

Workshop Meeting, April 11, 2011

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Equils then read the Opening Statement, noting this meeting was advertised on Saturday, January 1, 2011 in the Asbury Park Press and posted on two (2) municipal Bulletin Boards and in the firehouse, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, commonly referred to as "The Sunshine Law."

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Eadicicco, Equils, Kelly, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. There were two (2) line officers present (Chief Bommer & 1st Asst Chief Nichols) and zero (0) firefighters, or public present at the start of the meeting.

Purchaser Eadicicco and Treasurer Stalling began working to assemble the list of bills and to prepare vouchers and checks for approval. Clerk Kelly again noted that all invoices for items authorized in 2010 are marked accordingly. Other board members began filling out their 2011 Ethics Disclosure Statements, for filing with the Township Clerk's Office.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported receiving the following:

Life insurance check from United American Life Insurance in the amount of \$10,000.00, to satisfy the claim for Joseph Oberlander.

Received check from Glatfelter Insurance for \$736.55 as a refund for canceling Engine 476 and the Chevrolet Caprice from the automobile policy.

Lastly, received the new Worker's Compensation Policy covering April 2011 to April 2012.

The Clerk also reported sending the following correspondence: VALIC-AIG along with 3 new applications and 1 application for re-instatement after withdrawal. He also reported sending various e-mails (copied to chairman) and phone calls being made by both from himself and VALIC-AIG, to William Isetts, to fill out his application. If no response, funds will be returned to the board.

Sent contract to Grant Masters, following its signing by Chairman Equils. Voucher for ½ payment is on tonight's bills list.

OLD BUSINESS: On a question from 1st Asst Chief Nichols, Clerk Kelly responded he has had no further contact with anyone from Pierce of Fire & Safety; regarding the ram head decals on unit 467. The chiefs suggested going to East Coast Emergency Lighting who did the chief's Tahoe for replacement decals. Clerk Kelly suggested that the original vendor should be pursued to satisfy the problem and not just to go another vendor and buy another set. Board members agreed to go back to Pierce again to resolve it.

A question was asked if the numbers "475" on the unit's front bumper were included in the specs? It was noted that the graphics were laid out on a separate drawing and approved by the board during the apparatus construction, strongly suspecting it was included. Could be added after the fact, but no action was taken to do so.

Question was also raised about the pump panel microphone & speaker set up. It was clarified that this conversation has taken place more than once before, and the officers and board members agreed to NOT install it and to use the portable radio & headset purchased for this purpose. No further action taken.

Commissioner Stalling stated that John Thompson stated the generator on Engine 475 may be "revving" too high. Mr. Stalling will check it out with Chief Engineer Marty Kelly.

Chief Bommer reported Engine 478 is "Out of Service" tonight, due to air pump issues and a dead battery. Popped a circuit breaker on the 120v feed. Jimmy from ERS will be here tomorrow.

He also reported that the Voltage Alarm on Unit 486 activated again today. May need to go to Campbell Supply, who now represents EVI in this area, to get checked out. Chief will speak to Chief Engineer about that after Marty load tests the unit tomorrow.

Chief Bommer also reported that Chief Engineer Kelly has appointed John Thompson as an Assistant Engineer, to replace Merle Charters.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Bommer reported the line officers recommend purchasing turnout gear from “The Fire Store” and he presented a generic specification packet (see attached.) 1 option included for Rescue/Ladder Belt w/Tool Loops.

Price for 33 sets of turn out coat (including rescue harness), pants (w/o ladder belt), and leather boots is \$57,321.00. Cost to add a “Class 2” ladder belt to the pants is Approx \$200.00 per, adding about \$6,600.00 to total price. Discussions also held on need for sewn belt loops at pant waist; inclusion of form fitting, padded suspenders. Further discussions held on need for ladder belt and leather boots, due to unresolved issues. Some members want to see the belt in place on the pants, to address concerns about access and obstruction by the jacket length.

Commissioner Scarlato suggested splitting proposal into 2 sections, handling bunker gear and boots separately.

It was agreed that members would create a list of questions to have answered by the salesperson, to be present at the May Workshop with actual samples of coat, pant, boots, belts, etc.

At 21:25, the board concluded its discussions and the Clerk reported the DCR Pension Application was filled out by Commissioner Eadicicco, to be forwarded to auditor for filing with NJ Div of Pensions.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Purchaser Eadicicco and Treasurer Stalling completed the voucher and check entry. Treasurer Stalling then reported bills totaling \$33,782.95; requiring a transfer of funds in the amount of \$30,000.00. He also reported on the checking & savings account balances.

Treasurer Stalling also reported an error noting a double debit in the ledger, for the \$180.74 Electronic Transfer for the NJ-PERS “TEPS” payment. The debit has been reversed and the correct balance restored.

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted on a motion by Commissioners Eadicicco and Scarlato, and passed by the board. Checks were then printed and signed.

GOOD AND WELFARE Nothing was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT It was noted that there was one (1) line officer and zero (0) firefighters or members of the public in attendance at the close of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT The Treasurer finished printing & signing checks. This concluded the business for the workshop, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Kelly and Eadicicco, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 21:27 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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