



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 1
Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County
P.O. Box 111
Norma, NJ 08347-0111

Regular Meeting
OCTOBER 21, 2013

PRESENT:

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairman
Louis J. Vasile, Secretary
Elbert Johnson
Pat Heer, Treasurer

Absent:

Krystal Bates
Linda Kurtz, Chief
Rich Kurtz, President

Audience:

Jim Colby

Henry Mayerfeld called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm. The flag salute and a moment of silence and reflection for the LODD and or dignitaries were held. The sunshine law was recognized.

The Commissioners talked about some of the things Ralph Padilla spoke of. All were very impressed.

Some of the Commissioners made mention again about the door being blocked to one of the exits of the building. It was discussed and agreed upon that the furniture is blocking an exit and should be moved away from the door.

Lou Vasile was asked to talk to Linda about moving the furniture that is blocking the door.

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Elbert Johnson and seconded Lou Vasile.
Vote: All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 21, 2013:

Henry asked why the chainsaw was so expensive. Lou informed him that the chainsaw was made specifically for fire service. It is meant to cut through shingles and tarpaper.

Lou Vasile asked Henry why he told Krystal to go get the new ambulance when she was telling him about purchasing the new tires for the old ambulance. Henry should know it needs to go into the paper and also needs to go on the ballot in 2014.

Henry said he didn't mean to go get the ambulance he meant get the specks sheet and get everything in writing.

The Commissioners reviewed the bills on the report and were very surprised the electric bill was again as high as it was.

It was discussed and agreed upon to have signs put up in the building reminding everyone to turn off the lights. Everyone is hoping this will make a difference with the electric bill. The Secretary will make up signs to remember to turn off the lights.

The Recording Treasurer apologized to the Commissioners because she forgot the vouchers which needed to be signed. The only bill that was not paid on the treasurer's report was the bill for Vince's Landscaping.

Lou suggested the Commissioners vote on paying all the bills on the report and the Treasurer can just bring the voucher to the next meeting. This was agreed upon by everyone.

Henry asked the Secretary to find out how many people are on the workers comp insurance and how much we paid last year and this year.

A motion was made by Elbert Johnson and seconded by Lou Vasile to approve the treasurer's report.

Vote: All in favor

REPAIRS TO 24-1:

Lou told the Commissioners he thinks 24-1 might still be leaking. He wants to fill it with some water and let it sit to see if it truly is leaking. The gentleman who fixed it already told him to bring it back if more repairs were needed.

Chiefs Report:

Lou Vasile let the Commissioners know that the new 24-5 was at Italiano Brothers because of an air leak.

Henry said the fire and ambulance has been very busy. The Company was called out to an accident near Eatmor and one of the Rosenhayn Commissioners was giving one of the rescue personnel from our unit a hard time about being at the accident. Henry said he was not sure everything that was said. Henry said the Mayor from Rosenhayn came to speak to him and told him the Commissioner needs to apologize to this person from Norma.

It was noted that Rosenhayn is now billing for ambulance service. They have been billing for about 6 months.

New Ambulance/Rescue Truck:

Has not been ordered

Missing Titles:

Krystal informed told the Secretary there were no titles in their safety deposit box. Lou Vasile said he was sure there were titles in the safety deposit box when he turned over the keys and left as Chief. The Commissioners would like the Chief to check her files to make sure they are not in her office somewhere.

Lou Vasile is going to ask Linda to check her files for the titles to confirm they are not in her office. When it is determined which titles are needed, the Secretary will file the papers with the state to get them replaced and then put all titles in the Commissioners safety deposit box.

Generator:

Lou Vasile is talking to Richard Braslow about what needs to be done so a generator can be purchased this year.

Filing Cabinets:

The Secretary purchased two legal size filing cabinets from a second hand furniture store on Main Road in Vineland. She paid \$100.00 each for them. She tired the person in Norma but they did not have any cabinets which locked. The cabinets have been put in the bay and have the Commissioners paperwork stored in them. She will have keys made so each Commissioner will have one.

Web Site:

Lou gave out some information he was working on for the website. It was decided to look into having a professional business do the website so it is easy to navigate through and the Secretary will not be the only one who knows how to put things on the site. Henry asked the Secretary to look into getting someone to do the website.

E-mail from Jim Colby:

The Commissioners reviewed the e-mail from Jim Colby to the Secretary. Jim told the Board that the Secretary told him she would send him minutes by e-mail. The Secretary denied this stating she does not send the minutes to anyone through e-mail and since the meetings are opened he is welcome to come to the meetings if he wants to get the minutes to every meeting. She also pointed out since Jim did not file an OPRA request there is no time limit on him getting the minutes from her.

Lou Vasile told Jim Colby if he wants things from the Secretary then he should be going through the Chairperson to get it. If every person in the district wanted the Secretary to do things for them she would not have the time to do the things the Commissioners needed doing.

Henry Mayerfeld informed Jim Colby that he realizes Jim is retired. Henry is glad for Jim that he receives a pension from his job and knows that it is well deserved. Henry told him the Board is not hiding anything. When questions are asked they are answered.

Jim Colby told the board that Cape May Court House was find because they have line officers from the Fire Company on the commissioners Board, which is not allowed.

Henry informed Jim that since every Fire Company and Commissioners Board is having a hard time getting people to volunteer, anyone who is volunteering should not be found guilty for doing so, no matter what position they hold.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm

Sandra M. Comparri
Recording Secretary