



Board of Fire Commissioners

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2020

Due to current Covid 19 precautions meeting was conducted by Zoom video conference with audience participation by audio conference.

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Calvo at 7:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Attorney Braslow advised the Board that all requirements of the Open Public Meeting Laws had been met. Pursuant to the Public Meeting Act of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting has been met by advertising in The Coaster and The Two River Times, and by posting on the bulletin board in the Tinton Falls borough hall and placed on file with the Borough Clerk 48 hours prior to this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLE CALL

Bowles- present

Calvo- present

Costa- present

Hawkins- present

Attorney Braslow- present

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve the Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2020 was made by Commissioner Bowles and seconded by Commissioner Costa. All in favor.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

A report had been submitted by Treasurer Carl Bowles. Total bills for the month are \$439,661.68, which include:

Clean Air Company: \$6,683.10 (2 inv.) for magnetic connectors for plymovents.

Defender: \$14,795.33 (5 inv.) for repairs to 2-85,2-90, and 3-93.

NJ American Water Company: \$15,458.00 for hydrant rentals.

Fire and safety: \$386,828.26 for partial payment of new firetruck.

Motion for the bills to be paid was made by Commissioner Costa and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Done in Workshop Meeting. Chief Reggie Wright stated that 3-77 needs a thermal imaging camera.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Kyle Williams mentioned when he submitted his list of needed paratech equipment, he negated to include base plates that are also needed which total \$3,266.10. A motion was made to amend a previous Resolution for paratechnical equipment to include this purchase by Commissioner Costa, and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

Deputy Chief Williams also expressed his desire for a contingent of firefighters to attend 2 upcoming Fire Conferences. One in Asbury Park in affiliation with Training/Compliance Officer Jim Ogle October 16, 17, and 18. Registration opens on June 1st. Cost is \$215.00 per person with discount for Fools Members. A motion was made to send a firefighter group not to exceed 10 at a cost of \$2,150.00 by Commissioner Costa, and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor. Both Chiefs will submit a list of interested members before June 1st so we can pre-register June 1st.

The second Fire Conference is in Nashville, Tennessee October 30, 31, and November 1st. It will be conducted differently this year due to Covid restrictions. No live burns, no hands on. Mostly seminars and extrications. Deputy Chief requests maybe 6 or 8 firefighters total from both companies be allowed to attend. President Calvo stated that



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we need more details on costs and particulars. We will research some of last years costs and will follow up at next month's meeting.

Deputy Chief Williams also stated he has 3 firefighter trainees waiting for Firefighter One to reopen for training. He also stated that he has 1 new Firefighter with medical and fingerprinting coming shortly. He stated that he had just submitted 3 fingerprinting receipts to the office and was hoping to have the reimbursements by the next meeting.

TRAINING/COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Training/Compliance Officer Jim Ogle had submitted Training and Compliance reports. He stated we are still in need of utility boxes, also that we will need to replace our 35 foot ladder because the one we have that failed inspection cannot be repaired. He stated he will be setting up an account with Barg's on Route 33 in Howell for small equipment repair.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS

Pine Brook has agreed to our offer, but it hasn't been signed yet.

Kyle Williams spoke on behalf of Wayside. Wayside requests the same percentage increase that Pine Brook is receiving. Commissioner Costa stated that they (Pine Brook) have to maintain their building, Wayside does not. Also if the roof goes, they have to replace it, Wayside does not. Will be discussed further at the next meeting in June.

UTILITY TRUCK CABINETS

Commissioners decided to use Truckvault's quote of \$2,990.00 (without installation) vs East Coast's quote of \$5,200.00 (with installation) Commissioner Costa said Department of Public Works of Tinton Falls would install. Motion to use Truckvault and not to exceed \$3,500.00 was made by Commissioner Costa, and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins. All in favor.

ABUSE AND MOLESTATION POLICY

Commissioner Calvo stated he had a meeting with Selective Insurance and was given some very informative guidelines. We need to make sure this encompasses the entire staff. He should be finishing up the policy tomorrow and will share with the Insurance Company and the Board. We will make a Resolution to accept it at the next meeting in June.



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COMMISSIONER VACANCY

Commissioner Calvo asked each Commissioner if anyone had changed their minds as far as appointing someone to the vacant Commissioner position. Each Commissioner stated NO.

NEW BUSINESS

SIGNBOARD FOR LADDER

Discussion was held to purchase ladder panels for 36-2-90. Quote for \$600.00 and visual had been submitted by Signworks. Motion to purchase was made by Commissioner Costa and seconded by Commissioner Bowles. All in favor.

SWITCH PHONE LINES TO RING CENTRAL AND GET CONFERENCE TABLE PHONE

Commissioner Calvo stated he is looking to change the phone system. The District can pay \$100.00 per month for the 2 phone lines. Wayside switched over to Ring Central and they have had no problems. Annual cost is approximately \$680.00. They are not State Contract and they do NOT accept Purchase Orders. Motion to proceed was made by Commissioner Costa and seconded by Commissioner Bowles. All in favor.

TWO RIVER BANK HAS CHANGED

Two River Bank has now become Ocean First Bank. Commissioner Calvo stated he will be meeting with them in the near future and will report back at the next meeting.

OFFICER STIPENDS

Discussed in the Workshop Meeting. Motion to amend a previous Resolution for Officer Stipends was made by Commissioner Costa and seconded by Commissioner Bowles. All in favor.

TRUCK BUILDING UPDATE

Commissioner Calvo reported on the latest information on our new firetruck, 36-2-74. He stated that because of the pandemic, it looks like it will be ready by July. He is not sure if we are even allowed on sight. He has been speaking with Justin because we need to discuss cabinet and box development. He will also reach out to Kyle Williams and Mike



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Estelle. Delivery is scheduled for February 2021, and the vehicle will still have to go to the outfitter of the cabinets. We most likely will not receive the truck until April 2021.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Aaron Brawner spoke on the subject of Officer Stipends and clarified some wording in the policy. He also stated his feelings on the topic of the two Commissioners who would like the position. He stated that one we have not heard a lot from for the last few years, and the other has run for a Commissioner position in the last few previous elections, proving he has a true desire to be a part of the Commission.

Deputy Chief Kyle Williams also stated his disappointment that the Commissioners could not reach an agreement as to an appointment of a Commissioner. He stated the Commissioners are doing a disservice to the District, the fire companies, and the Tinton Falls public.

Deputy Chief also stated that 2-85 was in a minor accident and the estimate was approximately \$950.00. He also spoke about getting cages for the 2 chief vehicles that was discussed during a February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Bowles and seconded by Commissioner Costa. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.