

# **Board of Fire Commissioners**

## **District #2**

### **Regular Meeting**

**November 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 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 Burns called for a motion to accept the October meeting minutes as posted. Commissioner Combates made the motion, second by Commissioner Mosier. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence - Commissioner Hough:

Commissioner Hough read a notice for a special meeting to be held on December 10, 2018 to secure voter approval relative to the purchase of 3 command vehicles and SCBA equipment.

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

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

#### Joint Board Account -

Beginning Balance \$50,440.03 as of 10/1/18  
Deposits and Other Credits \$962.00  
Interest \$49.28  
Checks and Other Debits \$1,813.10  
Ending Balance \$49,638.21

#### Fire District 2 Commissioners Account -

Beginning Balance \$1,284,129.73 as of 10/1/18  
Deposits \$37,150.16  
Other Credits / Interest \$1,233.54  
Checks Paid \$97,951.06  
Electronic Payments \$4,627.06

Ending Balance \$1,219,934.31

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

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

Possumtown Assistant Chief George Dizzine provided the Commissioners with the activity information up to October 31. Assistant Chief Dizzine read their equipment requests, since Chief Paul Snyder was on a call and was unable to read the requests during the workshop meeting last night.

Commissioner Burns announced that Foley will be doing PM on the standby generators tomorrow, instead of Monday. Commissioner Burns handed out the report for the requests. Commissioner Burns reported that the Commissioners decided to revamp the clothing allowance criteria, and not do pay per call. Regarding the personnel protective gear, Commissioner Burns said District 2 will be on the back, the firefighter's name will be on the tail of the coat, and the fire company patch will be on the shoulder. A couple of demo sets will be ordered from Firefighter One.

Commissioner Mosier says the emails he receives regarding the trucks are working great.

Commissioner Weisman read an application for membership for River Road Fire Company from Matthew Putnins, who is a student at Rutgers. Commissioner Burns called for a motion to accept Matthew Putnins as a probationary firefighter. Commissioner Mosier made the motion, second by Commissioner Combates. Motion carried.

Commissioner Combates reported on the balance of monies left in the budget from the purchase of the new rescue. There is \$33,903 remaining. If there is something else that should be purchased for the new rescue, the Commissioners will consider it before moving the remaining funds to the temporary budget in December. Chief Smolko said his requests for a spotlight and a high band radio for the rescue were denied. The Commissioners will go back and take a look at the request.

Public:

River Road Rescue Squad – Evan Shegoski says everything they requested this year has been delivered, and he thanked the Commissioners. The rescue squad is spending money to fix the electrical and plumbing in their building, so they are holding off on an ice machine and refrigerator.

River Road – Chief John Smolko asked for clarification on the decision regarding pay per call. The Commissioners are looking to reexamine the clothing reimbursement.

Poosumtown – Assistant Chief George Dizzine asked if the Commissioners were going to supply fire police badges and vests. Commissioner Mosier said they did not supply badges, just a sticker to go on the vest. Commissioner Burns said they will supply vests.

Holmes Marshall – Assistant Chief Derrick Presley asked about the status of hydrant markers. The Commissioners will look into it. Assistant Chief Presley also asked about the marrying straps. Commissioner Burns added it to their list. Assistant Chief Presley asked why the programmable radios with the spin 4 channel was denied. Commissioner Burns said it was because they don't want us calling them on it. Assistant Chief Presley and Chief Smolko said that is not what they were told in class, and a supervisor said they wanted to hear directly from the folks on the scene. With that information, the Commissioners will investigate further. Commissioner Combates asked for the name of the supervisor. A discussion ensued regarding the radios. Assistant Chief Presley would like to have the issue resolved prior to the next Commissioner's meeting. Chief Smolko will put in for a county radio in next year's budget.

Chris Simon asked if another regulatory compliance class will be held for guys that did not make the class. A lengthy discussion ensued. Chris was informed no other classes will be held, he will be suspended for one year for failure to complete regulatory compliance class, and must turn in his gear. The LOSAP year is from November 1-October 31.

Commissioner Mosier told Holmes Marshall that the Commissioners are addressing their line officers issue.

A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28 at 12:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and other matters that may come before us.

Commissioner Burns called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Weisman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Hough. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.