



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 1

Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County

P.O. Box 111

Norma, NJ 08347-0111

Regular Meeting

DECEMBER 15, 2014

Present:

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairman
Louis J. Vasile, Secretary
Krystal Bates, arrived 7:45 pm
Linda Kurtz, Chief
Rich Kurtz, President
Sandy Comparri, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Pat Heer, Treasurer, sick
Elbert Johnson, working

Audience:

Sharon Smith, Auditor

Henry Mayerfeld called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. The flag salute, a moment of silence and reflection for the LODD and or dignitaries were held. The sunshine law was read.

ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2015:

Sharon Smith briefly went over the 2015 approved budget. The 2015 approved budget is \$187,718.00. There were no question from the Commissioners and there was no one from the public in the audience to ask questions.

A motion was made by Lou Vasile and seconded by Krystal Bates to adopt the 2015 budget of \$ 187,718.00.

Vote:

Henry Mayerfeld- yes
Louis J. Vasile- yes
Elbert Johnson – absent
Pat Heer - absent
Krystal Bates- yes

Lou Vasile said he would like to get the non-bondable assets back up to 24,000.00.

Lou Vasile signed the documents that needed to be signed for the state and the recording secretary will be sure to get them mailed out.

The secretary will get the needed legal ads into the newspaper.

The election for the budget and commissioners is on February 21, 2015, from 2:00 to 9:00 pm.

Air Purification System:

Lou Vaile made mention the air purification in the garage bays no longer meets the National Fire Protection Association standards. A price will need to be obtained to have the system upgraded.

Grant for Solar Panels:

Henry Mayerfeld and Lou Vasile received a call from Steve Wymbbs the administrator at the Township Municipal Building. He put them in touch with Skyview Technology. This company works on getting grants for municipal entities for solar electric panels with a 7 day battery back-up. Lou did the paperwork and handed it in to Skyview. He will let the Board know when he hears something.

Salem County Communication System:

Every member at the meeting tonight made mention on how bad the communication system is now that Salem County changed it.

Henry Mayerfeld said he heard a call the other day that was not closed out and you could still hear things being said over the air.

Lou Vasile said when he was at a fire he didn't know what channel to be on. He wasn't getting good reception on any channel he tried.

Rich Kurtz said the system is terrible. He had to go outside of the fire to talk on his radio. He is afraid the county is not going to make a change until someone gets killed.

Henry feels we should make a complaint to Salem County. The letter should be nice, but strong, going to Larry Fisher and to the person in charge of dispatch. He would like it to express the dissatisfaction of the taxpayers with the communication equipment. Stressing the equipment does not work in Pittsgrove Township. The secretary will work on this.

Channel 3-Fire

Channel 7-EMS

Appreciation Dinner for Fire Company:

Henry assured the members of the fire company the appreciation dinner will still be happening.

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2014:

The minutes were approved on a motion by Lou Vasile and seconded by Krystal Bates.

Vote: All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT FOR DECEMBER 15, 2014:

Henry Mayerfeld is holding off on the transfer of the money because Susquehanna Bank is going through a name change. This should be completed by January 15, 2015.

The report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Lou Vaile and seconded by Krystal Bates.

Vote: All in favor.

TRANSFER OF LINE ITEMS:

At the last meeting the Commissioners asked the Recording Treasurer to do the transfers and review it with the Commissioners at the next meeting.

The transfers were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Lou Vasile and seconded by Krystal Bates.

Vote: All in favor.

The Commissioners would like the Recording Treasurer to do the same for the final transfer of line items for December.

LIGHTS ON BACK OF THE BUILDING:

The lights on the back of the building have been completed and the light on the pole near the parking lot has been repaired.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Linda Kurtz told the Commissioners they are still making numerous responses to the resident right in the Norma area. Linda has been in contact with many agencies trying to get help for this person. Perhaps adult protective services could help.

GENERATOR:

Henry Mayerfeld should be talking to Richard Braslow Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

Title Replacement:

Lou Vasile just got back the letter he sent to person he was told could help him as undeliverable. He will make more phone calls.

Second Water Test:

None

LOSAP:

Lou Vasile said he and Linda will be working to get the \$24, 078.99 back from LOSAP for the money paid in on members that are no longer active.

Remote for 24-5:

The remote for 24-5 is a two-way portable radio remote. Hopefully this will help the with the communication problem.

Problem with North West corner of building:

The work on the back corner of the building will have to be on hold until it gets a little warmer and the ground dries some.

Tabled items:

- Linage on the Parking lot (Henry)
- Repaving of parking lot (Henry)
- Solar Panels (Lou)

Correspondence:

- **None**

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion by Lou Vasile and seconded by Krystal Bates.

Sandra M. Comparri
Recording Secretary