

Jackson Board of Fire Commissioners, District 2

Minutes of July 12, 2012

ATTENDANCE: John Poppe Jr., Jason Symons, Chuck Bunnell, Vincent Rubio.

ABSENT: Michael McLaughlin.

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. By Commissioner Burnell

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney gives update regarding land. The contractor's attorney advises that they are under contract and proceeding. There is an issue with the tree and how much can be removed. This will affect how much land the builder will be giving to us. They will do the subdivision and approval of the land at the same time. He will keep us informed.

Legislation is once again looking into changing the fire District elections to the primary. However, they have to deal with boundary issues, etc. Attorney will follow up with this

Attorney spoke with DCA regarding the Joint Board. They are looking at it as the Joint Board a contracting separate entity. Free standing entity representing the Four Boards. Will need their own budget, separate insurance and each Board will need to put into this budget. Will be following up with DCA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of June approved motion by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Burnell. VOTE: AYES: Poppe, Rubio, Symons and Bunnell. NAY: None.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Discussion regarding training. Commissioner Burnell recommends that they take hands on classes.

Third working on the boxes and changing them out. Most of them were Monmouth County. Mills has been removed from everyone.

Discussion regarding AT&T and chief's phones. They were supposed to have been cancelled over a year ago. The board will meet with Ginnie and review this matter.

Discussion regarding food for Baltimore.

Discussion regarding the radios, frequencies and ocps

Attorney advises that dca is finally working with the department of purchasing for state bid spec for fire trucks. He will keep the board advised.

CAREER STAFF REPORT:

Resolution read confirming the settlement regarding Wally Jamison and his disciplinary actions. Motion to accept by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Rubio. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Poppe, Rubio, Bunnell and Symons. NAY: None.

Justin presents a letter to the Board. The attorney advises that this needs to be in closed session.

Third discusses new tags, paper laminated. Also discussion about the fire company budget and being reimbursed for items. Commissioner Burnell will check with the Joint Board and we will be coordinating with them for some purchases...Further discussion to purchase ids like the county with pictures on it. Board approves to purchase the new tags. ALL AYES: NAY: NONE

Problem with 39's pump on back of truck. Third did research and received 4 prices. Matches pumps and engine. There is money in misc. equipment. Not sure of the warranty or how he will service it. Motion to approve after all information is emailed to the commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Symons. ALL: AYE; NAY: None.

Discussion regarding the safer grant. This will expand the career staff to 5 men. Cost is \$2,400 option for \$4,300 recruitment and retention plus 2 career for 2 years 100% paid. If the grant goes thru, the board will have the money for two years. This grant writing company gets 90% of their grants. FF Mergner advises that he heard he will not write a grant if he feels he can't get it. Motion to approve the grant writer by Commissioner Burnell, seconded by Commissioner Symons. ALL Aye: Abstain: Commissioner Poppe.

Lt. Mergner advises that the mirrors were installed on 5601 and asks what the Board would like with the old mirrors. Knox box codes have been updated, everyone should have codes. All Commissioners and Firefighters have independent codes. The Knox box can do detail reports and we can do monthly printouts in the file.

Lt. Mergner contacted Cable Company about high speed internet. There is a past due balance, once that is paid, he ordered the higher speed internet which will only be \$2 more a month.

Ladder testing will be scheduled for January thru the Joint Board.

Lt. Mergner questions who is going to be servicing the vehicle trucks annually for maintenance. Oil changes, filters, fluids, not a problem but tires and brakes need a reputable mechanic. Board advises Lt. Mergner to check prices at Sts and like that. If it's cheaper than Blaze, then go there; otherwise, continue to use Blaze for the smaller vehicles.

Attorney Braslow asks the status of the website and the Board advises that it is being worked on and will be up by February.

Questions regarding the audit and why it has not been started yet.

JOINT BOARD UPDATES:

None

ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bills authorized for payment. Motion by Commissioner Poppe, Seconded by Commissioner Symons. VOTE: AYES: Poppe, Rubio, Symons and Bunnell. NAY: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Presentation by John Sicka and Jay about Energy Deregulation. North American Power can save up to 15 to 20% off your regular monthly bill. They produce their own energy. There are no cancellation fees. 8.9 rate is locked in first two months. Energy crisis fluctuates.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT:

President Mergner requests a raise in the rent. Board advises that he should remind the Commissioners when they do the Budget at the end of the year.

PUBLIC SESSION: None

Motion to close Public and go into Executive session by Commissioner Bunnell, seconded by Commissioner Symons. VOTE: AYE: Commissioners Bunnell, Symons, Poppe, And Rubio. NAY None. Executive session closed at 8:08 p.m.
Personnel matters discussed

Motion to adjourn Executive session and go back to public session by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Rubio. Executive closed at 9:17 p.m. VOTE: AYES: Poppe, Rubio, Symons and Bunnell. NAY: None.

Board advises that the Chiefs will follow the Joint Board Decisions. Board will back the Joint Board.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Poppe, seconded by Commissioner Rubio. Meeting closed at 9:18 p.m. VOTE: AYES: Poppe, Rubio, Symons and Bunnell. NAY: None.