

Board of Fire Commissioners
District #2
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2022 7:15 pm

The meeting started with a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence for all of those that have been lost. 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 absent
Commissioner Brian Agnew present
Commissioner Peter Combates present
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 April 22, 2022. Commissioner Combates made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Do. Approved.

Correspondence: Commissioner Agnew

None

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Combates

District 2 beginning balance: \$2,461,673.74
Credits: 200.26
Checks paid: 120,739.65
Electronic payments: 4,639.13

Ending balance: \$2,336,495.22

Joint Board beginning balance: \$39,385.61
Interest paid: 3.24
Checks/Debits 26.99

Ending balance: \$39,361.86

Commissioner Combates noted that 2 bills were paid for the Joint Board. One to Fyre Technology \$3,807.50 and the other to AER Consulting for \$1,350.00.

There is also a bill for \$20,180.00 for the replacement of existing body lights, and repair of the light tower on 675. The work has been completed so Commissioner Combates moved to approve payment. Commissioner Agnew made a motion to approve the treasurer report and pay the bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Do. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business

None

Request for Equipment Responses: Commissioner Henry

Anti-freeze has been ordered. The battery operated circular saw has been approved. The spare nozzle will be researched.

Commissioner Combates noted that the metal stair work completed at the Fire School by “Quality Sheet Metal & Welding” was being donated by the vender at no cost to the district. The cost of the labor and materials donated was \$3,340.00. The check that was made out will be voided & recorded. It was also suggested that a letter of thanks be composed by the Secretary on behalf of the Board.

Vehicle Update – Chiefs Vehicles: Commissioner Agnew

Mr. Tire has been secured to do the work. The Chiefs have been instructed to contact Commissioner Agnew prior to taking their vehicle over. Mr. Tire has agreed to prioritize the Chief’s vehicles as long as there is a scheduled appointment.

Ford has issued a re-call on the 4 F-250’s concerning the drive shaft. All vehicles will need to be taken in. Commissioner Agnew will make arrangements. John Smolko noted that there have been a few other re-calls that have not been completed. Commissioner Agnew said this will be looked into.

Battery Updates: Commissioner Henry

Batteries still on back order.

Water Rescue: Commissioner Agnew

The pool has been booked at the Piscataway Community Center for Sunday's, June 12th, September 11th, and November 20th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate. All those who have gear should bring it. The goal is to do this 4 times a year.

There will be a meeting scheduled with the entire team in June to discuss equipment needs.

Update Radio's & Batteries: Commissioner Agnew

Piscataway Police will be sending out a bid for a full upgrade of the communication system for emergency responders. The fire departments will need to align with this new system. Department requests were received from each Chief. 95% of the mobiles, portables and all base stations in district 2 will need to be replaced. Shoulder straps and mic's for all the radios will be ordered along with additional batteries. At this time, the plan is to replace what is currently in service and will review additional requests at a later time, once actual costs have been presented from the vendor. Further information will be provided as it comes in from the Police Department. This upgrade will need to be placed in the budget but at this point the cost is unknown.

River Rd Light - Commissioner Combates

Commissioner Combates spoke with Jim Ferratti (Public Works) about purchasing the light. The guesstimated cost is between \$3,000 – \$5,000.

New Applicants - *Commissioner Agnew*

River Road Fire is presenting Aithal Cameron of New Brunswick, NJ as a **probationary** member. Commissioner Agnew presented the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Do. Affirmed.

River Road Fire is presenting Andrew Martineau of Piscataway NJ as a **probationary** member. Commissioner Agnew present the motion to accept. Seconded by Commissioner Do. Motion Passed.

River Road Fire is presenting Liam Fleisher of New Brunswick, NJ as a probationary member. Pending background check Commissioner Agnew made a motion to accept. Seconded by Commissioner Combates. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:22pm