

March 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the District #1 Board of Fire Commissioners was opened at 19:05 hours by Chairman Mathis. A salute to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Roll Call

Commissioner Hollingsworth (P), Bramhall (P) Mathis (P) and Bird (P). Commissioner Vitulli absent.

Minutes

The minutes from the February meeting were read by all. Motion by Commissioner Bird second by Commissioner Bramhall to accept the minutes. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Hollingsworth read off the accounts. The Checking account opening balance was \$109,296.20 and the closing balance was \$95,459.94. The General fund opening balance was \$25,738.62 and closing balance was \$25,739.7. The Capital appropriations account opening balance was \$620,239.24 and closing balance was \$620,215.45. Motion to accept the report by Commissioner Bramhall second by Commissioner Bird. All in favor.

Commissioner Mathis said the Knox check came back. Assistant Chief D'Andrea is looking into it and sending it back with an invoice.

Motion by Commissioner Bramhall second by Commissioner Bird to pay the HFA bill of \$10,500.00 that payment was held off until this month. All in favor.

Old Business

-Commissioner Bird said that the firefighter that had hospital bills sent to collections are now paid. In the event of another accident happening Commissioner Bird will handle claim numbers so this doesn't happen again.

New Business

Commissioner Mathis said that the cancelation and reinstatement notices from NJM were received.

New Bills

Commissioner Hollingsworth read off the bills. Please see attached sheet.

Commissioner Vitulli requested his first half of Commissioner Compensation.
Motion to pay the bills by Commissioner Bird second by Commissioner Bramhall. All in favor.

Commissioner Mathis said that the fire company would like to purchase a double boat trailer. There is only manufacturer that make them. Motion to purchase the trailer by Commissioner Bird second by Commissioner Bramhall not to exceed \$30,000.00. All in favor. The purchase is pending a conversation with Sheryl to make sure that the board can spend that amount with only one bid.

Fire Company

- Assistant Chief D'Andrea said the hose test is done.
 - Assistant Chief D'Andrea said the FIT test machine is going out to be serviced
 - Assistant Chief D'Andrea said he is looking into pricing to replace the RIT packs.
 - Assistant Chief D'Andrea said there is progress on the new tanker drawing and radio placement. There was a change to the graphic and color of lettering. The board requested colored lettering.
 - Commissioner Mathis asked if the District #1 graphic was on the new Chiefs truck. Commissioner Hollingsworth said yes it is.
 - Assistant Chief D'Andrea said the First Aid Council approved the fire company to send members for EMT training at a discount.
 - Commissioner Bramhall asked if the fire company gave updated values for the trucks and the buildings to Mr. Grant. Assistant Chief D'Andrea said yes they did. Commissioner Bramhall suggested videoing all the contents of the buildings and trucks for insurance purposes. Assistant Chief D'Andrea said they have lists of what is on each truck to help with this.
 - Commissioner Mathis said that the MUA told us that the fire company can't do drills with water. Assistant Chief D'Andrea said that's not the case. The fire company is doing a log of water usage quarterly to help the MUA see where the water is going to. There was a 9% water loss that the MUA and is trying to figure out where it went.
 - Commissioner Mathis said that he would like to make sure that everything is done on the trucks that is needed and not wait on anything.
 - Assistant Chief D'Andrea said that the new tanker timeline is Labor Day for inspection day.
 - Commissioner Mathis asked if there were any more problems with Tuckerton. Assistant Chief D'Andrea said that there is stuff being said on Facebook and at the Tuckerton Boro meeting. Commissioner Mathis said to please give him the information and it will be taken care of at a higher level.
 - President Rasmussen requested the first fire service check. The board approved it.
- Correspondence

Commissioner Bird said insurance information was received for Dominic Russano.

Public Portion

Motion to open the public portion by Commissioner Hollingsworth second by Commissioner Bramhall. All in favor.

Committeeman Laney said that the parade is this month. The Community Center is opening this month. There is paving being done around the town.

Motion to close the public portion by Commissioner Hollingsworth second by Commissioner Bramhall. All in favor.

Comments

-Commissioner Hollingsworth asked if there was ever a discussion of paying the board as salary instead of getting 1099. Commissioner Mathis we can look into it.

- Commissioner Hollingsworth reviewed the bank statements and gave them to the Treasurer.

Motion to close the meeting at 20:11 hours by Commissioner Bramhall second by Commissioner Bird. All in favor.

Submitted by

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