

Jackson Board of Fire Commissioners, District 2

Minutes of September 8, 2011



ATTENDANCE: John Poppe Jr., James Hammond, Mike McLaughlin and Chuck Bunnell

ABSENT: Jason Symons

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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept the August minutes as typed by Commissioner Bunnell, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Discussion regarding Hurricane Irene. 6 actual calls. Tree wires, no imminent hazards, no fires. Bridge on Bowman road is out. Worked out Mutual aid with Whitesville to respond to that area.

Township Fire plan went very well. OEM had several meetings assigned zone chiefs, fire coordinators. Communications issue at midnight will be handled with the Mayor and OEM. Stood down in the morning at 9:12 a.m. All went well. Chief working on the FEMA paperwork and will complete it by the end of the week to seek reimbursement from the storm. Prior to the storm there was a concern with power. FF Mergner was able to get the generator here and fixed. It worked and handled the entire building. Will need to look into more permanent arrangement with next year's budget.

5601 had an issue; the door was open scraped top of truck. Driver was counseled and removed pending retraining before he can drive again. He was a provisional driver. Damaged to the door which had to be repaired will be submitted to FEMA may get it back.

Chief requests that Robert Ericson, Ronny Carrine and Pat McNamara attend classes at Middlesex. It costs \$341 and a little higher than normal, but they are up in that area. Board approved.

Discussion regarding Radios in the Jackson Twp. system. Can use all Jackson Digital channels. Received two new radios programed and have them. Chief's old radio being reprogrammed and will be given to Joe, the seconded one for Third. Will need to purchase another one in the meantime we will use a borrowed one until then.

County Chief's meeting nothing really to report.

Chief thanks for the office space. File cabinet not being used, if we can use that. Commissioners to consider this request. Fire Official is seeking input on site plans and new construction. This is the first time being asked for input on the site plans and it's really nice.

Someone to advise Joe to call the exterminator, a few insects have been spotted.

CAREER STAFF REPORT:

Joe advises that he received an email from New Jersey Natural Gas. Looking into running a gas line for their generator. This will give us more time. Need phone call or they may have to start charging us. Ed from Elite was contacted and Cherry Hill Hutchinson mechanical. Looking into Boilers for Government Agencies for Free. Motion by Commissioner Poppe to have Gas Company install the line. Seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin.

VOTE: AYE: Poppe, McLaughlin, Hammond, and Bunnell. NAY: None.

Locks changed all keys have been made. Computer came in and it is 90% set up and done. Joe requests to give the Computer Technician a set of keys to the building. Board approved. Joe to get keys made.

5601 still waiting to hear back from Brian to see if the repairs are under warranty.

5621 has a window issue rolling up. Joe was able to reinforce it for now.

There were 22 EMS calls for the month. 21 inspections. During the hurricane, we had two different leaks to this roof. One in the Commissioner's Office above the TV and the other one in the office along the wall. Joe to look into repairs.

Truck repair report: Everything working good.

Request to purchase Fittings and Mounts for 5608, ordered gloves for ems. Emergency lights went last month – four lights, 2 on each side is \$367.00. Antenna for 47 is \$20. Board Approved.

Old Business: Commissioner McLaughlin has started up the new LOSAP folder and is working on it.

Motion to go to executive session by Commissioner McLaughlin, seconded by Commissioner Poppe. . VOTE: AYE: Poppe, McLaughlin, Hammond, and Bunnell. NAY: None.

Executive session: 7:39 p.m. to 9:23 p.m.

Personnel matters discussed

Motion to pay bills as submitted. Bonnies bill to be added on. Motion by Commissioner McLaughlin, Seconded by Commissioner Bunnell. . VOTE: AYE: Poppe, McLaughlin, Hammond, and Bunnell. NAY: None.

Motion to give Frank Knox box equipment by Commissioner Bunnell, seconded by Commissioner Poppe. . VOTE: AYE: Poppe, McLaughlin, Hammond, and Bunnell. NAY: None.

Discussion regarding Radio Loaner. Xts Portable needed. Joe to send email and carbon copy the Board.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin. Meeting closed at 9:33 p.m. VOTE: AYES: Poppe, McLaughlin, Hammond and Bunnell. NAY: None.

MICHAEL MCLAUGHLIN, SECRETARY