

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

May 7, 2012

Items for Discussion Prior to the Work Session:

- Next meeting date is May 21, 2012. I am on vacation the following week.
- Tentative start date to epoxy the bay floors is June 5 & 6.
- Moisture Test results from the Bay floors passed.
- Nelson Engineering sent Mixalia a punch list for the floor project.
- Monmouth Diagnostics Bill
- Discuss Elevator
- The FDA and Board Clerk attended a 2 day seminar in Princeton this past weekend on QuickBooks Training.
- FM Camera.
- Deuce/2 needs to have the emergency brake and cable replaced before we can put it into service at a cost of \$627.42.

WORK SESSION

May 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:33 pm.

This meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". Public Notice of this meeting was mailed to the Clerk of the Township of Ocean and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse on March 2, 2012, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 8, 2012.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Scott Nelson, Russell Williams and Stuart Newman. Fire District Administrator David Hiers, Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino, and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Thomas Reu arrived at 7:48 PM.

BUSINESS:

Nelson – On behalf of the Board along with the FDA and the District Mechanic, I would like to thank the First Aid Squad for inviting us to the Squads dinner. The dinner was good as was the company. It is good to have some time to relax and enjoy the company of the Squad. Your strong volunteerism efforts are appreciated by the Board. Thanks again. I want to remind everyone that our next regular scheduled meeting is on May 21, a week earlier. The FDA is on vacation the following week.

Williams – A reminder, the Baltimore Fire Expo is scheduled for July 18 – 21. Anyone wishing to go needs to let the FDA know very soon so reservations can be confirmed. We have 10 rooms set aside and do not want to pay for them if not utilized. Again no ball game this year, the Orioles are playing away.

Newman – For information, the Oakhurst EMS Trustees met last week and discussed plans on how they plan to move forward with three paid EMT positions. The trustees will be accepting resumes from within the Oakhurst FAS starting tomorrow. An ad will be published in the Coaster on May 10 seeking Part -Time EMT's on a per diem basis. Also the Board is looking to bring on 2 part time clerk positions to assist with the clerical duties pertaining to the paid EMT's positions and other clerical duties that may be needed. The clerk job notices are posted at both locations.

Williams – The 2011 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Application has been submitted for a training trailer. We utilized Grantmasters Inc. again. The Board is hoping for the approval of this grant so the resources are there to better train, educate and promote fire safety and storm preparedness within the community. Also the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) will be offered earlier this year, sometime the end of June or July. If the fire department is looking for something again this year, get the wish list back to the FDA by our next meeting so it can be reviewed with the grant writer.

Newman – The FM had problems with his camera. It was sent for repair for \$275. It again failed after we got it back in what appears to be another problem. The Photo Center in Brick is willing to give us a \$275 credit towards the purchase of a new camera plus a Nikon instant savings of \$100. The cost of a new camera comes to \$ 704.97 which also includes a spare battery and a 3 year protection plan. Hiers offered the Resolution to purchase the FM a new camera for the cost of \$704.97. It was seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Williams – At the FDIC, Class 1 had a pump test kit there whereby periodic testing of the pumps pressure could be performed on the apparatus. With the purchase of this pump test kit, we could perform our own pump testing on a monthly basis. This will help insure that the pumping of the apparatus maintains the proper pressure throughout the year. This can also identify problems if the pump pressure does not meet its standard. We can be more pro-active in getting a pump repaired. The cost of the test kit is \$355.38 plus shipping. Also, Class 1 had colored bezels at a cost of \$27.50 each. These colored bezels will help the pump operator to easily identify the pump he is charging along with checking his pressure on the lines charged. Three colored bezels for 37-1-74 and three for 37-1-78 comes to \$165 plus shipping. Williams offered the Resolution to purchase the pump test kit for \$355.38 plus shipping and 6 colored bezels for \$165 plus shipping. It was seconded by Newman. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Newman – All the necessary paper work and insurance has been taken care for the Deuce & ½. But before it goes on the road, the emergency brake shoes and cables needs to be replaced. We have an estimate from ERS to do the repairs at a cost of \$627.42. Newman offered the Resolution to have said work done for \$627.42 by ERS. It was seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

EXPENSES:

Williams - The Bills this evening were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting and found to be OK. Copies of the bill list were on the table for anyone to review. Williams offered the Resolution to pay the Bills totaling \$12,300.44. It was seconded by Newman. There were no questions on any of the bills. Roll call vote of Newman, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. Williams offered the Resolution to transfer funds from the Operating Account to the Payroll Account in the amount of \$30,000. It was seconded by Newman. There were no questions on the bills. Roll call vote of Newman, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

DISTRICT NO.1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Fire Officers – **1st Asst. Chief Morrow** thanked the Board for the 6 pony lengths of 5” hose. He also said the insurance were all in the proper vehicles. **2nd Asst. Chief Nelson** said on May 30th there will be a smoke house drill at the Academy. There will be a fire department fund raiser this Saturday at Otto’s. He thanked the Board for the 10 sets of gear received. It has all been handed out except for 1 firemean. The Gem Cor harnesses have to be replaced. Safe-T is aware and it will be taken care of.

District Mechanic - **Fiorentino** reported that 37-1-74’s light tower has been and is working well. We’re in the progress of hydro-testing 40 SCBA bottles between Staation 1 & 2. We just completed all the hose testing and did well. Only 6 lenghts failed and they were old hose. Also the pump testing was completed and everything passed. The ambulance’s lettering will be done Wednesday or Thursday per State regulations for licensing. Ambulance 37-1-57 just went through the MV Inspection and passed. This also is required by the State.

First Aid Officers – Captain Degurski said graduation day will be on June 19th. EMS Charts went on line May 1st. First Lt. Dougherty said the issue that they had with the Tough Books has been resolved. Second Lt. Beringer ask permission for the cadets to do a fund raiser, a car wash at station 2. The Board granted permission so long as there is no scheduling conflicts with the other organizations. He also said that if there fund drive notice, he has to comment on the paid EMT’s.

Fire Marshal – Pujat thanked the Board for his attendance to his recent convention he attended. The new mobile radios have been installed in 37-1-59.

Work Session adjourned 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. David Hiers

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