

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

## **District #2**

### **Regular Meeting**

**September 18, 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 present

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 to accept the August meeting minutes as posted. Commissioner Mosier made the motion, second by Commissioner Weisman. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough read the scheduled dates for fit testing, and said that Commissioner Mosier sent the notice to the Chiefs on August 31, 2018. Commissioner Hough read a notice for a Pipeline Class to be held on October 11, 2018.

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

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

#### Joint Board Account -

Beginning Balance \$54,744.11 as of 8/1/18

Deposits and Other Credits \$100.00

Interest \$52.83

Checks and Other Debits \$1,532.60

Ending Balance \$53,364.34

#### Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$1,090,794.88 as of 8/1/18

Deposits \$331,406.95

Other Credits / Interest \$1,094.08

Checks Paid \$31,552.93

Electronic Payments \$4,627.06  
Ending Balance \$1,387,115.92

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 Weisman. Motion carried.

Commissioner Burns announced a proposed change in the Commissioners' responsibilities. The change will allow more time for Commissioner Mosier to assist Commissioner Burns. Commissioner Burns made a motion to assign the position of Vice President to Commissioner Mosier, and the position of Treasurer to Commissioner Combates, second by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried. Commissioner Mosier mentioned he will be responsible for issuing equipment, and he spoke about the new process going forward.

Pay Per Call Committee – A committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Regarding PPE, Commissioner Burns contacted three dealers who will come and demonstrate their gear. We are looking for turnout gear that is lighter, and more appropriate for hot weather. The Commissioners are researching NEFERS software. Commissioner Burns mentioned there have been issues with equipment being brought to vendors without the Commissioners' knowledge and also going to the wrong vendors, so going forward the Commissioners will be the only ones taking equipment to the vendors. When there is a request to take apparatus out of town, you will need to provide the Commissioners with a week's notice. The apparatus will not be allowed to go to an event with less than two people. Standby and mutual aid should have at least three people on the apparatus.

Commissioner Hough spoke about the Holmes Marshall incident with 671, that will keep the engine out of service for 4 months, and a repair cost of \$40K. The Commissioners will have the incident investigated. There have been two driver training accidents in the past two months. Commissioners Mosier and Weisman are looking at the current bylaws, and policies and procedures. They hope to have revisions by the end of October.

Poosumtown – Chief Paul Snyder needs two more sets of applications. The Commissioners said Bill Kerwin needs to come in and pick up his gear. Chief Snyder has replaced the headlight on his truck three times in a month, so it needs to go in for service to find out why. He will work with Commissioner Hough to schedule a date to take the truck in. Training on the extrication tool will be scheduled for October 3. Chief Snyder reported 637 is back. Campbell Supply is going to send copies of certification for the welding. Chief Snyder asked if letters were sent to guys regarding reinstatement. Commissioner Burns said a letter was sent to Steve Cahn indicating he can return once he completes regulatory compliance training. Assistant Chief George Dizzine says he spoke with Steve Cahn this morning, and Steve says he did not get a letter. A discussion ensued regarding suspension and reinstatement.

Chief Snyder asked about the status of replacing 637. Commissioner Burns said it has been discussed, but no decision has been made yet. There is nothing personal about it.

Holmes Marshall – Chief Darryl Henry requested XL gloves and a medium mask for Nick Higgins.

River Road – Chief John Smolko requested that the Commissioners help the fire companies find a way to bring people into the fire service. Chief Smolko asked if guidelines have been established for the use of Unit 5. The Commissioners have discussed it, and are in the process of documenting it. Chief Smolko asked if the percentages are going to change. Commissioner Hough said the percentages will remain the same. Chief Smolko needs some of the initial life insurance forms. Chief Smolko said 655 is back in service. Regarding 652, they need to mount the monitoring device on the bottom. Chief Smolko asked how much money is left in the budget for 655. Commissioner Combates will get back to him with that. Thursday is the trailer burn at Rutgers at 11:00 a.m. River Road and Holmes Marshall will be participating with 651. He needs some oil and gas mix for 652, and a gallon of regular fuel. Chief Smolko said the reimbursement cost of electricity for the compressor and the natural gas for the generator is on average \$100 per month. Chief Smolko mentioned that he has meters that need to be sent out to be calibrated.

Commissioner Hough says the Commissioners are aware of the percentages for some of the senior firefighters, and we don't want to lose them. The Commissioners are in the process of coming up with a system to categorize the senior firefighters so they can still be active and participate in the fire companies.

Regulatory compliance will be scheduled for October, but the date is not yet determined. The date for the refresher for District 2 is still in the works.

Commissioner Burns called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hough made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Weisman. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.