

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2017
“MINUTES”

Present: Brett Salafia, Eric Germain, Phil Visintainer, Darin Hurne, Charles Gotta

Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Assistant Fire Chief Martin Swan, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Guest, Captain Christopher Lundquist, Fire Fighters Charles Spakowski and Hunt Voelker

Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at Company #1 on Barton Hill Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 annual meeting was made by Mr. Hurne and seconded by Mr. Visintainer. Voted 5-0.*

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular meeting was made by Mr. Visintainer and seconded by Mr. Hurne. Voted 5-0.

Public Remarks:

Hunt Voelker, Fire Fighter, Chestnut Hill Rd., stated that he went to a veteran's medal ceremony with Joe, our representative and talked to him about taxing on the awards program; it might be done next year.

A member of the public who resides at 7 Barton Hill Rd., (house next to Co#1), received a cease & desist letter for use of her fire pit. The Commissioners reviewed the letter and added this item to the agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Visintainer moved and Mr. Hurne seconded to add “Outside Burn Issue” to the agenda under New Business. Voted 5-0.

Christopher Lundquist, Co#1 Captain, 10 Stonegate Rd, thanked the Commission and the Chiefs for their work implementing safety upgrades at companies 1 & 3. He asked the Commissioners for their support in getting the deck at Co#1; the low bidder has agreed to keep the price the same as last year.

Approval of Bills/Budget Report:

Mr. Hurne moved and Mr. Gotta seconded to approve the expenditure of \$6,000 for a deck on Co #1, to be put on a purchase order. Voted 5-0.

Discussion: this is the completion of a project started last summer.

Mr. Hurne moved and Mr. Visintainer seconded to encumber \$2,273.00 for Shipman's for replacement equipment. Voted 5-0.

Discussion: This is for 2 dozen gloves and 10 plates for the front of helmets.

Fire Marshal Report: Fire Marshal Klotzbier's report is attached to these minutes.

Fire Chief's Report: Fire Chief Voelker's report is attached to these minutes.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business:

- A) **Sale of Old Ladder Truck:** No update. Chief Voelker will touch base with Finance Director Jylkka and this will be on the October meeting agenda.
- B) **Update St. Clements Fire:** Deputy Fire Marshal Guest recently met with the State investigator and others involved in the investigation; his report should be available by the end of the week. This will be on the October agenda.

New Business:

- A) **Outside Burn Issue:** Fire Marshal Klotzbier stated that a complaint had been received by a neighbor who stated that he could not use his property due to use of the fire pit at 7 Barton Hill Rd.. State statute says that if one individual complains, a cease & desist letter will be sent. The Fire Marshal will speak with the c&d recipient and give her contact information for someone at the State; Chairman Salafia suggested she speak to the Town Manager and the Town Council as well. Conditions of her back yard and the fire pit were described and discussed. This will also carry over to the October meeting agenda.

Executive Session: Follow up on Individual Fire Fighter Benefit Concern: Fire Fighter Charles Spakowski was invited into the executive session.

Mr. Visintainer moved and Mr. Gotta seconded to enter into executive session at 7:35 P.M.

Executive session was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. No action was taken.

Adjournment: Chairman Salafia adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Secretary