

Workshop Meeting, January 12, 2015

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 28, 2014 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. There were zero (0) fire officers or members of the public present at the start of the meeting. Candidate Michael Acampora was also present to deliver his Nominating Petition.

CRITICAL CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Kelly reported the following:

Barry J. Osborn, C.P.A. - Copy of 2015 Approved Budget Document

Sendzik & Sendzik, LLC – Purchase Resolution #12-09-14-01

James Eadicicco – Medical Release

Michael L. Acampora, William R. Bommer – Nominating Petitions

Raymond A. Equils, Robert J. Kelly – Nominating Petitions

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Equils agreed to sign Resolution 12-09-14-01 authorizing the purchase of Holmatro Extrication Equipment from ESI Equipment.

On the question of purchasing a new Command Vehicle, Vice Chairman Scarlato reported receiving 1 of 2 quotes for a new 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, inclusive of all "command" equipment, less as many as 6 radios. Quoted cost was \$62,985.00.

Based on this information; Commissioners Kelly and Stalling made a motion to place a Capital Purchase Question on the upcoming ballot; for a new Command Type Vehicle and Related Equipment, at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Scarlato reported going to the County Board of Elections, inquiring about using voting machine for elections. Cost is \$65.00 per machine, plus cost of printing election ballot template. It was suggested it was too late for 2015, but should be considered for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS: A question was asked how to handle signing up Joseph Eadicicco for the fire academy before accepting his application. Clerk Kelly suggested it be handled the same as others, as long as his medical exam and other paperwork is in house, he can start the academy. All commissioners informally agreed with this position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The board entered into Executive Session at 20:10 hours, after Commissioners Scarlato and Kelly made a motion to do so, which was unanimously approved by the board. The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss Personnel. Minutes of the session will be kept, but will not be made public, as they involve a single district firefighter.

The board re-convened in **PUBLIC SESSION** at 20:20 hours, after Commissioners Stalling and Eadicicco made a motion to do so; which was passed unanimously by the board.

NEW TRUCK Vice Chairman Scarlato reported sending a list of hose wanted to a couple of vendors, for a price quote.

Defender Emergency Products quoted \$6,063.45.

First Due Training & Safety Consultants quoted \$6,524.54.

Witmer Public Safety Group quoted \$5,600.00, but it was noted there were problems with the quote not matching our requested list.

All Hands Fire Equipment quoted various other items (tools) along with the hose, but their discount rate was not clearly noted.

It was informally agreed by all to hold off on discussions or action until all price the quotes are clearly enumerated.

On Quotes for Hand Tools, the following was reported:

First Due Fire Equipment quoted \$5,693.00

Defender quoted \$5,417.00

All Hands quoted \$6,314.00

Again, no action was taken until additional clarification on hand tool pricing is received from Defender and All Hands. Vice Chairman Scarlato will work on it for February.

He then reported looking at new low pressure/high volume nozzles manufactured by Elkhart Brass. Suggested new nozzles for new truck as existing ones are older TaskForce Tips nozzles, with a preference to stay with Elkhart.

It was also reported that vouchers were sent to ESI Equipment for the Holmatro tools.

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 \$29,530.14, requiring a transfer of funds in the amount of \$30,000.00. These amounts agreed with the calculations prepared by Purchaser Eadicicco.

Treasurer Stalling also reported a bank error on the checking account's paper statement; which superimposed \$0.01 which was corrected. And a bank fee of \$5.80, which will be reversed.

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

GOOD AND WELFARE Vice Chairman Scarlato reported the fire company construction project will be starting soon. He noted some district owned items are in the attic that may warrant disposal. Old turn-out gear, fittings, tires, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were zero (0) 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 Eadicicco and Scarlato, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 20:44 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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