsible cones were ordered. The truck went out for air conditioner repair, and now it has a bent tow hook. The door trim where you slide the ladders in was damaged. They fixed the trim, no charge.

Chief John Smolko reported for 655, he picked up the air hose and double sided tape. Commissioner Burns requested the receipts so that he can create the purchase order. Chief Smolko got the spare hose for 650. He also has the cribbing list. Regarding 652, the rear beacons on the back are still an issue. They are kicking out.

Chief Smolko says he needs speedy dry. Chief Smolko asked about laptops for the Chiefs' cars. Commissioner Combates said he is researching them. He looked at Panasonic tough books with some software loaded. The cost is approximately \$5,000 for each mounted tough book, \$6,000 for each tablet. He will continue to research.

Chief John Smolko said he spoke with Chief Paul Snyder and Billy Jackson about a Wednesday night training on tools, and he is waiting for their response. Chief Smolko said he did not receive the check from insurance for the piercing nozzle.

Assistant Chief Pete Barnoski said the old 655 was restricted from mutual aid calls, and asked if the new 655 is restricted. After a brief discussion, no decision was made.

There was a discussion of training. An announcement was made that a CPR class will be held on August 21, 2018 at River Road Firehouse.

Commissioner Burns reiterated what he said at the last meeting regarding the PEOSHA facial hair policy.

Poosumtown – Chief Paul Snyder asked for a new piece of apparatus and wants it to be reconsidered in the new budget. Chief Snyder mentioned trying to build up manpower, and recruiting in the neighborhood.

Holmes Marshall – Chief Darryl Henry spoke about ID cards, and whether or not they are being done by the township or the Commissioners. When Commissioner Mosier returns, they will find out exactly what is going on. Chief Henry reported the AC and the brakes need to be repaired on the chief's vehicle. Commissioner Hough will schedule a date to get it fixed. Chief Henry will provide the Commissioners with a note from his doctor regarding his clearance for active duty.

Bill Kerwin asked about reimbursement for a gym membership. The Commissioners will look into it.

Commissioner Combates brought up coverage for Rutgers football games, and asked what the Chiefs thought about it. Commissioner Burns said the Chiefs should work it out.

Commissioner Burns mentioned that guys are not wearing their turn out gear on the apparatus. Chief Darryl Henry suggested the turn out gear should be worn on the apparatus as required, and once they get to the scene, the person in charge of the scene should assess the situation and determine if the turn out gear can be removed.

Chief Smolko said he can get a salesman from Morning Pride gear to sit down next month and discuss what he has to offer. Commissioner Burns wants to do a side by side comparison between Morning Pride and Globe, which are the two premier manufacturers. Chief Smolko asked about the work helmets, and the Commissioners agreed we should go ahead with that since it is a safety issue. Derrick Presley Jr asked if we do change gear, can we switch from tan to black gear and have names on them. Commissioner Burns said they will look at that.

Chief Smolko brought up having a water rescue awareness class, since we are getting into hurricane season.

Commissioner Burns called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hough made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Combates. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.