

Jackson Board of Fire Commissioners, District 2

Minutes of March 8, 2012

ATTENDANCE: John Poppe Jr., Jason Symons, Mike McLaughlin, Chuck Bunnell, Vincent Rubio.
Attorney, Rich Braslow

ABSENT: None

Pursuant to the open public meetings act, this meeting was duly advertised in the Tri town news and provided to the Township Clerk all within 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. By Attorney Braslow.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney swears in the Commissioners, encumbrant Michael McLaughlin and newly elected Vincent Rubio.

Discussion regarding reorganization of Board. Motion to make Chuck Bunnell - Chairman; Jay Simon - Co-Chairman; Michael McLaughlin – Secretary; John Poppe, Jr. - Treasurer and Vinnie Rubio - Commissioner At Large. Motion by John Poppe, seconded by Chuck Bunnell. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None.

Attorney advises that there are some significant legislation sessions coming up. Anyone that wants copies of the legislation or questions can contact legislation at 800-792-8630.

One particular is S2. 18 people involved, 16 against, 2 for the consolidation of shared services. This recreates that committee. There will be some financial penalties if you need to consolidate and share services. Rich will be monitoring this and keep the Board posted.

Another piece of legislation as to do with the election. Multiple voting districts do not align with Fire Districts. DCA and Attorney General have not been able to fix the problem. Similar to the Board of Ed bill. Trying to adopt a bill providing a single district in a town.

Website Legislation needs some clarification. There is a local finance notice coming out to clean it up.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Resolutions to Adopt Attorney, Labor Attorney, Accountant, Auditor, Newspapers, Cash Management Plan, Official Banks and meeting schedule, approval of Claims and Surety Bond Amount. Motion by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Rubio. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None.

Motion to accept February's minutes by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Rubio. Commissioner McLaughlin will print out the resolutions to attach. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Training is going good now that the Budget approved getting schedule for the firehouse. Commissioner Bunnell to meet with Ginny to get Firehouse expo voucher.

Joint tanker task drill being set up. Ed reed to contact for some time the end of March. Tanker and large diameter hose drill will be set up for a Saturday and Sunday or a few week nights, not confirmed on dates yet.

ISO out for the inspection for our rating.

SOG's are getting written up and will get a copy to the commissioners as they are available.

Working on CDL licenses required for the tank and pumpers, Class B and Class A. It's going to be coming down soon from the State as a requirement.

Discussion regarding Mr. Mayorwitz and how he obtained all personal emails. He is requesting a phone call from each of the commissioners to discuss the election. Attorney advised against it. Not necessary. Any information he needs he can put in an OPRA request.

Letter of accommodation from the Police Department received for Lt. Mergner.

Discussion regarding the Joint Board of Fire Commissioners. They will be looking into joint purchasing, checking into insurance coverage and various other joint ventures with all the districts. Motion to join into the Joint Board by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None.

Board would like to purchase a new vehicle for Fire Official, Frank McDonnell. Allow him to use it and Wally will use Frank's old vehicle. State Contract has the vehicle that Frank would like. Frank will look into Purchasing off of Township Contract. Motion to spend up to \$31,000 by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Rubio. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None. District 2 will insure and maintain this vehicle as if it were its own.

Had a call to hunt for a dog. Spend 4.5 hours and found him in the pits. Owner bought the Fire Company 10 pizzas and donated \$250.00 to the Fire Company.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lane emailed voucher to Jim, Jim gave it to Ginny. No check received yet, Ginny did not receive the voucher, per Ginny.

CAREER STAFF REPORT: Joe discussed Justin's planned vacation. He has worked all holidays and put in training to comp time to earn his vacation for this trip. He was up front about all this prior to his hire. Board to advise Ginny to cover this vacation.

LCS 400 class required to establish command on fire scene. Class being set up.

Tuesday the 13th is SCBA maintenance class from 6:30 to 10:30. Currently Station 55 and 56 members attending. No one from 54 or 57 has signed up yet. This class will teach about newer SCBA bottles and how to do the maintenance ourselves.

Contacted Brian to get price on mirrors for 5601. West Coast Mirrors. Old quote is \$1236 and \$750 for labor. Hooking up motors for adjusting but still waiting for updated quote. \$2,000 to convert the mirrors on 01. Next month will have accurate price. If the Board wants to approve it and then he will finalize it?

FF Poppe, III is looking into a Grant Opportunity. Has meeting next week by phone conference with Grant Writer Grant Masters. This might be a better opportunity to do with the Joint Board. Rich Braslow also recommended an individual named Birch Shulmeister.

Discussion regarding keys. Commissioner Hammond turned in his keys. Commissioner Symons took them. Need new fobs.

Board read over Fire Official's report that was sent over.

Discussion regarding 5601's roof repair. Jerry's auto body will cost \$625 - \$1350; Carlson's, \$1042 - \$2000 and Jackson Auto - \$1852. Jerry's auto body is \$46 per hours.

Continental Fire and Safety was found to have the new gear at the cheapest rate. It will be ordered this week.

New Jersey Weekend no longer takes vouchers. Firefighters have to pay for the weekend and then see reimbursement. John Poppe III, Justine and John Alchevsky will be attending at \$30.81 per person. They will submit reimbursement for the training.

Joe looking into obtaining the spanner wrenches for the three sides of the truck. He doesn't have the prices tonight, but will obtain them.

ISO is coming back out to check the town. They've been to District 3 and they'll be out in the other districts shortly.

Joe advises that every year they've been getting two new packs. Board advises to hold off on order of SCBA as the Joint Board will be looking into buying together with all districts.

FF Mergner requests to purchase forms back so he can make copies.

5639 broke down in the woods. Engine shut down then pump shut down. Towed back in. It was discovered that the Fuel cellinoid and oil sensors didn't work due to the angle of the truck. Changed oil, added extra oil in case we are on an angle again. Throw quart in the cabinet to have just in case.

5605 good to go, fixed air out of system.

FF Mergner advised that he has asked for the camera again and has not received it. Commissioner Symons said to cc him when he emails Ginny. Commissioners Bunnell and Symons will stop in to talk with Ginny.

New career Supervisor commissioners will be Commissioner Symons and Rubio.

FF Mergner emailed Ginny about the redikey system. Software should not work with windows 7. Also FIRES is not up and running yet. FF Mergner to move the equipment for the redikey system to the electric room, Get computer in that room and have it password protected. Five foot cable needed. Chief wants it kept on the paid staff end, so Joe and commissioners will have access.

Knox boxes redone and reset up by Joe.

Garden state Fire alarm is in and working on the system.

Sidewalk lights to be tabled, was unable to get prices in time for meeting.

Hose dryer hooked up and obtained a dedicated line for Kevin.

Motion to go into executive session by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Poppe. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None.

Executive session: 8:40 p.m. to 9:27 p.m.
Personnel matters discussed

Motion to go back into public by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Poppe. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, McLaughlin, Poppe and Rubio. NAY: None.

PUBLIC SESSION: None

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Fabio. Meeting closed at 9:28 p.m. VOTE: AYES: Poppe, McLaughlin, Symons, Rubio and Bunnell. NAY: None.