



## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Township of Pittsgrove, Salem County**

**P.O. Box 111**

**Norma, NJ 08347-0111**

**Regular Meeting**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Elbert Johnson  
Linda Kurtz, Chief  
Rich Kurtz, President

**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.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE BUDGET FOR 2015:**

A 2% increase of the budget from 2014 would be \$ 3,668.00. The recording treasurer told Sharon Smith to put the whole amount on fire fighting and rescue equipment. With the 2% increase the 2015 budget will be \$ 187,718.00.

A motion was made by Lou Vasile and seconded by Pat Heer to accept the new introduced amount for 2015 of \$ 187,718.00.

Vote:

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

The hearing of the budget will be on December 15, 2015 at the next meeting. The meeting will be advertised in the Elmer Times at least 10 days before the meeting.

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.

**MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 20, 2014:**

Henry Mayerfeld was not at the last meeting. Lou Vasile called the meeting to order. This correct will need to be made to the October minutes.

The minutes were approved on a motion by Lou Vasile and seconded by Pat Heer with the above corrected.

Vote: All in favor

**TREASURERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2014:**

Henry Mayerfeld is holding off on the transfer of the money because Susquehanna Bank is going through a name change. He is going to look into Capital Bank since this change is taking so long.

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:**

The expenditures for 2014 were reviewed by the commissioners. It was decided since the meeting was running long to allow the recording treasurer to move the appropriations around and then go over it at the next meeting.

**LIGHTS ON BACK OF THE BUILDING:**

Lou Vasile said he contacted Eric Krise to fix the lights on the back of the building since the electrician we normally use was busy. They will be fixed this Thursday. The amount will be \$ 2,136.00 for the 3 lights.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Krystal gave the Chiefs Report:

- The Holiday Extravaganza was held. Not a lot of money was made but they had fun and several people asked if they were planning on having it again next year.
- Some residents have mentioned they sent donations to Elmer not realizing Norma has a rescue squad.

Henry suggested giving out a flier when they respond to a call saying who they are and where donations can be sent if they would like to make a donation.

- Fire Company will be selling Christmas trees after Thanksgiving. The trees will be Douglass Fur and be 24.00 to 58.00 sold according to height.

Henry suggested they have big signs made with the availability to change the dates so they can be used each year. The cost of the sign can be spread through more than one year. They can be put up in front of the firehouse so the public knows the Fire Company is selling trees.

- Did a drill with station 23 on Sheep Pen Road. 12 people came out.
- Doing a live burn next Sunday.
- Having a CPR class.
- Some of the members played on the playground at the school for Fire Prevention month, last month.
- Selling Entertainment Books, they are 20.00 each.

**GENERATOR:**

Henry Mayerfeld said he did call Richard Braslow and left a message with his secretary to give him a call. Mr. Braslow has not call back.

**Title Replacement:**

Lou Vasile is still working on getting the title for 24-9.

Henry Mayerfeld suggested calling a title company. Perhaps they can give some suggestions on how to get a replacement title.

**Second Water Test:**

Lou Vasile will make sure the water gets tested again.

**LOSAP for Krystal Bates:**

Krystal received her LOSAP.

**LOSAP:**

Lou Vasile and Ric Tucker called Bobbie Jo Hollingshead? About the LOSAP and how it works. He is now being told that after 7 years a member is pro-rated and they pay no penalty for taking out their money.

Linda and Lou went over the members on the list that no longer belong to the fire company and are not vested. The amount was \$ 24,078.24. He was told by Ric Tucker, this money should be refunded back to us.

Papers need to be filled out to assign a new administrator.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMPANY:**

- Lou Vasile and Rich Kurtz are going to a class to learn how to fix Scott Packs on November 24, 2014.
- Tires were replaced on 24-9. Now the front end needs to be aligned. The lights also need to be fixed.
- The Fire Company made a sick little boy an honorary member of the fire company. He is 7 years old and has leukemia.
- There is a real problem with the radios and pagers because nothing can be heard on them since Salem County changed their emergency system.
- Lou looked into a remote for 24-5 since the communication is so bad now that Salem County changed their emergency system. The unit is \$ 510.00 and it will be about \$ 110.00 to have it wired in.

It was decided this should be ordered.

- The far back corner of the parking lot is caving in around the basement of the building. Henry had Marino Structural Solutions come and look at it to see what can be done to prevent it from causing damage to the building.

**THANK YOU DINNER:**

Henry would like to have a dinner for the active members of the Fire Company. They are doing a great job with the few members that respond to calls. He feels they deserve a thank you. Have it at the fire house, and catered. Henry already talked to Sharon Smith about this and she is going to check then let Lou Vasile know what she finds out.

It was decided the dinner should have some kosher items so Henry can eat also.

The dinner should be soon.

**Tabled items:**

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

**Correspondence:****The commissioners reviewed the following:**

- Frank LoBiondo to notify commissioners that grant application period is open from November 3 to December 5, 2014.
- Marino Structural Solutions in response to the inspection done at the Norma Fire Station, 160 Almond Road, Pittsgrove, NJ on November 5, 2014.
- Revision letter from Marino Structural Solutions dated November 13, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was closed at 9:20 pm.

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Sandra M. Comparri  
Recording Secretary