

Workshop Meeting, November 10, 2014

Vice Chairman Gregory Scarlato 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, Kelly, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. Chairman Equils was absent due to out of state travel to Florida.

Also present were Mr. Jay C. Sendzik, Esq., the board's legal counsel. It was also recorded that there were four (4) firefighters present; and there were zero (0) members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Vice Chairman Scarlato turned the floor over to Mr. Sendzik, for his presentation of his review of the district's proposed Medical Policy. He advised the following:

That all references to any NFPA Standards be eliminated;

The need to create categories for firefighters such as Active, Interior, Driver, Support Staff, etc;

Inclusion of a listing of the Essential Firefighting Duties persons must perform;

Criteria for annual Medical Evaluation for advice to and review by the licensed medical professional doing the exam;

Need to create a "Return to Duty" form, for use when returning to firefighting duties; following a medical issue or leave.

Mr. Sendzik offered to forward some samples of what other district have done, for use in creating the necessary items here.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported the following:

Receipt of 2 applications for Active Membership and 1 for Junior Firefighter;

Glatfelter Claims Dept regarding claim for graphics replacement on Unit 488;

Congressman Chris Smith: Letter on Assistance to Firefighters Federal Grants;

Underwriter Laboratories: Dates for aerial & pump testing;

Chief Engineer Martin Kelly: Repair of radio in Unit 478 & disposal of old generator.

OLD BUSINESS: There was nothing presented.

NEW BUSINESS: Fire Company Finance Chairman Mike Acampora and Trustees Joe Gilsenan and Bill Gotto were present to submit a proposal for a new rental lease to the commissioners. (Copy of proposal is in the file)

Proposal included a 10 year term (2016 through 2025) at an annualized charge of \$87,500.00, inclusive of rent, utilities, and food reimbursements.

Mr. Acampora noted he addressed some of the concerns expressed by Chairman Equils, which are reflected in the proposal presented tonight.

Additional questions and concerns (several from Clerk Kelly) were addressed to Mr. Acampora and Attorney Sendzik, who was still present at the meeting; to which both gentlemen responded.

Item will be placed on the agenda for tomorrow night's Regular Public Meeting.

Attorney Sendzik then reported his law partner (Kate Sendzik Haines) is working on the 2nd step in fixing the pension issues.

That is to get the amount of money due the system for the various commissioners, so payment can be made. He then noted there is 1 more step after that, which is making the actual payments into the 2 pension systems.

NEW TRUCK Commissioner Scarlato reported speaking to KME Representative James Phillips, noting a tour of the factory and truck will probably take place in December.

It was agreed the board needs to finalize the list of Holmatro extrication tools and other equipment for this truck.

It was informally agreed for the board to discuss scheduling a Special Workshop Meeting, maybe on a Saturday in December, at tomorrow's regular meeting.

PAYROLL No payroll actions were taken at this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT Following the completion of the voucher and check entry by Treasurer Stalling; he reported bills totaling \$17,296.51, requiring a transfer of funds in the amount of \$20,000.00. 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 Nothing was presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were three (3) officers or 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 Stalling and Eadicicco, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 20:18 hours.
Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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