

**Special Meeting – Truck Development
June 13, 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, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. Also present was Asst Engineer John Thompson. It was noted that there were zero (0) firefighters and 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. Thompson, who stated he had a KME “Panther” Model apparatus downstairs, which is scheduled for delivery to Brooklawn Fire Department, in Gloucester County. He noted he brought the apparatus for inspection and review by the committee.

At this time the committee moved the meeting downstairs for the review. It was noted that several line officers and firefighters were present looking over the truck.

One item of interest to the committee was the aluminum hose bed cover, which rolled up its length and then lifted up off the bed, giving unobstructed access to the hose bed.

The committee members looked over the entire apparatus, including cab & jump seating areas, compartments, and other accessories that may be desired on the finished truck.

The meeting resumed upstairs in the meeting room at 19:35 hours.

Committee members then discussed the two (2) Pierce units on display last night at the South Monmouth County Fire Chief’s meeting at South Wall Fire Company. Trucks from Glendola FC (Wall Twp.) and Gordon’s Corner FC (Manalapan Twp.) were gone over, noting positive and negative for each.

The committee then reviewed two (2) sample engineering drawings, specifically showing two (2) different ladder storage locations. Neither drawing was created for this particular project.

On Newer Extrication Tools and Truck Functions: The board members expressed the position of the board that the newer tools on Engine 475 WILL BE MOVED to this new truck and Engine 475 WILL BE RETURNED to its priority function as the primary structural fire-fighting unit.

It was noted that John O’Keefe of Pierce stated he would not have information to present until July; there appeared to be little for the committee to review or act on before then.

Therefore, a motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20 was made by Commissioners Scarlato, and Stalling, and passed by the board.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 11, at 19:00 hrs. Vice Chairman Scarlato will contact Mr. O’Keefe to make sure he will be ready that evening, to present what Pierce can offer.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were zero (0) firefighters or 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 Stalling and Eadicicco, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 20:24 hrs.
Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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