

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017
“MINUTES”

Present: Eric Germain, Charles Gotta, Phil Visintainer

Absent: Brett Salafia, Darin Hurne

Others Present: Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Deputy Chief Bryan Bochinski, Assistant Chief Martin Swan, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Guest, Fire Fighters Ken Royce and Hunt Voelker

Vice Chairman Germain called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Company #1 on Barton Hill Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer and seconded by Mr. Gotta to add agenda item 10c under Unfinished Business – Changes to the Awards Program. Voted 3-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular meeting was made by Mr. Gotta and seconded by Mr. Visintainer. Voted 3-0.*

Public Remarks: None

Approval of Bills/Budget Report: Chief Voelker discussed the purchase of new Scott packs and the new pack tracker technology available.

A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Gotta, to allocated \$27,473.64 from Capital account 23118 (Scott pack replacement program) for 4 new Scott packs, masks and pack tracker system. Voted 3-0 in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Gotta, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to approve renewal of the IM Responding yearly subscription at \$800.00. Voted 3-0 in favor.

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.

Tanker 3 Repairs: Chief Voelker explained that Tanker 3 had suffered a catastrophic engine failure. After taking the tanker to two different vendors, it is now at Public Works being worked on there. It is now about 2-3 hours away from being completed, but PW has been very busy with snow removal lately. The cost for the fix will be less than \$10,000, this includes a rebuild kit with new parts and a remanufactured head. The tanker has about 1,100 hours and 13,000 miles on it. Chief Voelker recommends possible changes to who does the repairs in the future; a local vendor would save time, and he stated that if a person with more experience had seen the truck first perhaps it would have been diagnosed sooner. Oil sampling for future preventative maintenance was discussed.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business:

- A) Ladder Truck:** The truck is at Firematic now, and will probably be in E. Hampton on Saturday. The VIN number has been sent to the Town Manager and Finance Director to obtain insurance, and a plate has been requested. Pierce will conduct training, hopefully the first weekend in March.
- B) Code Compliance:** Work is ongoing. Fire Marshal Klotzbier set a deadline of April 1, 2017 for it to be completed. Still left are the alarm system at Co#2 and exit and external emergency lighting at all three buildings.
- C) Awards Program Changes:** Assistant Chief Swan presented some suggestions for changes to the Awards Program based on a meeting held with the three Chiefs. He noted that even with these changes and including bonuses, the program would still be under budget. This will be included in the March meeting for further discussion.

New Business:

- A) Vote on Awards Program 2016:** *A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Gotta, to approve the 2016 Awards Program. Voted 3-0 in favor.*
- B) Back Step/FF Chain of Command:** Chief Voelker explained that the chain of command had not been followed in relation to dealing with the contractor for the back steps, therefore after the work was done changes needed to be made to make the steps up to code. He stated that this problem has been handled internally.

Executive Session to Discuss Firefighter's Worker's Comp: Since Chairman Salafia was not present, this Executive Session was tabled until the March meeting.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Mr. Gotta and seconded by Mr. Visintainer to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Secretary