



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT NO. 1

Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County

P.O. Box 111

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Regular Meeting

JANUARY 13, 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:

Dave Rollison, Auditor
Ric Tucker, Insurance agent
Brian Wallace, Insurance agent

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.

Budget for 2014:

Dave Rollison was recognized by Mr. Mayerfeld so he could speak on the 2014 budget.

Henry first made comment on the letter which needed to be sent to the state regarding the website. He reminded Dave that the fire company is only volunteer and thought it was a rotten deal that a letter needed to be sent to the state informing them that a website would be completed by April of 2014 before they would approve the proposed budget.

Dave Rollison told Henry he understood where he was coming from but the website is in the administrative code and to get the different districts to comply, the state has made the completion of the website part of the budget process.

Dave reviewed the 2014 budget and asked if there were any questions. Lou Vasile asked about operating material supplies and Dave answered his question.

A question was also asked about how long the money could be earmarked for the solar panels. Dave said the money would be for the solar panels until a resolution was done to place the money back into the general account if not used for the panels.

Dave informed the Commissioners the money the fire district received from taxes went from 11.2¢ to 11.4¢.

A motion was made by Lou Vasile and seconded by Elbert Johnson to increase the budget for 2014 by \$3,596.00.

Vote: Henry Mayerfeld-yes
Louis J. Vasile-yes
Elbert Johnson-yes
Pat Heer-yes
Krystal Bates-yes

Review of Insurances:

Ric Tucker explained the \$253.24 paid in August of 2013 was for the additional coverage for the contents of the building. Everything that is not equipment, ex: items in the meeting room, kitchen appliances, and computers.

He wants the Commissioners to think about the coverage they have on the trucks. If one was totaled, is the amount they receive from auto insurance be enough to buy another truck. He pointed out to everyone the insurance through VFIS does not depreciate the vehicles like regular auto insurance does. If the insured states they want 100,000.00 coverage on a vehicle, there is 100,000.00 on the vehicle the entire life of the vehicle. Ric went on to say he did not think 100,000.00 coverage on a truck was enough since it would not replace a truck and everything on it.

VFIS would like all driving records to be checked at least every two year. Ric said he would be glad to do this for Linda if she would like.

Workers Comp insurance is going to be at least 1300.00 per person. Plus there was a claim towards workers comp less than 42 months ago which increase the premiums by 8%.

Accident and Sickness policy pays out 20,000.00 death benefits if the person dies in the line of duty. If injured, a person would receive 100.00 a week for the first 28 days and 200.00 a week for over 28 days. It was pointed out that this is not enough to live on.

Lou Vasile said Ric to make up a fee schedule for coverage of 200 and 300 per week.

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 16, 2013

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

Vote: All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT FOR JANUARY 13, 2014

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

Vote: All in favor

Lawyer's response on public notice not appearing in the Daily Journal:

The Secretary informed the Commissioners she contacted Richard Braslow about the public notice not being in the Daily Journal for the Special Meeting which was held in November. Mr. Braslow informed her that she did everything she should have done to get it published. It was the papers fault the ad never got printed.

2013 EXPENDITURES

The Treasurer handed out the spread sheet showing the expenditures for 2013. She explained to the Commissioners she could not use the \$ 41,000.00 left from the purchase of the ambulance because Dave Rollison told her the purchases needed to be only for things to be used on the ambulance.

Petitions for 2014 election

4 petitions were turned in for the election on February 15, 2013.

Chiefs Report:

Would like to apply for a Wawa credit card.

The Commissioners agreed.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

1 fire rescue chainsaw \$ 2,249.00

2 thermal imaging cameras \$ 9,633.50

3 laptops for 24-5, 24-2 and 24-9 Panasonic Toughbook \$ 3,140.00

K12 no price yet

All rescue tools, spreaders cutters, 32-B, O cutters, combination tools and rams will need to be replaced since they are no longer made and will not cut through foreign cars. The Chief said she will look into grants to help cover the cost.

Lou thought possibly we could use the \$ 41, 000.00 towards the 2 Toughbook's and the thermal imaging camera since they will be kept on the ambulance. Lou is going to talk to the Chief about this.

Missing Titles:

The Secretary told the Board she has not had time to work on this yet.

Generator:

Nothing can be done on the generator until the bids are put out. The lawyer is working on this.

Web Site:

Lou Vasile is going to have a representative come out to the February meeting. He has been speaking to Dan Loven.

COMPUTER:

Lou Vasile bought and delivered Laptops to the chief and the secretary along with printers.

Correspondence:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

Sandra M. Comparri
Recording Secretary