

Workshop Meeting, January 7, 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, 2013 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. It was also recorded that there were zero (0) firefighters or public present at the start of the meeting.

Purchaser Eadicicco began preparing the bills and vouchers, for processing by Treasurer Stalling to print checks. Chief Bob Nichols arrived at 19:03 hours

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported the following:

Nominating Petitions received from Gregory Scarlato & Richard H. Stalling.

VALIC – Changes in individual LOSAP plans.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Kelly reported he has purchased some of the office supplies approved in December, with a balance to be completed.

The clerk reported the Proposed 2013 budget and the minutes of the Budget Hearing were sent to the district auditor for submission to Trenton for final approval.

Chairman Equils asked about the implementation of the Driver License Review Program. Chief Nichols provided a copy of the form used by Ramtown First Aid, which needs to be transferred to district letterhead. This will initiate the process with the state licensing authorities.

Vice Chairman Scarlato reported the tools were ordered for the Engineers, and most have been delivered.

Clerk Kelly reported Norm's Small Engine Repair is showing an outstanding invoice due them, but we never received the bill or a voucher. Will need one submitted to make payment.

NEW BUSINESS: Regarding the letter from the Hogan Family regarding the use of the fire siren for dispatch - Discussion was held with several options being suggested including: Maintain the current 7 A.M to 7 P.M. hours of operation; Modify hours to only use while the Hogan child is away for usual school hours; Possibly install a soft start to gradually increase intensity of siren blast; Shorten number and duration of the siren blasts from 6 blasts over 1 minute, to 3 over 30 seconds; Restrict use of upgrading EMS calls to fire calls, requiring tone to set off siren; Return to former policy for designating motor vehicle accidents as requiring a fire response only when involving extrication or "roll-overs."

To conclude the issue: Commissioner Eadicicco made a motion to ban use of the fire siren except for Memorial Services and one (1) monthly test, to be conducted at 10:00 A.M. on the first Saturday of each month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scarlato and passed by the board on a four (4) yes to one (1) no vote; with Commissioners Eadicicco, Equils, Scarlato, and Stalling voting "yes" and Commissioner Kelly voting "no."

It was agreed to place this item on tomorrow's agenda for formal ratification.

Chief Nichols left the meeting at 19:45 hours to respond to an EMS dispatch at 87 Western Drive.

TREASURER'S REPORT Following the completion of the voucher & check entry by Treasurer Stalling, he reported bills totaling \$24,692.63, requiring a transfer of \$25,000.00. These amounts agreed with the calculations prepared by Purchaser Eadicicco.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Commissioners Scarlato and Kelly, and passed unanimously by the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT Past Chief Bill Bommer stated the federal fire facility on Sandy Hook is looking for donations of good used SCBA bottles. If we have any, we can look to donate them there.

Vice Chairman noted the old portable power generator could also be donated to a responder agency in need.

With zero (0) member of the public being present, there were no other comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT This concluded the business for the workshop, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Eadicicco and Stalling, and passed by the board. The meeting closed at 20:54 hrs. Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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