

Board of Fire Commissioners
District #2
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2022
Called to Order: 7:15 pm

Commissioner Henry called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District # 2 with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Commissioner Agnew

Commissioner Jim Mosier present
Commissioner Brian Agnew present
Commissioner Peter Combates absent
Commissioner Darryl Henry present
Commissioner My Do present

Minutes: Commissioner Agnew

Commissioner Agnew read the minutes from the Board of Fire Commissioners District 2 Regular Meeting of February 15, 2022. Commissioner Agnew made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Do. Approved.

Commissioner Agnew read the minutes from the Board of Fire Commissioners District 2 Special Reorganization Meeting of March 1, 2022. Commissioner Agnew made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Do. Approved.

Correspondence: Commissioner Agnew

None

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Mosier

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| District 2 beginning balance: | \$2,609,141.89 |
| Credits: | 99.85 |
| Checks paid: | 41,091.54 |
| Electronic payments: | 4,639.13 |
| Deposits : | 5,387.00 |

Ending balance: \$2,568,898.07

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| Joint Board beginning balance: | \$43,728.00 |
| Interest paid: | 1.59 |
| Checks paid | 4,318.26 |

Ending balance: \$39,411.33

Commissioner Henry made motion to accept the treasury report and pay the bills.
Seconded by Commissioner Agnew. Affirmed.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business

Request for Equipment Responses: Commissioner Henry

The Blower was approved for River Road. The radio batteries have been ordered. Commissioner Mosier put in an order of 20. The pagers are also complete and will be picked up in the next few days. The bumper cover for 672 is complete and the boat is also in.

There was a discussion last meeting pertaining to probationary firefighters getting gym reimbursements. The Commissioners decided against this.

Water Rescue Gear –

Water rescue gear has been issued. Commissioner Do announced that the first round of water rescue classes will be on March 26th & 27th and then the following week for tech will be April 2nd & April 3rd. Commissioner Mosier mentioned that these classes were very difficult to get because of the waiting list so he would appreciate those that are signed up to attend. The trailer will also be in in the next few weeks.

New Business -

Commissioner Mosier noted that the Auditor has doubled their fee from \$10,000 to \$20,000, as a result we will be looking for a new auditor.

Commissioner Henry congratulated Commissioner Do and Commissioner Agnew on their election victories.

Public Discussion -

Asst. Chief Smolko asked Commissioner Mosier if he could continue with the Joint Board account. He would work with Commissioner Mosier on the bills.

Chief Snyder mentioned that a lot of letters and bills for District 2 are in box in the Township's Clerks Office. This has been an ongoing problem for years. It was suggested that Commissioner Combates periodically check this box.

Chief Smolko asked if a proposal was received for 40 Kingsbridge Rd. They are knocking all the solar panels down and putting up warehouses. The Commissioners should be involved in this process for hydrants placements. Commissioner Mosier said they have not received anything.

Chief Snyder said he talked to the Construction Division about the huge building on 100 Ridge Rd. He said the building is actually divided into 2 businesses and this becomes a big hazard when there is no communication. There recently was a call for a gas smell in one of the buildings. The issue is from the inside you cannot get from one business to the other. There are no doors to get through so you have to go outside to get around. The second issue was that all the keys to the building in the Knox box did not fit the doors. They re-keyed everything once the Fire Marshall was brought in.

All of these new huge buildings are being divided into multiple businesses. Chief Snyder said he had a discussion with the Construction Official to see if maybe a personnel board could be placed on the wall when it is going up but he said this was not required by code. It was suggested that the Commissioners write a letter to the businesses.

George Dizzine asked the Board to reassess Chief Snyder's proposal for a new ladder. He asked if they could make a decision with an explanation.

Commissioner Mosier said that this was given serious consideration and the majority of the commissioners at that time said "no". Mr. Dizzine asked "why" it was denied. Commissioner Mosier said that the Commissioners will engage in further discussion with the Chief.

Commissioner Henry confirmed that the vote was not unanimous but it was indeed a majority. He also said the decision was based on the fact that Possumtown does not have enough members to get the rigs out. He said the Commissioners will work with Possumtown to see how they can help get membership up. In this manner they could fill the trucks and get another ladder.

Mr. Dizzine asked the Commissioners to reconsider because eventually the current Truck will be 30 years old and taken out of service. Chief Snyder said they are not asking for another piece but just a replacement. Mr. Dizzine added that newer equipment promotes new membership and that manpower should not be the excuse.

Commissioner Henry assured that the Commissioners would discuss this issue again.

Commissioner Agnew noted that it is important to continue the discussion of how to recruit membership, because this is the most important issue.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm

