



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 1

Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County

P.O. Box 111

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Regular Meeting OCTOBER 28, 2012

This meeting was originally scheduled for September 17, 2012. It was changed because the recording Secretary had a change in schedule and could not make the original meeting date. The change in meeting dates is as follows:

September 9, 2012

October 28, 2012

November 18, 2012

December 16, 2012

PRESENT:

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairperson

Louis J. Vasile, Secretary

Pat Heer, Treasurer

Linda Kurtz, Chief

Absent:

Elbert Johnson

Audience:

Rich Kurtz

Ron Patrowski

Shawn D'Agostino

Henry Mayerfeld called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Lou Vasile and seconded by Pat Heer.

Vote: All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 28, 2012

The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by Pat Heer and seconded by Lou Vasile.

Vote: all in favor

Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act:

Linda Kurtz said the re-inspection from the state was done on October 5, 2012. Everything was approved that was done and the building passed the inspection. Linda was not sure if the state would be sending out a follow up letter verifying that inspection was repeated and was passed.

Electrical Room:

None

New Schedule:

The board reviewed the new schedule once again.

Since there had been a misunderstanding between the recording secretary and the fire company members the secretary included in the packet the e-mail she had sent Linda Kurtz and Richard Kurtz. Evidently neither had received the e-mail so they were unaware of the change of dates. Perhaps there was a problem with the transmission of the e-mail since the secretary was unable to attach the e-mail to another and send out to the members for review.

New Ambulance:

No one has received any new information about delivery of the new ambulance. The delivery date was to be the end of October 2012. It is assumed that since no one has heard anything about the delivery it will not be delivered by the end of October. Henry said he would call Freddie Hundt to find out the status of delivery.

ISO:

Lou Vasile verified the pumping test which would need to be done for ISO is 250 gallons per minute for two hours. Linda Kurtz said this would not be able to be scheduled until the beginning of next year. Lou agreed with her and said the pumping test needs to be done with the other fire companies.

Remotes for Trucks:

Henry is going to call Eastern Door and order two remote controls for 24-5.

NEW HEATER:

Henry Mayerfeld and Rich Kurtz are going to get together and figure out where to purchase a new heater for the firehouse.

REMOVING THE FIREHOUSE FROM POLLING PLACE LIST:

The board reviewed the e-mail sent to and received from Steve Wymbs. They also reviewed the minutes from the June 13 meeting of the Salem County Board of Elections. As per the minutes the election board believes the building is owned by the Township.

Lou Vasile explained that he had tried having the firehouse removed as a polling station before. Connie Garton explained to him that since the district belongs to the Township is felt the building then belongs to the Township. At this time no other action will be taken.

Both Lou and Linda would like to have the voting moved to bays one and two in the garage. Lou said he is going to be here to make sure that happens. The Secretary was asked to contact Steve Wymbs and find out whom to contact to make sure the election booths are put up in the bays.

Chiefs Report:

The chief wanted to make sure the chief wanted to make sure the treasurer got the bills for this month to pay, which she did.

She informed the Commissioners that 24-2 still does not have the door replaced, and 24-5 also needed to door fixed.

She informed the Secretary that she still did not have the new insurance cards which should've been received by June and two of the trucks registrations had or will expire. Debbie Springer asked how come the insurance cards had expire in June and not been replaced. She wanted to know whose job it was to keep track of these things. She went on to try to ask if it the fire companies responsibility to inform the Commissioners.

Unfortunately Rich Kurtz would not let her continue speaking without interrupting her.

Henry Mayerfeld informed Debbie that it was the Commissioners responsibility to have the insurance cards and registrations available for the trucks. The secretary said she had thought she had given Linda the new insurance cards and had just been looking at the policy to verify the dates but saw no cards in the packet. She will call the insurance company to get them as soon as possible. She will also make sure that the registrations for 24-2 and 24-8 are obtained.

Henry said 24-1 still needs to be fixed and asked Linda if she had contacted Kenworth in Swedesboro.

Linda said she had not contacted them.

Ron Patrowski said he couldn't see putting money into 24-1 when other equipment is needed. He brought up the fact that the company could really use a utility truck to get into places that the big trucks could not go. Just recently they had to borrow Matt Parvin truck because a hunter had fallen out of a tree and gotten hurt. Since the big truck could not get through the field they used Matt's truck to get him out to the road to the ambulance.

Henry explained to Ron that he didn't want to put a lot of money into 24-1, but unless the hole was fixed in the water tank the truck would be useless. In order to sell the truck the water tank would need to be fixed. Now that Ed Myers no longer works for the Township he's going to ask him again to weld up the hole in the water tank.

He did agree with Ron that a utility truck would be useful. The company needs to get together and determine what type of truck and what it needs to be equipped with.

Pat Heer was signing the vouchers and asked Linda Kurtz about the bill for badges. Linda said that invoice should not have gone to the commissioners. She will make a check out to the Commissioners in the amount of \$154.80.

GENERATOR:

None

Fence:

None

Solar Panels:

Henry informed the board that he had heard the Governor of New Jersey was going to sign a law that green credits could not go below a certain amount. He will look into this further.

Lou said he contacted Sparks Electric to get his information on the solar panels updated.

This will be discussed further at the next meeting

Hardware on the windows:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm

Sandra M. Comparri
Recording Secretary