

**Special Meeting – Truck Development**  
**April 29, 2013**

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 Sunday, December 30, 2012 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, and Scarlato were present. Commissioner Stalling was absent due to working out of town/state. Also present were 1st Asst Chief James Bailey, Lt. Jamey Pallitto, and Asst Engineer John Thompson.

Chairman Equils noted as per the public advertisement, the sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss and start to develop a plan and specifications for the purchase of a new fire apparatus; and that public participation is only at the discretion of the chairman or the assembled commissioners.

Chairman Equils also distributed to the board members, the new electronic filing procedure for the mandatory Ethics Disclosure form.

Vice Chairman Scarlato reported contacting John O’Keefe of Pierce/Fire & Safety Services about meeting with the board. Mr. O’Keefe will not be available until end of May, perhaps May 30. Mr. Scarlato asked if Pierce can do a similar spec sheet & layout drawing as done by KME; and if there are any local Pierce trucks we can look at. The Vice Chairman stated he is waiting on Mr. O’Keefe’s answers.

Follow up from last meeting: John Thompson reported on truck that had similar items enumerated by this board that was reviewed in his shop during the past week. Items included but were not limited to: Front bumper compartment with hinged lid; Combination electric and hydraulic reels on front bumper; Rhino lining used in/on cab and body; Arrangement of coffin compartments & tool storage – including hydraulic pump & generator too; Speedy-Dry hopper; SCBA Bottle & fire extinguisher storage in wheel well compartments; Additional cab compartments & cabinetry; 12v & 120v scene lighting; Recessed Federal QB2 siren – noting no audible difference or volume loss due to recessing.

Additional items suggested tonight for consideration include; Power vent fan for cooling coffin compartment containing hydraulic pump; Hinged double door hose bed cover; Rear access ladder instead of climbing steps; and LED strip lighting inside canopy/cover for to illuminate front bumper compartment.

It was also noted that equipment and storage locations still need to be determined. It was also suggested board can look at 19-2-75 next month while at the Joint meeting hosted by Adelphia, to get an idea of what Crimson Apparatus can do.

Vice Chairman Scarlato reported that he and Commissioner Eadicicco have started listing equipment of Engine 478 that can be moved to new apparatus or otherwise relocated, as well as equipment that may be out dated or may need to be removed from service.

It was informally agreed to try to get new KME Trucks from Middletown’s River Plaza and West Long Branch #2 here for the May 9 meeting, for review & questions.

This ended discussions on the truck for this evening. Purchaser Eadicicco reported that during the recent hose testing, Fail Safe re-packed Ladder 490 “accordion style” which cannot unload. All agreed they will have to come back & offload & re-pack the hose bed.

He also reported the “Blitz” Gun attack line was not connected on Engine 478, which all agreed they will also have to correct.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION .....** At 20:53 hours, the board recessed into Executive Session to discuss Personnel issues, after a motion authorizing same was made by Commissioners Eadicicco and Scarlato, which was passed unanimously by the board. Minutes of the Executive Session will be recorded, but may not be released at any time, due to them pertaining to Personnel.

At 21:34 hours, the board reconvened in Public Session, after Commissioners Eadicicco and Kelly made a motion authorizing same.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 9, at 19:00 hrs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT .....** There was zero (0) fire personnel and zero (0) members of the public in attendance at the close of the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT .....** This concluded the business for the committee, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Scarlato and Eadicicco, and passed by the board. The meeting closed at 21:35 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly  
Clerk of the Board

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