

Board of Fire Commissioners
District #2
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2022 7:22 pm

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

Roll Call: Commissioner Agnew

Commissioner Jim Mosier: Present
Commissioner Brian Agnew: Present
Commissioner Peter Combates: Present
Commissioner Darryl Henry: Present
Commissioner My Do: Absent

Minutes: Commissioner Agnew

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

Correspondence: Commissioner Agnew

None

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Combates

District 2 beginning balance: \$2,568,898.07
Credits: 106.34
Checks paid: 102,691.54
Electronic payments: 4,639.13

Ending balance: \$2,461,673.74

Joint Board beginning balance: \$39,411.33
Interest paid: 1.67
Checks/Debits 27.39

Ending balance: \$39,385.61

Chief Derrick Presley said the stand pipe is completed and he handed in the invoice. He was looking for this to get paid.

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

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business

Request for Equipment Responses: Commissioner Henry

For Holmes Marshall. The safety shield was ordered for Dave and the soap brushes are in. Two – cycle was requested today and will be ordered.

River Roads phone system has been repaired. River road noted that they are still waiting for someone to come in and fix the valve on 652.

Commissioner Agnew gave an update on vehicle maintenance. There was a concern from the last meeting on the convenience for oil changes on the Chief's vehicles. It was determined that routine service needed to be structured. That being said the Commissioners have opened an account with Mr. Tire on Stelton Road, to provide standard maintenance on the Chief's vehicles. This includes things such as oil changes, tire rotation, wipers and brakes. The Chief's should notify Commissioner Agnew before taking over a vehicle.

Commissioner Henry asked Chief Snyder if he had a date from Ford to fix the door. Chief Snyder said he could not get a date because they are backed up.

Additional Equipment: Commissioner Mosier

The batteries are still on back order. The AED is still on back order. The trailer is in. Also for clarification the bills for the school should come to the board not the Fire School. Finally, the board has changed auditors. The fee for this year is \$12,500. This is a savings of \$7,500 from what the last auditor wanted to charge. The company the board will be using is Suplee Clooney & Company.

Water Rescue –

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioner's, Commissioner Agnew congratulated firefighters, My Do, Chris Simon, Brian Wahler and Steve Weisman for completing the Swift Water Rescue Awareness and Operational Level Training along with firefighters Dan Reina, RJ Simon and Brian Agnew for completing the Technician Level Training. The Commissioners also recognized Chief Derrick Presley for his long term advocacy to get the training approved. Commissioner Agnew has contacted the Piscataway Community Center about pool time for those interested in future ops or technician level classes and for those certified to practice to continue to learn their skills.

Chief Barnowski (River Rd) noted some discrepancies in the responsibilities between a Technician and Operations. Commissioner Agnew agreed and said the district needs to create SOG's around this issue.

A letter was read by Commissioner Henry requesting that Captain Dan Reina and Captain Brian be co-leaders of the water rescue team. It is noted that this leadership does not remove command authority from the incident commander. Chief Presley questioned who this "team" was in the letter and that in the letter it seemed that they wanted to operate independently from the Chief. Commissioner Agnew, speaking as a member of the water rescue suggested that instead of this being about a person, it should focus on the team. Chief Pressley expressed concern about creating a formal team because it has not worked in the past.

After a lengthy discussion on Swiftwater Rescue, a leadership decision was deferred by the Commissioners for Capt. Agnew, Capt. Reina and Chief Presley to discuss offline.

The Commissioners further discussed that maybe a separate committee for water rescue should be formed and they would decide if a Commissioner should sit on the Committee.

Commissioner Henry tabled further discussion on the topic.

CPR Class

The district recently had classes. Commissioner Henry asked if there was anyone who still needed training. Commissioner Mosier acknowledged that all fire houses have been completed and all the certificates are coming to the Board so copies can be made. Once that is done the firehouses will receive the originals. Also, with the AED's, they should not be turned on and off. The light should be green. If it is turned on and off it will kill the big battery.

Opticon Light - Commissioner Combates

After discussions with the county, the county is saying though they maintain Netherwood, Hoes Lane and Plainfield, this particular light is not in their responsibility. As a result, we are going to have to go to the Piscataway Light Division to repair and the district will have to pay for it. The opticon system works, it's the main light system itself that does not due to water intrusion after flooding.

New Business -

None

Public Participation -

635 is in need of a new fitting for the compressor.

Applications – Commissioner Agnew

1. Application for Probationary status at Holmes Marshall Fire Company for Vishal Sharma of 3 New Brook Court. Status of background check was unknown.
 - a. Commissioner Henry made a motion to approve pending background check. Seconded by Commissioner Mosier. Approved.
2. Application for Carlos Szarawarski to shift from cadet status to Probationary status at Holmes Marshall Fire Company.
 - a. Commissioner Agnew made a motion to approve, pending background check. Seconded by Commissioner Combates. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:22