

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

December 10, 2018

“MINUTES”

Present: Brett Salafia, Phil Visintainer, Eric Germain, and Darin Hurne.

Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Assistant Chief Marty Swan, Fire Marshal Rich Kloztbier, and Fire Fighter Charles Spakowski.

Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. at Company #1 on Barton Hill Road.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of the Minutes:

- a) The approval of the minutes for the October 9, 2018 Special Meeting was pushed back until next meeting.

Public Remarks: None

Approval of Bills/ Budget Report: None

Fire Marshal Report: Attached to minutes.

Fire Chief Report: Attached to minutes.

Communications: Charlie Spakowski's request for award program vested balance is being added to the agenda for the January meeting. There was a letter received from Harlan Bacon about the awards program, Mr. Salafia will be responding with a letter of his own.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Dry Hydrants:** The Knowles Landing project is moving forward with no permitting issues as advised by the Town Manager and consulted with the Army Corp of Engineers and DEEP. The Town Attorney will be advising to ensure everything is kept legal for the project before any construction start. Contact Mark Davis of Big Water in Maryland to look at the town's dry hydrant problems. Motion by Eric Germain to engage Mark Davis with his services not to exceed \$3,000 to start investigating. Darin Hurne seconded. Voted 4-0.
- b) **Continued Capital Budget Discussion:** The members decided to ask for the replacement of Engine 2-12 and Chief's vehicle again in the budget. There was discussion about making repairs to the existing emergency boat rather than asking for a whole new boat. The accountability system will be added as a capital request. The Fire Chief is looking to get a pick-up truck for Company 2 to use as an emergency towing vehicle. It was suggested to investigate battery powered Hurst tools to add into the fire house tool inventory.
- c) **Continued Operating Budget Discussion:** It was suggested to add money to the software maintenance to pay for the firehouse software agreement. It was also mentioned

to reallocate money in the budget for gas and oil for heating based on boiler upgrades. There was discussion about looking in to replacing the lightbulbs/fixtures in all three fire houses. Change out to LED bulbs to save on energy and electricity. The price was stated that it should be under \$10,000.

- d) **Follow Up Repairs to Company 2 Generator Housing:** The town electrician couldn't find new housing for the generator. He is looking into creating new housing for the generator. This is all part of the insurance claim for the damage from the fallen tree.

New Business:

- a) **End of Year Record Keeping:** The Tillsman thermal imaging cameras are reaching the end of their life. It was suggested to replace two cameras for now but buy one camera at a time. It was stated that the funding could be taken from line 5658 in the budget line form. A motion by Darin Hurne was made to purchase a Bullard silver package QXT240 for \$8,445. Seconded by Eric Germain. Voted 4-0. A motion was made by Darin Hurne to move \$2,000 from Firefighter's Supplies budget line 5652 to line 5658. Seconded by Eric Germain. Vote 4-0.
- b)
- c) **Other New Business:** Go over roster of fire house members for tax abatement and end of year reports.

Adjournment: *Mr. Salafia moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M.. Mr. Visintainer seconded. Vote 4-0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata

Recording Clerk