

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 12, 2017**  
**"MINUTES"**

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

**Others Present:** Fire Chief Greg Voelker, Deputy Chief Bryan Bochinski, Assistant Chief Martin Swan, Fire Marshal Rich Klotzbier, Fire Fighters Chris Lundquist and Charles Spakowski, BOF liaison Steve Ritchie

Chairman Salafia called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Company #1 on Barton Hill Road.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2017 regular meeting was made by Mr. Germain and seconded by Mr. Gotta. Voted 4-0-1 with Mr. Hurne abstaining.*

**Public Remarks:**

Firefighter Charles Spakowski stated that he missed a good year by 5% in 2016 and asked for a waiver in regards to this because his IM Responding and alpha and voice pagers missed calls due to the dispatch change. To this point Chairman Salafia stated that the issue should first be appealed to the Fire Chief, and then the executive board before coming to the Commissioners. Chief Voelker had asked Mr. Spakowski to come before the Commission since he wasn't sure of the protocol of an appeal this late after the deadline.

Mr. Spakowski also asked for clarification on rules for retirement distribution from the awards program. He also stated that the version of the plan rules he had includes outdated information, particularly in regard to years required for vesting. Chair Salafia explained that at retirement a member is able to receive his vested amount. There was discussion on the language of the plan and the fact that it needs to be revamped to be clear and straightforward.

Assistant Chief Marty Swan asked who has the most updated plan. The plan that members have is old and there have been changes implemented. Copies of the correct plan should be distributed to the membership.

**Approval of Bills/Budget Report:** None

**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) Co #1 Boiler Update:** This item is on hold until the close of the fiscal year.

**B) Sale of Capital Asset, Ladder 1-12: 1985 Tele-Squirt:** The apparatus was estimated for sale at \$12,000 on the gov deals auction site. The department is ready to move forward with the sale, which will conclude the overall Ladder program.

*Mr. Visintainer moved and Mr. Hurne seconded to allow the sale of the capital asset, Ladder 1-12, 1985 Tele-Squirt. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

*Mr. Hurne moved and Mr. Germain seconded to authorize Chief Voelker to sign the capital asset disposal document on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**New Business:**

**A) Proposed Bylaw Changes:** This item is tabled until next month.

**B) Discussion of Possible Spending at Close of Fiscal Year:**

*Mr. Hurne moved and Mr. Visintainer seconded to put \$15,918.54 from account 5320 on a Purchase Order for Occ Med for mandatory department physicals. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Chief Voelker has a few quotes for equipment that he would like to gather and formalize, then present to the Commission during a special meeting for approval. The meeting will be held June 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

**C) Approval of High School Fire Lanes:** Fire Marshal Klotzbier handed out a map of proposed fire lanes for the High School.

*Mr. Visintainer moved and Mr. Gotta seconded to authorize Chairman Salafia to sign, on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the document to designate fire lanes at the High School as put forth by Fire Marshal Klotzbier. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Mr. Hurne and seconded by Mr. Gotta to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M. Voted 5-0 in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti  
Recording Secretary