



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 1

Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County

P.O. Box 111

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**Regular Meeting
NOVEMBER 18, 2012**

PRESENT:

Louis J. Vasile, Secretary
Pat Heer, Treasurer, Arrived 2:23
Elbert Johnson, Arrived 2:30
Linda Kurtz, Chief

Absent:

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairperson

Audience:

Rich Kurtz
Ron Patrowski
Krystal Bates

Lou Vasile called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. The flag salute and a moment of silence and reflection for the LODD and or dignitaries were held. The sunshine law was read.

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 28, 2012:

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Elbert Johnson and seconded by Pat Heer.
Vote: all in favor

TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2012:

Lou Vasile wants the bills that Linda Kurtz gives the Treasurer to be done at the meeting so they can be recorded. This will provide proof that bills were handed in and ensure prompt payment.

The Chief Gave The Treasurer The Following Bills To Be Paid:

South Jersey Overhead Door – \$270
Italiano Brothers – Repairs To 24-9, \$375.85
Advance Treads- Repairs To 24-2, \$92.29

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by Elbert Johnson and seconded by Pat Heer.

Vote: All in favor

Electrical Room:

Lou Vasile said he would like the filing cabinets to be moved out of the electrical room and put into the bay area. He asked the Secretary if she needed another filing cabinet and if the filing cabinets should have locks.

The Secretary says she does need another filing cabinet and they both should lock. She said she will ask Henry Mayerfeld to find out if the lady that sells secondhand filing cabinets has ones that lock.

Lou Vasile said after the filing cabinets are out he wants to put a vent in the electrical room because it does get extremely hot, especially in the summer.

New Ambulance:

Lou Vasile informed the Commissioners the ambulance is being delayed due to the windows. Freddie Hundt wanted to deliver the ambulance and put the window in himself, at the fire house. Both Lou, Henry, and Linda, felt that would be a very bad idea. They want the ambulance done when it is delivered so the warranty is not affected.

The ambulance should be delivered sometime by December 2012.

Budget for 2013:

The Treasurer informed the Commissioners she has spoken to Dave Rollison and the budget for 2013 could go up by \$2759.00. All line items were reviewed and it was decided to apply the total \$2759.00 to line item 406, which is Fire Equipment and Repairs.

A motion was made by Elbert Johnson and seconded by Pat Heer to increase the 2013 budget by \$2759.00. This increase will be applied to Fire Equipment and Repairs.

Vote:

Lou Vasile – yes

Elbert Johnson – yes

Pat Heer – yes

Next Election:

Lou Vasile is up for reelection in February.

Debbie Springer and Krystal Bates both requested a petition form.

New Key for Mailbox:

The Secretary asked the Commissioners if she could get another key for the mailbox and have her husband pick up the mail on the nights she has school. They all said yes.

Registrations for Trucks:

The Secretary informed the Commissioners she renewed the registrations that were needed for the trucks and gave them to Linda Kurtz before the meeting.

Insurance Cards for Trucks:

The Secretary informed the Commissioners she called Brown and Brown the day after our last meeting, which was October 29, 2012. Brown and Brown had the insurance cards mailed by next day to Henry's store. The Secretary confirmed with Linda Kurtz that she had the new insurance cards.

Voting Done in Bays at Last Election:

Lou Vasile and his son built ramps so the voting could be done in the Bay at the last election. They had to get a building permit to build the ramps. A doorbell had to be installed so it could be rung for anyone needing assistance.

Lou said everything went very well at the election. They only had one person who complained.

He and the Fire Company were here during the elections to make sure the poll workers had what they needed.

Remotes for Yellow Lights for Trucks:

None

NEW HEATER:

None

Chiefs Report:

Chief Kurtz informed the Commissioners that even though the Township did not get hit hard by storm Sandy, the fire company was loaned a generator by the Emergency Committee of Pittsgrove Township. Rob Zuest dropped it off at the firehouse. There was a crew at the firehouse through the storm in case they were needed.

Since they were not being deployed they decided to take up donations of food and clothing for the areas that were hit hard by the storm. They have been doing this every single day now since the storm hit on November 3.

Some of the firefighters were deployed to Ship Bottom, New Jersey, along with Cumberland County. They think also Carnies Point was deployed.

The firefighters left on Sunday and arrived back on Tuesday.

The people at Ship Bottom and Long Beach Island very much appreciated the help. Their station had about 2 1/2 feet of water in it.

The crews were sent wherever the division wanted you to go, Linda said.

Pat Heer said the little towns near the shore in South Jersey were forgotten. They got a group together through the state police and went down there to help them. The Red Cross was not there and no one was down there. They set up in a little chapel in Fortescue to try to help people. Pat said the people didn't have food and had no way to cook it.

Linda and Rich said they talked to the Chief and were told that they were summer homes in the South Jersey areas. Linda said they asked all over to find out who needed help, even on Facebook.

Linda then asked Pat Heer to let her finish talking because she was not finished. As they started getting donations they went to Cape May with two loads of donated items and gave it to the church.

Pat said, "that is good."

Linda said to Pat, "If you don't really care, that's what I'm saying."

Pat said, "No I care."

Linda said, "they were talking to the chief"...

Pat said, "I don't really care who you were talking to."

Linda said, "but I'm trying to tell you who I was talking too, personally. That's the problem. I'm trying to do good here, and you're trying to shit on it. That's what you're doing, and I'm so tired of it. We are busting our butts and you don't even care."

Pat said, "No that she would not support anything that the fire company did."

Someone asked why in hell was she a Commissioner then?

Rich Kurtz said, "all you care about is your God Damn self."

Pat said, "I'm here to keep an eye on you guys."

Rich said, "Your just back stabbing, you just want to start shit. You want to watch us?"

Pat said, "You know how I feel."

Linda said, "Yea, You don't like me. And I don't like you."

All this time Lou was trying to gain control of the meeting. He finally got control and asked everyone to step back, because this was not going to work. He asked that Linda Kurtz have the floor to finish her report.

Linda said they gave two truckloads of donated food and clothing to a Baptist church in Cape May.

They also took a truckload up to Ship Bottom and gave their own money to a fire fighter who just had a baby and lost his home and his business.

Linda said they are not they were not trying to favor anyone.

Pat said that she never said Linda was trying to favor anyone and she's glad that they did what they did. She said it was her opinion that everything was going north, it was not gospel.

Linda said she did talk to the chief at Fortescue and he told her there were no problems and everything was under control. She told him the company was here if they needed anything like space heaters or food. He told her everything was taken care of. The houses that were damaged were summer homes.

Linda went on to say that everyone did a great job. And they are continuing to collect food and clothing to be given out to those in need.

Pat then said, "Don't let the tree fall."

Rich Kurtz said, "He's going to let it fall, he doesn't give a shit. I don't know what the hell your problem is, coming in here and bring up personal shit. Keep your God damned dogs' mouth shut."

Pat said, "I'm calling the SPCA."

Lou Vasile then asked that we keep the discussion to fire company business.

Rich said, "it's too late."

Linda said, "You knew it would be trouble when she came here anyway. We all know."

Rich said, "Now I know why my mom didn't like you. Because you're so into people's business."

Linda said, "you should be done. I'm done. Personal crap should stay outside when you walk through the door. It's too bad you don't like me. I don't like you. Then bring up my sister."

Pat said, "I didn't bring up your sister."

Linda said, "You just did."

Rich said, "You bring up the dog, what the F is your problem? You're talking about my family."

Linda and Rich got up and left the meeting.

Pat said she is not quitting.

During this time I made every attempt to take notes on what was being said. However many people were talking at one time and it was very difficult. Even when listening to the recording I was unable to get down everything that was said.

Lou Vasile made every attempt to gain control of the meeting. At this time he asked the Secretary about the equipment owned by the fire company.

List of Equipment Owned By the Fire Company:

The secretary is working on the list of equipment owned by the fire company for the next audit.

GENERATOR:

None

Hardware on the Windows:

None

LOSAP:

Ron Patrowski, told us that the LOSAP provider that Vineland uses is Valic Insurance. His agent is GeorgeVellaringattu, 1-800-892-5558-88649.

The Secretary will call Valid Insurance and see if they can offer us something better than Lincoln beneficial for LOSAP coverage.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lou Vasile and Pat Heer.

Vote: All in favor

Sandra M. Comparri
Recording Secretary