

**Special Meeting – Truck Development  
May 30, 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 Equils, Kelly, and Stalling being present. Vice Chairman Scarlato was enroute, but stuck in traffic on the GSP due to an accident. Commissioner Eadicicco was absent (last excused absence for the year.)

Also present were 1st Asst Chief James Bailey, Asst Engineer John Thompson, and Mr. John O’Keefe of Fire & Safety Services, Ltd., representing Pierce Manufacturing . There were zero (0) members of the public present.

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.

Following the opening, Chairman Equils turned the floor over to Mr. O’Keefe, allowing him to present what he has developed on a proposed apparatus, based on information provided by Vice Chairman Scarlato, regarding items favored by the committee for inclusion in a new truck.

First Mr. O’Keefe reviewed purchasing programs or options available as approved and authorized by the State of New Jersey via NJ Chapter 139. Outlined purchase option known as “HGAC” which is similar in scope to federal GSA/GAO programs. (explanatory flyer in files)

He also noted that those proposals contained within the approved NJ Bid List do not allow inclusion of costs for Dealer Prep & Delivery, Inspection Trips, Performance Bonds, and a few other items; all of which must be included as separate listed charges & invoiced separately.

He specified that the “HGAC” method does allow those items to be included in the total purchase price, but the purchaser must join the “HGAC” group. He further noted that there is no cost to the purchaser to join, as Pierce Manufacturing will pay those charges.

He went on to enumerate that locally; Toms River Dist #1, Neptune Districts #1 & #2, Lavallette, and Belmar have all joined “HGAC.”

Mr. O’Keefe went on to state that Pierce has at least one (1) of each model available in either state approved program.

He also stated as cab width is a concern – The Velocity Model has the widest cab at 100” followed by the Arrow at 94” wide.

Mr. O’Keefe then went through all 12 pages of his prepared Proposal/Option List #299 – dated 5/29/13, to which a few modifications or deletions were noted. (copy in files) He also had some layout drawings of similar apparatus, although none were drawn for this district.

He also noted that Glendola FC in Wall Twp has a Velocity with an “extended” cab measuring 84” L that 19-4 can look at.

In response to other suggestions, Mr. O’Keefe said he will look into some type of folding hose bed cover, and in the body ladder storage, at chest or shoulder height.

It is noted that Vice Chairman Scarlato arrived at 20:11 hours.

Mr. O'Keefe completed the review of his proposal at 20:25, after which additional discussion ensued. Items discussed and requested to be looked at for inclusion in a modified proposal included:

- Adding a climbing ladder for accessing rear coffin compartments;
- 1 or 2 -- 12v Brow Lights;
- Pump Panel Running Board Trays;
- LED Lighting on apparatus sides – w/Dual Switches @ Driver's Position & Pump Panel;
- Color Coded Water Level Indicators on apparatus sides;
- Speedy Dry Hopper & Chute;
- Holmatro Tri-Mo Pump in coffin compartment or dunnage area; w/remote Auto-Start switching, with 2 switch locations – driver's position and pump panel;
- Raise cab height by 16"; and
- Lighted sight marking poles on leading corners of front bumper.

Mr. O'Keefe stated it would take about 2 weeks for conceptual drawings, after he makes the changes discussed tonight.

Chairman Equils noted the next meetings are scheduled for June 13 and June 20. Perhaps Mr. O'Keefe will be ready to come back at one of them.

This completed the discussion with Mr. O'Keefe and all expressed their appreciation for his coming here.

The Board then agreed to schedule four (4) additional meetings, so the Public Notice can be published. Dates agreed on were July 11, July 29, August 8, and August 19. All will start at 19:00 hours and be open to the public. Clerk will file the appropriate notices.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 13 at 19:00 hrs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT .....** There were two firefighters and officers present. There were zero (0) members of the public present. No comments were offered.

**ADJOURNMENT .....** This concluded the business for the committee, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Kelly and Stalling, and passed by the board. The meeting closed at 21:05 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly  
Clerk of the Board

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