



JCPL	Electric bill	\$ 662.80
Meridian Occupation Health	Physicals for firefighters attending Firefighter 2 Class	\$ 990.00
NJ Natural Gas	December / January	\$ 711.55
Scoles Floorshine	Floor cleaner	\$ 53.45

Motion to pay the bills was made by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Matthews. All in favor.

**CHIEF'S REPORT-** Reviewed at Workshop Meeting. Two new members have submitted applications. A Junior Member will be joining in April when he turns 18 years of age.

Chief submitted a list of personnel who stood by for Winter Storm Kenan at the two fire stations. Standby pay totaled \$4350, and the Chief is requesting the Commissioners consider approving storm stand-by stipend.

The Chief requested the Board to consider a one, three and five-year plan to ensure continuity of operations.

The Chief attended the Pine Brook Fire Company meeting. ERS has been updated and discussed possible improvements to 36-3-76 to standardize the fleet and update the equipment to allow for same equipment across the Fire District.

LOSAP was discussed. As per the President, LOSAP list was published and posted. The Borough Clerk has received and stamped. List will be reviewed to make sure it is updated.

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT – Progress**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **36-2-75 -**

As mentioned in Workshop Meeting, a list will be compiled of additional equipment that can be included with apparatus. Equipment could also be donated.

### **Open Path -**

Andrew Calvo updated the Board on the access system. The final door pad was installed, and the full system install is complete. A quote will be obtained in the future for door cameras.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Equipment -**

Chief requested miscellaneous fire equipment which included scene lighting, lithium battery for tools, saw blade, smooth bore nozzle. Motion made by Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Harris to purchase equipment, all in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Harris to pay firefighter storm stand-by pay for Winter Storm Kenan in the amount of \$4,350, seconded by Commissioner Furman, all in favor.

### **ID Cards -**

Commissioner Matthews discussed ID cards for members. The cost is approximately \$8 each – photo / information and graphics can be added. Will integrate with the Open Path system. Discussion held on expiration date – three years.

### **DEF Fluid -**

The Borough is considering purchasing a tank/pump for the fluid. Would the District be in favor of splitting cost? Fire companies would need 24/7 access to Borough Public Works. More information is needed.

### **District update -**

President Costa noted that one Commissioner, and possibly a second has resigned from District 2. Most likely will be replaced at election time. This may affect merger discussions.

Borough approached President about possibly providing own snow plowing since the Public Works is very busy during a storm. President will speak with new administrator. Would the Borough provide an old utility vehicle?

Comcast provides two free boxes to the fire stations as per municipal agreement. Wayside will begin to pay for additional boxes monthly. Pine Brook is being charged business rate and that is being looked at by Comcast government affairs personnel.

### **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clean Air Company correspondence regarding annual preventative maintenance on vehicle exhaust system.

Motion made by Commissioner Chervinsky to approve Clean Air Company to provide annual preventative maintenance on vehicle exhaust system, seconded by Commissioner Matthews, all in favor.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-**

Mike Estelle asked if the District was considering a plan to replace 36-2-88. A possible utility vehicle with a plow may be a good consideration.

President advised a vehicle was not budgeted for this year but may be considered for next year.

Mike Estelle asked what can be done about recruiting members. Pine Brook Fire Company has minimal members. Recruitment drives in the past did not get the results hoped for. Would a recruitment budget be considered. Discussion held on banners and signs – past efforts v. new ideas taking social media into consideration.

Discussion held on putting money into building and vehicle maintenance. At one time a committee was held with the senior members of Station 3 and their thoughts on the future of the Station. Discussion followed on same with consideration of history preservation, members v. no members and fiscal responsibility.

**ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Matthews and seconded by Commissioner Harris. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.