

Workshop Meeting, April 7, 2014

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Equils then read the Opening Statement, noting this meeting was advertised on Sunday, December 29, 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 Equils, Kelly, and Scarlato being present. Purchaser Eadicicco was enroute to the meeting. Treasurer Stalling was absent for medical reasons, following heart surgery.

It was also recorded that there Chief Jim Bailey was preset, but there were zero (0) firefighters present; and there were zero (0) members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Commissioner Eadicicco arrived at 19:06 hours and began to prepare the vouchers and enumerating the bills, for forwarding to Chairman Equils, who also serves as Asst. Treasurer, for processing into checks.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported the following:
ESI Equipment – Service Contract for Holmatro Extrication Equipment;
Penguin Communication – Service Contract, 6 months of E-Dispatch;
Howell Township Finance Dept – April Tax Allotment Check
Austin Burke – Membership Application
Liberty Mutual Insurance Group – Follow-up, John Thompson Medical Claim
LabCorp – Follow –up, Credit Due District Account
VALIC/AIG – M. Bardsley & S. Scarlato L.O.S.A.P. Enrollments
Asbury Park Press – Legal Notice – Scheduled Special Workshop Meeting
VFIS – Insurance Renewals
Hartford Steam Boiler – Inspection Report

OLD BUSINESS: Vice Chairman Scarlato reported the Board's Training Standards Committee met on March 26. They reviewed and made some changes (deletions, additions, and other modifications) in the standards.

He reviewed what the proposed changes are. At the suggestion of Clerk Kelly, another review of the Incident Management Levels will be done, to further guarantee they meet all state criteria.

Vice Chairman Scarlato will do that for discussion and adoption of the revised standards at tomorrow's regular public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The board discussed various items proposed by Chief Jim Bailey for purchase. Items included Additional Radio Equipment; Lighting Upgrade on Ladder 490; Hand-tools for Engine 475; SCBA Cylinder Mats; Firefighter Gloves; SCBA Mask Voice Amplifiers; and Replacement Batteries for Portable Radios. Total cost of \$19,204.50.

Commissioners Kelly and Scarlato made a motion to approve the purchases, after discussions on the number of new radios in the new proposal. It was agreed that the requested amount be reduced from the initial \$6,602.50, as it included funds previously approved for radios.

The modified was to reflect an allocation of only \$2,020.50 for radios, in this proposal. This reduced to total amount of the chief's proposal from \$23,786.50, to \$19,204.50.

The motion to approve the purchase, and place the item on tomorrow's regular meeting agenda was passed unanimously.

NEW TRUCK Nothing was presented or discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Following the completion of the voucher and check entry by Asst Treasurer Equils; he reported bills totaling \$40,951.88, requiring a transfer of \$40,000.00. These amounts agreed with the calculations prepared by Purchaser Eadicicco.

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

GOOD AND WELFARE Clerk Kelly suggested and all members informally agreed; that any meeting absences by Treasurer Stalling, due to his cardiac surgery; will be covered by the board, as "Excused" absences. All wished him a speedy recover.

Clerk Kelly also reminded everyone of the publicly advertised Special Workshop Meeting this Thursday at 19:00 hours. Purpose is for Policy Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were zero (0) firefighters and zero (0) members of the public present. As such, there were no comments offered.

ADJOURNMENT This concluded the business for the workshop, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Kelly and Scarlato, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 21:19 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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