



# **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County**

**P.O. Box 111**

**Norma, NJ 08347-0111**

**Regular Meeting  
FEBRUARY 20, 2012**

**PRESENT:**

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairperson  
Pat Heer, Treasurer  
Dan Sauder  
Linda Ortega, Chief

**ABSENT:**

Louis J. Vasile, Secretary  
Elbert Johnson

**AUDIENCE:**

Rich Kurtz, President  
George Cousins  
Shawn

Henry called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The flag salute and a moment of silence and reflection for the LODD and or dignitaries were held. The sunshine law was read.

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONER:**

Henry Mayerfeld was sworn in for a three year period.

**Noel Almodaovar never showed up to the meeting.**

A brief discussion was held about Noel Almodaovar. The chief said Noel was chronically late or not showing up at all for drills. He was also known for trying to intimidate members. His mindset seems to be a very male oriented, downplaying the role of females in the company. He even insisted on driving; not allowing a girl to drive when going on a call.

Dan Sauder mentioned Noel was a "loose cannon on a ship".

Henry Mayerfeld said he felt the Commissioners were behind the Chief and her decision on relieving Noel from his association with the Fire Company.

**Reorganization:**

Since two of the commissioners were not in attendance it was decided to table appointments and elections of officers until next month, March 19, 2012.

**MINUTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2012:**

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Dan Sauder and seconded by Pat Heer.

Vote: All in favor

**TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2012:**

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by Dan Sauder and seconded by Pat Heer.

Vote: All in favor

**New Ambulance:**

**Resolution 2012 – 02; Approval for Lawyer to Place Advertisement in the Newspapers for Bids for the Purchase of a new Ambulance:**

A motion was made by Pat Heer and seconded by Dan Sauder to approve the resolution 2012 – 02, to have Richard Braslow Esquire, place the advertisement in the newspapers for bids on the new ambulance.

**Vote:**

Henry – yes

Dan – yes

Pat – yes

Linda Kurtz will notify Richard Braslow the resolution has passed, approving the placement of the bid in newspapers for the purchase of the new ambulance.

**2012 Elections:**

The election results for 2012 were reviewed. There were a total of 14 voters.

- One position was open for a Commissioner. Henry Mayerfeld ran against one write in. He received 14 votes. There were no write ins votes for the commissioners position.
- Question one on the ballot, authorization to provide funding for the acquisition of equipment in the amount of \$32,000, received 13 yes votes and one no vote.
- Question two on the ballot, approval of \$176,387.00 for the budget of 2012, received 12 yes votes and two no votes.
- Question three on the ballot, authorization to approve the sum of \$160,000 from the unrestricted fund balance to acquire and install a solar electric panel energy system at the firehouse, received nine yes votes and five no votes.

The results of the election were faxed the state by the secretary on Sunday, February 19, 2012.

**2012 – 2013 Schedule:**

The Commissioners reviewed the schedule for 2012 – 2013. All meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m., except for September and January. September's meeting will be held on the fourth Monday, September 17 because of Rosh Hashana and January 2013 meeting will be held on the second Monday, January 14 because of Martin Luther King's birthday. No meeting will be held August.

A motion was made by Dan Sauder and seconded by Pat Heer to approve the 2012 – 2013 schedule.

**Vote:**

Henry – yes

Dan – yes

Pat – yes

This schedule will be posted in the newspaper as required by the secretary.

Schedule for 2012 – 2013	October 15, 2012
April 16, 2012	November 19, 2012
May 21st 2012	December 17, 2012
June 18, 2012	January 14, 2013
August no meeting	February 18, 2013
September 24, 2012	March 18, 2013

**ISO:**

Lou Vasile was not in attendance to discuss the progress of ISO compliance. Chief Kurtz said she was aware that Lou still needed some paperwork from the fire company.

**WATER IN THE BASEMENT:**

Henry Mayerfeld told the committee that he had checked out the basement after elections on Saturday, February 18. He did notice that there was some staining on the walls in some areas. He is going to call Wayne Ketcham and have him redo those areas and to recaulk the areas where needed.

**New Heater:**

Dan mentioned the heater in the basement broke and Rich Kurtz did the temporary repair. He noted that the heater is quite old and perhaps it should be replaced. Dan will give prices for new heater which will include installation.

Dan also mentioned the time clock on the lights is not working. Henry Mayerfeld said he would let Lou Vasile know, and ask him to have the electricians look at the time clock when they come back to finish the electrical work.

**Chiefs wish list for 2012:**

The chief had nothing to add to your wish list for 2012.

**LOSAP increase for 2011:**

The Secretary distributed the local finance notice for 2012 containing the LOSAP increase for 2011. The increase of 1.9 CPI was suggested. This would change the 2011 values for LOSAP points to \$788.17 for 50 points up to \$1461.92 for 100 points.

A motion was made by Pat Heer and seconded right Dan Sauder to approve the increase of 1.9%.

**Vote:**

Henry – yes

Dan – yes

Pat – yes

**LOSAP for 2011:**

The chief did not have the totals for LOSAP 2011.

**Solar panels:**

The ballot question for the approval of purchasing solar panels in the amount of \$160,000 was approved 9 to 4.

**Lights outside the building, on pole, and entrance:**

As per the last meeting, George Sparks will come out to complete the electrical work as soon as possible.

**Recall on 1995 Ford Econoline:**

Henry Mayerfeld asked the chief if the repairs for the recall on the ambulance had been completed. She said they had not. Henry asked her to have this done as soon as possible so that when they were ready to sell the ambulance this would not become a factor.

**TERMITES:**

Now that the problem of water in the basement has been resolved Henry will have someone come out to treat for termites.

**TRIM IN CONFERENCE ROOM:**

After the termites are exterminated the trim will be replaced in the conference room.

**REELS IN THE PARKING BAYS:**

Lou Vasile was not in attendance to discuss this topic.

**PARKING LOT:**

None

**Dedication of 24-5:**

Pat Heer asked Henry if he knew when Ernie Esposito senior was active in the fire company. Henry said he was not sure perhaps, around 1977. Maybe Lou Vasile would now.

It was decided to have the dedication ceremony for 24 – 5 on June 24 beginning at two o'clock.

Pat Heer will look into finger foods and soft drinks.

**REMOVAL OF THE FIRE HOUSE FROM BEING A POLLING PLACE:**

The secretary said she has not looked into who o contacted to remove the fire house from being a polling place.

**Fence:**

Rich is looking into a new vinyl fence for the front of the fire house.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

The Chief said she did not have a report this month. Mostly everything was covered. She did say they have 4 calls on February 18, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned on at 8:45 pm.

All in favor

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Sandra M. Comparri  
Recording Secretary