

Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No 1
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August 26, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No 1 was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Thomas Caruso.

The flag salute was lead by Chief Bryan Zuccarelli, Roll call was taken as follows: John Toutouchi, Robert Buscaglia, Shayamal Joshi, Charles Buscaglia and Thomas Caruso were all present. Also in attendance was Joseph Youssouf, Donna Pujat, Chief Zucarelli, President Marcondes and other members of the fire company.

A motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the July minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative .

Correspondence: A certificate of approval was received from the township for the installation of the gas heaters at Smithburg.

Treasurers Report: The report was read into record by Mr. C. Buscaglia. A motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Joshi to approve the report as presented. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative. A motion was made by Mr. C. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to pay the bills in the total of \$42,675 and to transfer \$40,000 from money market into checking. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Insurance: Mr. Caruso reported that there was one claim for John Toutouchi. John had not received word for the Workmans Comp carrier. Donna will follow up with the insurance company in the next couple of days.

Mr. Caruso also reported that the repair for the windshield was taken care of.

Building: Mr. Joshi reported that the service contract for plyovent is due.

Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that the door locks were changed and the codes changed.

Generator servicing is scheduled.

Apple has been scheduled for a few items.

Mr. Caruso stated that the stove and oven at district are not working, and will need to be replaced. Mr. Joshi will handle that.

Legal: Mr. Youssouf reported that the resolution was received from Freehold Twp regarding the reconstruction/addition at District. Permit will be submitted shortly.

Jack Purvis reported that the materials cost estimates have increased since contracted time, but not sure at this time of the exact amount. Labor will not increase. Rich of the construction company was present and noted that he does not think the increase is

significant. He added that the increase is due to the increase in the cost of steel since the award in March.

Contracts were signed.

Mr. Youssouf offered the resolution accepting the audit report for the year ending 2013. A motion was made by C. Buscaglia and seconded by R. Buscaglia to approve the resolution. All present voted in the affirmative.

Group affidavit of the audit was signed.

A resolution was offered prohibiting transportation of non-fire personnel in district apparatus while responding to or from an emergency response. A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. Caruso to approve the resolution. Mr. Caruso pointed out that this is during emergency responses only. There were questions from the audience which were addressed. Mr. Caruso stated that the board would take call comments into advisement. A roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Mr. Youssouf reported that tonight the board was schedule to hear a presentation from Dan Spicuzza regarding his July 22, 2014 suspension. Mr. Youssouf was contacted by Edward Washburn Esq attorney for Mr. Spicuzza who requested a postponement. Mr. Youssouf read into record a letter send to Mr. Washburn and Mr. Spicuzza. Mr. Youssouf stated that a court reporter would be hired for the hearing next month. Mr. Spicuzza will be given the opportunity to be heard in a public meeting or executive session.

More information was brought to the attention of the board regarding moving the district elections to the general elections in November.

Chief's Report: Chief Zucarelli read the July report into record.

Rec'd two sets of cribbing for 87

Oct 5th is the Fire Prevention Open House.

Chief has a meeting scheduled regarding the repeater for Georgia Road.

77 needed a new windshield and alternator repair.

Magnetic door sensor on 87 was repaired and the fill station upgrade was done.

Bolts of the rear drive shaft axel was replaced on 94

Winch roller bolts were replaced on 93

Drivers side mirror was cracked and needed replacement of 909. Also bucket hose handle valves were replaced.

Parts for 86 are in and repairs to be done next week

The plyovent at District is out of service with a burned out celluloid.

Pre-emption system at Stillwells and Elton Adelphia is not working again. R. Buscaglia will contact the vendor.

Three corrected quotes were received for scene lights on 90 & 78. Those are as follows:

78 \$7,643.16

90 \$2,934.26 First Priority was the lowest quote. A motion was made by Mr. R.

Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. Toutouchi to go with First Priority. Roll call vote was taken, all votes in the affirmative.

Quote was received for fabricating four trucks for adding tools at \$1,680 and pike pole mounting on 78 at \$695 A motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by Mr. R. Buscaglia to proceed with the work.

Mr. Caruso asked the Chief, if it was decided that they don't like the new portables, if they can be returned, The Chief noted they could be.

Mr. R. Buscaglia reported that the 87 garage door was completely replaced. I the eyes get knocked out, holding the button for 7 seconds the door will come down.

President's Report: President Marcondes asked the Board for a copy of the letter send to Mr. Spicuzza's attorney for the fire company records.

He reported that Zack Caruso and Jenson made a 50th anniversary DVD, interviewing past chiefs, etc. He stated that it is very nice and copies will be given to the Board to review.

Discussion was held on the fingerprinting and the board advised they are still working on procedure. Mr. Caruso asked that new members be approved pending background checks. The Fire Company can accept members, but not allow possession of gear/equipment until fingerprinting and background checks have been completed.

Old Business: Prices were received for cleaning of the firehouses. Five companies were contacted, the lowest being Baileys - \$100 per firehouse per month. First time cleaning is \$500 for District and \$250 for Georgia Road. First time cleaning to include; floors, carpets, windows and detailed cleaning. Service contract to begin October 1st. Some supplies will be billed as used such as toilet paper, soap, etc. Mr. Joshi commented that if the Board is pleased with the work, they can be contracted for Smithburg as well. Vice President Fogarty commented that in the past Baileys was used at Smithburg, but fired for poor job. Mr. Joshi stated that is why it is being done on a one month trial.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a Class A CDL License for driving the tanker. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. R. Buscaglia and seconded by Mr. C. Buscaglia to require that anyone driving the tanker be a Class A CDL driver. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

R. Buscaglia	yes
J. Toutounchi	no
S. Joshi	no
C. Buscaglia	yes
T. Caruso	no

A motion was made by Mr. Joshi that it not be required to possess a Class A CDL to drive the tanker, seconded by Mr. Toutounchi. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

R. Buscaglia	no
J. Toutounchi	yes
S. Joshi	yes
C. Buscaglia	no
T. Caruso	yes

Mike Fogarty questioned the generator at Smithburg. Mr. Caruso stated that the replacement had not been budgeted, but the unit will be serviced and be ready for the winter months. Mr. Fogarty voiced some concern with the letter to Mr. Spicuzza and his Attorney being read in a public meeting. It now becomes public record. Mr. Youssouf stated that although the letter was read into record, it will not be made part of the public minutes on line. Mr. Fogarty feels that a private matter has now been made public. Discussion followed. Mr. Youssouf was asked if he thinks there is a need for the fire company to seek legal representation for this issue. Mr. Youssouf stated that not at this point, there is no imminent threat of anything at this time.

It was noted that Dan Spicuzza had the only password access to the incident reporting system. Due to this, the new reporting system is now being used and all officers have

access. Asst Chief Zuccarelli did state that the old system will be needed to calculate the year end report.

Audience: None

Being no further a motion was made by Mr. Joshi and seconded by C. Buscaglia to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted:

John Toutouchi, Secretary

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