

Workshop Meeting, June 9, 2014

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 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 Eadicicco, Equils, Kelly, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. It was also recorded that there were zero (0) line officers or firefighters present; and there were zero (0) members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Treasurer Stalling noted quarterly payroll figures and phone reimbursement charges are needed by tomorrow night. Clerk Kelly responded he will calculate them immediately.

Chairman Equils then turned the floor over to Mr. Brian D. Wallace, the new Sales Executive from VFIS, the district's insurance carrier. He introduced himself and outlined some training materials and new insurance coverage that will be part of the district's renewal plan, which include at no additional charge the following:

- A. Coverage for vehicle rental for damaged district owned vehicles;
- B. Towing policy covering charges for towing of district owned vehicles;
- C. Crisis Response to coverage counseling for Traumatic Stress Incidents;
- D. Up to \$1,000.00 reimbursement for damages to responders personal property in their residence, suffered while a member was responding to an incident;
- E. Coverage for losses or damages suffered in station from loss of power;
- F. Coverage for violations of Medical "HIPPA" rules or regulations.

He noted these changes will go into effect around July or August of this year.

He also outlined two other items of coverage that board may elect to purchase, at additional costs, which were:

1. Option to make VFIS the Primary Insurer of member's personal vehicles, while responding to calls or alarms. Currently, the member's personal insurance is the primary insurer and VFIS is secondary, for balances left for the members to pay;
2. Additional coverage for Line of Duty Death Claims, separate from the current American United or AIG Life Insurance Policies held by the board.

Clerk Kelly reviewed for Mr. Wallace the very unsatisfactory performance of Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, in their processing and paying district Worker's Compensation Injury Claims. He noted that some have dragged on to the point where they are in "collection," damaging the reputations of the district and the injured firefighters.

Clerk will keep Mr. Wallace and Pam Brown, VFIS Office Manager informed of any continuing problems.

This concluded discussions with Mr. Wallace. Chairman Equils thanked him for coming and Mr. Wallace left the meeting at 19:30 hours, at which time the board resumed its' regular agenda.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported the following:

Liberty Mutual Insurance Group	Request for Payroll Information;
Stefan M. Nikolof	Application – Junior Firefighter
Dale J. Seitz	District Medical Examination Form
Tidal Emergency Physicians	Emergency Room Bill – J. Gaul MVA
Allison Ciranni, Howell Township	Contact for District's Legal Counsel

OLD BUSINESS: Purchaser Eadicicco reported on problem with vendor (GearGrid) who is holding up shipment of new order, due to a supposed past due bill for \$57.00 from shipping charges, dating back to 2012. Clerk Kelly will look for original invoice & voucher and contact them for resolution of the problem.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Kelly reported on legislation introduced in “Trenton” to change the date of fire district elections and other changes that would remove districts elections from NJSA: 40 and place them in NJSA: 19, under the control of the county election board. This would also make the fire districts responsible for the costs of county election workers, voting machines, sample ballots, etc. It may also change polling places and time table for budgets and audits. Discussions are taking place this week in the Assembly.

Clerk Kelly presented copies of the proposed medical policy to each commissioner for review and discussion. Following review, it was informally agreed to place the item on tomorrow’s regular meeting agenda for further discussion and possible action.

Vice Chairman Scarlato inquired what if a firefighter needed to use corrective lenses while wearing a SCBA mask. Clerk Kelly stated the board has provided the SCBA lens frame kit and paid for single prescription lenses for the frame. All informally agreed the policy is the same.

Commissioner Stalling reported the rear cap on Unit 488 is chipping the vehicle paint and suggested it go back to Atlantic Auto Body for adjustment. Chairman Equils volunteered to contact the shop for them to look at it.

Clerk Kelly reported that during this meeting, he has calculated the amounts due for payroll and phone reimbursements; and appropriate vouchers can be made for payment tomorrow. Total for Payroll is \$12,975.00 and total for Phone Reimbursements is \$1,350.00.

It was informally agreed to place this item on tomorrow night’s agenda for approval.

Vice Chairman Scarlato suggested the board look into making award presentations to district firefighters who perform at an extraordinary incident or event. Board discussed some options; generally agreeing to leave CPR Awards as a company award, which they always have been. But board will explore other options for suitable awards.

On issuing company I.D. Cards – it was reported there are operational issues with the card printer which will cost between \$2,000.00/\$3,000.00. The board members informally agreed they are not interested in spending this amount of money to fix the printer.

The line officers will attempt to print 2014 cards in house, but will initiate a serious effort to get the Monmouth County ID Cards issued.

NEW TRUCK Nothing was discussed.

TREASURER’S REPORT Following the completion of the voucher and check entry by Treasurer Stalling; he reported bills totaling \$39,741.09, requiring a transfer of \$40,000.00. He also reported a transfer of \$18,000.00 was needed for the District’s Payroll Account. These amounts agreed with the calculations prepared by Purchaser Eadicicco.

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

GOOD AND WELFARE Nothing was presented.

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

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

The meeting closed at 21:03 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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