

Workshop Meeting, March 7, 2011

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 Saturday, January 1, 2011 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, McMahon, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. There were two (2) line officers present and zero (0) firefighters, or public present at the start of the meeting.

Purchaser Eadicicco and Treasurer Stalling began working to assemble the list of bills and to prepare vouchers and checks for approval. Clerk Kelly again noted that all invoices for items authorized in 2010 are marked accordingly.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported receiving the following:

A notice from VFIS-NJ stating a credit of \$387.45 is due for the deletion of Engine 476 from the Automobile Policy;

Reported the minor bumper damage on Engine 475 was fixed by Fire & Safety Services and he will close out the damage claim with VFIS-NJ & Glatfelter Insurance;

Received the Inspection Certification from Underwriters Laboratories, showing all items on Ladder 490 passing, and noting he already filed a copy with VFIS-NJ as required;

Received the original copy of the 2011 Budget from the NJ-DCA, duly signed & approved;

Communication from Mr. Osborn, the district auditor, stating that any stipends due past commissioner William McMahon are to be paid tonight, per NJ-PERS rules;

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Equils stated the board needs to look and see if there are any outstanding purchasing issues remaining from last year. Most felt that the sump pump was the only item remaining, but it needs to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Kelly reported that he has calculated the LOSAP contributions for the Year 2010. His figures show 30 members, each receiving \$1,558.00, for a total expenditure of \$46,740.00. He noted that 3 or 4 members need to do enrollment applications and he will either submit them with the payment, or VALIC will hold those funds in separate accounts until applications are received, so as not to hold up deposits for other members already enrolled.

Chairman Equils asked about input for a meeting of Howell Fire, EMS, and Police agencies, regarding the pending FCC required "Narrow Banding" of radio channels. Clerk Kelly reported that Monmouth County Sheriff Shaun Golden is coming to the April meeting of the South Monmouth Fire Chiefs to report on status of county radio changes. Other discussions were held between Chairman Equils and 1st Asst Chief Bob Nichols, both of whom will attend this Howell meeting and report back.

Vice Chairman Greg Scarlato requested the following items be placed on the agenda for tomorrow night's regular meeting:

Approve the new 3 year Lease Agreement with the Fire Company;

Continued use of Unit 499 by Fire Police Captain Bill McMahon;

Specification for new Turn-Out Gear;

Grant Application/Process/Status.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Purchaser Eadicicco and Treasurer Stalling completed the voucher and check entry with an initial total of \$69,007.19. There was an error in the amount of \$813.60 posted for Shore Business Solutions, which was corrected to \$381.80, making a new total for expenditures of \$68,575.39, which both the purchaser and treasurer agreed with.

Treasurer Stalling then reported bills totaling \$68,575.39, plus an Electronic Debit for NJ-PERS in the amount of \$180.74, creating a final expenditure total of \$19,169.96; requiring a transfer of funds in the amount of \$70,000.00. He also reported on the checking & savings account balances.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion by Commissioners Kelly and Scarlato, and passed by the board. Checks were then printed and signed.

GOOD AND WELFARE Nothing was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT It was noted that there was one (1) line officer and zero (0) firefighters or members of the public in attendance at the close of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT The Treasurer finished printing & signing checks. This concluded the business for the workshop, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Stalling and Eadicicco, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 20:38 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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