



## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County**

**P.O. Box 111**

**Norma, NJ 08347-0111**

### **Regular Meeting**

**JUNE 18, 2012**

#### **PRESENT:**

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairperson

Louis J. Vasile, Secretary

Pat Heer, Treasurer

Dan Sauder

Elbert Johnson

#### **Audience:**

Richard Kurtz

#### **Absent:**

Linda Kurtz, chief

Henry Mayerfeld called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. The flag salute and a moment of silence and reflection for the LODD and or dignitaries were held. The sunshine law was read.

#### **MINUTES FOR MAY 20, 2012:**

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Dan Sauder and seconded by Elbert Johnson.

Vote: All in favor

#### **TREASURERS REPORT FOR JUNE 18, 2012:**

There was no treasurer's report because the treasurer's computer froze before reports could be printed.

A motion was made by Lou Vasile and seconded by Pat Heer to pay the Bill for Cruzan Freightliner for the repairs on 24 – 5. And to pay all bills which need payment for the next month.

Vote: All in favor

Rich Kurtz said the chrome strip on 24 – 2 still needs to be replaced.

#### **Ambulance:**

The commissioners had a meeting May 31, 2012 with Freddie Hundt and Ken Clark, the rep from Brawn. The commissioners which attended were: Henry Mayerfeld, Dan Sauder and Lou Vasile.

Fire Company members who attended were Krystal Bates.

The specs for the new ambulance were reviewed.

There were few changes which needed to be made:

- There is a question about a kurse tool being house on the ambulance.
- A 150 V inverter needed to be added to the ambulance which is an additional \$1253.00.

- The color scheme also needed to be changed. Originally the ambulance was all red; it has now been changed to mirror the other trucks which have white roofs. This change will cost an additional \$3180 .00. Freddie Hundt is getting the color number from the order on 24-5. Henry is not sure who will be painting the chassis Ford or Brawn.

This would make the total cost of the new ambulance \$178,330.00. We saved \$1000 .00 by paying for the chassis in full.

At the meeting Ken Clark gave the commissioners an invoice #060712 for a 2012 Ford E4 50 gas, ambulance chassis. The total amount on this invoice was \$30,350.00. A check needs to be received by First Priority Emergency Vehicles by June 15. Henry Mayerfeld called Capital Bank and had a check issued to First Priority Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$30,350.00. Capital Bank mailed the check to the company. **The completion date for the ambulance is October 2012**

Henry Mayerfeld has given the secretary a copy of the invoice, the letter of changes with Henry signature, a copy of the check back Capital Bank made out to First Priority Emergency Vehicles and a copy of the withdrawal slip from Capital Bank.

**Chiefs wish list for 2012:**

At last month's meeting Lou Vasile had asked the Secretary to bring a copy of the Chiefs wish list she had given the commissioners in October of 2011.

**Chiefs wish list for 2012:**

Thermal imaging camera      \$6999.00  
 Chief's vehicle  
 Ambulance 24-8, keep as a spare  
 Support vehicle  
 4 gas-meter      \$589 (bought)  
 Rescue truck  
 K-12 saw  
 Chainsaw 16 inch (Stills) (bought)

The commissioners reviewed the list. The chainsaw and gas meter has been bought.

Lou Vasile would like to call the list from the chief Capital Appropriations List instead of Wish List.

**Chief's vehicle/support vehicle**

Rich Kurtz explained to the commissioners that a Chiefs vehicle or support vehicle is needed to take members to training exercises, meetings with the County or other fire companies, etc.

Lou Vasile reminded Rich that the Commissioners had told the firefighters to submit mileage when they go to things like this so they can be reimbursed. He said the secretary would make them up a form.

Rich explained most of the firefighters have older vehicles and they really didn't want to put additional miles on them.

Henry Mayerfeld reminded Rich that the Commissioners have never turned down the fire company on purchasing any equipment they have needed. But he really feels an additional vehicle is not needed. All the cost of said vehicle needs to be taken into consideration before making this purchase. This would be the cost of purchase, insurance, fuel, and maintenance. Why purchase another vehicle when there are vehicles sitting in the bay that can be used for the same purpose.

Lou said he has spoken to the Chief about this before and told her that he would support getting a chief's vehicle if she could prove to him one was truly needed. She had also spoke to him about the fire company having fund raisers to help offset the cost of this vehicle. This would make sure money was not being taken from somewhere else.

**OLD AMBULANCE AS A SPARE:**

Lou reminded everyone that in the recent past the commissioners had talked about getting a second new ambulance about six months after the first ambulance. Hoping that in this six-month period all the bugs and problems could be worked out of the first purchase.

Lou reminded Richard that under resolution # 2010-12, All purchases and Vehicle repairs must be approved by Commissioners, The chief or president can make a purchase up to \$3000.00 with the approval of one Commissioner. Then bring in the receipt and the signed voucher to the next meeting and present it, it will be approved and paid for by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

**ISO:**

Lou Vasile still needs information from Richard Kurtz for ISO. He asked Rich to contact Kevin Gimeno from ISO so he can know exactly what things ISO needs. He will send everyone the e-mail he received from the Marino Insurance Agency representative, Rich Tucker, about ISO.

**DEDICATION CEREMONY:**

The event will be held Sunday, June 24 at the firehouse beginning 2 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Mr. Bifulco will donate \$200 towards the food. The commissioners will pay for the balance on the food and the other things needed for the dedication.

Pat will be getting the food from the ShopRite in Cherry Hill. It will be kosher so everyone can eat.

Pat Heer contacted Steve Wymbs at the Township Municipal Building to inform him of the dedication ceremony and a invite him and all other Township Committee Members to the event.

The secretary contacted the Daily Journal, Salem Sunbeam and in the Elmer Times. All said they would publish the notice announcing the event, but none would commit to attending the event.

Henry Mayerfeld said he left a message for Ernie Esposito Jr., but never got a response.

Lou Vasile said he would try to stop by where Ernie works and talk to him.

Henry, Lou and Dan would all like to speak at the dedication ceremony.

Henry will have his son take pictures and Pat will have her daughter take pictures.

Later after the meeting the Commissioners will put up a hook on the back wall so the plaque can be home for pictures at the dedication.

**New cell phones:**

Rich Kurtz told the committee that the cell phones were no longer needed since everyone has their own cell phone.

The secretary will have the Sprint cell phones turned off.

**NEW HEATER:**

Waiting on call

**REMOVING THE FIREHOUSE FROM POLLING PLACE LIST:**

None

**Chiefs Report:**

1. everyone did a great job on the Gershal Avenue fire, Sunday, May 27th. We worked with Centerton, Rosenhayn, Elmer RIT, and Vineland EMS was standing by. A/B corner of the house was the main damage to the building. The occupants were using a gas generator to supply the whole house with electricity. The generator wire into the main house electrical box was on the same side as the fire. An occupant admitted putting fuel into the generator while it was running.
2. We are all excited that the ambulance is in the works after a couple of changes were made to it. Thanks to the commissioners involved.
3. 24-5 is in Hammonton getting the #5 injector replaced. It should be done the June 18th or sometime this week. We did take it Cruzans and Italiano's but neither of them does the warranty on this make. Cruzans did service it.
4. 24-2 blew a tire on the way back from a call last month. We took it to Advance Treads and no damage was done under the wheel well. We had to order three more tires for the rear. NFPA standards state we need to replace tires every 10 years.
5. We no longer need cell phones in any of the trucks since everyone has a cell phone that can be used if needed.
6. We do not need any remotes for the yellow caution lights at this time.
7. I have prepared two papers that Lou Vasile has asked for in an e-mail. If there is anything else please don't hesitate to send e-mail or call.
8. Robert Zuest wants to buy a dry hydrant for Fishermen landing Parvin State Park as long as we purchase the fittings necessary for the hydrant.
9. There were 31EMS calls in May, 4 were missed.
10. There were 10 fire calls in May, 0 were missed.

**AUDIT FOR 2011:**

The secretary informed the board the audit was completed by Dave. He will attend the next meeting to go over the findings.

**PAINTING THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING:**

Dan obtained the leftover paint for the painter. He has touched up the outside of the building where it was drilled when the building was treated for termites.

**LOSAP:**

Henry did not find out if LOSAP was tax-free.

**REMOTES FOR TRUCKS:**

None are needed.

**LIST OF EQUIPMENT OWNED BY FIRE COMPANY:**

The secretary check with Sharon Smith, the CPA she was working with when completing the audit. A list is needed for next year's audit. It needs to list all equipment that has a value over \$5000.

**REPAIRS IN CONFERENCE ROOM:**

None

**Fence:**

None

**PARKING LOT:**

Tabled

**Solar Panels:**

Tabled

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM, on a motion Pat Heer and Elbert Johnson.

All in favor

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Sandra M. Comparri  
Recording Secretary