



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 1

Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County

P.O. Box 111

Norma, NJ 08347-0111

Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Henry Mayerfeld, Chairman
Louis J. Vasile, Secretary
Elbert Johnson
Pat Heer, Treasurer
Krystal Bates
Sandy Comparri, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Linda Kurtz, Chief
Rich Kurtz, President

Audience:

Dan Ioven from Firecompanies.com

Henry Mayerfeld called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The flag salute and a moment of silence and reflection for the LODD and or dignitaries were held. The sunshine law was read.

Website required by State:

Dan Ioven introduced himself. He explained the fee for the site could be anywhere from \$39.00 to \$79.99 a month. The one time set up fee is \$ 99.00. It depends on what the Commissioners choose. There are also fees for doing artwork. There is no contract to sign so if you want to move to a higher or lower package the move can be made. They would help us set it up and then there would be administrators which would be responsible for posting the minutes, agendas, etc. There can be as many or as few administrators as the Commissioners want.

Dan thanked the Commissioners for their time and left the meeting.

Lou Vasile said he compared the website done by Firecompanies.com to other fire company site and the ones done by Firecompanies.com look much better. Lou said he spoke at length with Dan on the phone and figured it would be around \$ 469.00 for the setup fee and then it will cost \$ 79.99 a month.

A Resolution was made to approve Firecompanies.com to setup and be the contractor of the Commissioners website. The initial fee will be an estimate of \$ 469.00 and then a monthly fee of \$ 79.99. This motion was made by Lou Vasile and seconded by Pat Heer.

Vote: Henry Mayerfeld – yes

Lou Vasile – yes

Elbert Johnson – yes

Pat Heer – yes

Krystal Bates – yes

Lou Vaile said he will get the application filled out and get started on getting the website setup.

It was decided to try to go with an easy domain name like Norma.com, or as close to that as possible. It was also decided to say with a color scheme of red, white and blue.

Vote: Henry Mayerfeld-yes

Louis J. Vasile-yes

Elbert Johnson-yes

Pat Heer-yes

Krystal Bates-yes

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2014

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Lou Vasile and seconded Elbert Johnson.

Vote: All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2014

A question was brought up about why the belts on 24-9 are being replaced so much. It was thought there must be a reason why the belts are breaking as much as they are and maybe another mechanic need to be looking at the vehicle.

Henry asked the Treasurer to send him all the repair bills for 24-9 for 2013 and 2014. She said she will do this.

Henry is going to find someone else to look at 24-9.

The Board reviewed the report and it was approved on a motion by Lou Vasile and seconded by Elbert Johnson.

Vote: All in favor

2014-2015 RESOLUTION 2014-02

The Commissioners reviewed the schedule the Secretary made up and a few dates were changed. The schedule was voted upon with a motion from Lou Vasile and seconded by Elbert Johnson.

Vote: Henry Mayerfeld-yes

Louis J. Vasile-yes

Elbert Johnson-yes

Pat Heer-yes

Krystal Bates-yes

DISCUSSION WITH MR. BRASLOW IN REGARDS TO BEING A FIRE COMPANY OFFICER AND A COMMISSIONER

The Secretary spoke to Mr. Braslow to find out if there would be a conflict with a fire member holding a Commissioners position. Since one of our Fire Company officers is running for Commissioner. He said there would be no conflict unless the fire member was holding an office in the Fire Company. He said if the officer wins the election he/she would have to give a resignation to the Fire Company resigning their office.

Henry Mayerfeld asked the secretary to get a written copy of this ordinance from Mr. Braslow.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Krystal Bates reported the Township is plowing the pad in the front of the garage when it snows now that there is a new Mayor. She said there are new holes in the back parking lot and cones should be put up around them.

She said they had quite a few calls the past week. They even had two calls at once. One of the MVA's had to be flown to Crozer Hospital.

Lou suggested getting the ice melter that Henry sells because if it is down it starts to work as soon as it snows.

FUTURE PURCHASES 2014

The Commissioners talked about using the \$ 41,000.00 left from buying the ambulance. It was decided to use that money towards the purchase of the two Toughbooks needed for the ambulances and another thermal imaging camera.

A motion was made by Lou Vasile and seconded by Krystal Bates to use the \$ 41,000.00 to get the two Toughbooks and another thermal imaging camera.

Vote: Henry Mayerfeld-yes

Louis J. Vasile-yes

Elbert Johnson-yes

Pat Heer-abstain

Krystal Bates-yes

GENERATOR

The generator is being put on hold until March or April 2014.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMPANY

Pat Heer would like to see the couch moved from in front of the door in the meeting room.

Lou Vaile said he didn't think it was a problem since there are two other ways out of the room.

Henry Mayerfeld told everyone this would be his last year as being a Commissioner. He is very upset about the atmosphere at the Fire House. It is no longer a friendly place. The Chief no longer attends the meetings and has not attended for a long time.

The Fire Company doesn't even buy from him anymore. The Commissioners spend a lot of money getting the equipment requested by the Chief. There wasn't even a thank you for the computer purchased for the Chief.

Lou Vasile feels there needs to be better communication between the Fire Company and the Commissioners. They are doing a very good job. Linda is doing a great job. Everything is up to date. Don't put 100% of the blame on them. He does not have a problem with them. The Commissioners need to take a step back and start listening to them.

Henry explained to Lou he didn't say anything about the operations of the Fire Company. He said the Chief and members need to attend the Commissioners meetings. There isn't good communication if the Chief is not at the meetings. There were complaints from Rosenhayn, what happened with that and getting together with Rosenhayn's Mayor.

Lou would like Henry to talk to Linda and the Fire Company president because there are things which need to be addressed. Lou feels if the Fire Company fails, we helped them to fail.

Correspondence:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Pat Heer and seconded by Elbert Johnson.

Sandra M. Comparri
Recording Secretary