

Workshop Meeting, April 9, 2012

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The start of the meeting was delayed due to the Clerk meeting with an applicant for the fire company.

Chairman Equils then read the Opening Statement, noting this meeting was advertised on Sunday, January 1, 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. It was noted there were no line officers, firefighters, or members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Treasurer Stalling reported that tonight's Opening Balances for the Checking and Savings Accounts will be different than last month's Closing Balances. This is to correct an error made when the deposit for the Insurance Reimbursement was recorded twice, in both February's and March's deposits.

Purchaser Eadicicco began working on preparing the bills and vouchers, for processing by Treasurer Stalling to print checks.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk reported faxing the paperwork to Flemington GMC, for the purchase of the new truck;

He received the Executive Board Minutes this month;

He is receiving Medical Exam Forms for firefighters; and

He received the Service Contract for Holmatro Equipment from ESI Equipment.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Equils reported speaking to Chief Engineer Kelly about the transmission repair for Tanker 495. A new Electronic Control Module (ECM) is needed, cost is \$3,700.00. Commissioners Kelly and Scarlato made a motion to approve the item, which was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Scarlato reported that the change in phone service by the fire company has made the alarms systems unable to communicate outside the building. This is probably what led to the failure of the ADT System and is preventing the new Robert's System from functioning, as transmitting a "Fire Signal" over the internet is not "Code" in NJ.

He reported 2 solutions: #1 being to contract a single line from Verizon, with a monthly charge for as long as the line is in use. Solution #2 and a "better option" in his opinion, is to make a 1 time purchase of a transmitter that will transmit an alarm via radio. Cost is \$1,400.00.

Motion to purchase the transmitter made by Commissioners Eadicicco and Scarlato, and passed unanimously by the board.

Both of these purchases are to be ratified at tomorrow evening's regular public meeting.

Commissioner Scarlato also reported that Farmingdale Hook & Ladder Fire Department is interested in Unit 499, if it is sold and would appreciate consideration by the board when being sold or otherwise disposed of.

On the new truck: Commissioner Stalling stated he would like to see lighting and markings kept to a minimum – something similar to the brush truck. He would like to see a LED lighted light-bar, Rams & Gold Leaf District Maltese Cross, Minimal lettering. Also would like a rear camera.

All present informally agreed to allow Commissioners Stalling and Scarlato to develop a lettering and lighting plan for review and possible action at the May meeting.

It was also decided to contact the tray vendor visited in Wildwood, to see what he can offer for this model vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Eadicicco reported there are 4-5 old steel SCBA bottles that are out of service life and need to be disposed of. Clerk stated we need number or units and their Serial Numbers for recording and a motion tomorrow night to declare them "Obsolete" and dispose of them.

NEW BUSINESS: Cont'd Commissioner Kelly stated he has problems with the board being placed in the position of paying double and triple credits for EMS calls, as stated by the fire chief.

He stated various objections including line officers making commitments to members that can have repercussions for the board, without first coming to the board; Paying higher reimbursements for EMS calls than for fire calls, our primary responsibility; Tax liability implications for members; Additional Professional Costs to the board for annual wage/salary reports by auditor being among them. He will present these items to the officers tomorrow night also.

Commissioner Eadicicco stated the Training Standards Committee needs to meet and asked about appointing a new one. Board will put this on tomorrow night's agenda to appoint the 2 commissioners.

Commissioner Stalling brought up the blowing of the siren and suggested it be turned off before the Thursday evening test, suggesting it operate between 06:00 and 18:30 hours. Other board members didn't think this was a good idea, as the testing is necessary.

Other informally agreed upon items suggested for action were to Notify PD and Fire Bureau of dispatch errors when EMS is put out over "Fire" causing siren to blow un-necessarily; and for members to turn it off at the switch, when making announcements from station. Further cautioned to make sure they turn it BACK ON when done!

TREASURER'S REPORT Following the completion of the voucher & check entry by Treasurer Stalling, he reported bills totaling \$12,968.30; requiring a transfer of \$15,000.00. These amounts agreed with the list prepared by Purchaser Eadicicco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT There was zero (0) persons in attendance at the close of the meeting

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