

September 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the District #1 Board of Fire Commissioners was opened at 19:00 hours by Chairman Mathis. A salute to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Vitulli read off the accounts. The Checking account opening balance was \$251,692.33 and the closing balance was \$154,201.97. The General fund opening balance was \$25,742.92 and the closing balance was \$25,743.94. The Capital appropriations account opening balance was \$620,342.90 and closing balance was \$620,367.54. Motion to accept the report by Commissioner Bramhall second by Commissioner Hollingsworth. All in favor.

Commissioner Vitulli said there was a check that was re-cut in the amount of \$87.00 to the fire company and Comcast was sent a check in the amount of \$276.00 that was never cashed and will be void in the records.

Old Business

-Commissioner Mathis said the truck committee had a meeting on Friday and they have a stock Spartan fire engine that can be purchased with some changes. The Chief is happy with this truck and it will meet the needs of the company. The Chief said the radios can be transferred but 6 packs will need to be purchased for it. Commissioner Mathis said that the truck company does not take trade-ins but said that the board can sell it through a broker and that the truck is worth a lot of money. Cheryl said she can give the board a list of state brokers that can be used to sell the truck. The board took a vote to have a special election for the purchasing of this truck. Commissioner Mathis said that he will contact Mr. Braslow about advertising for the meeting to be held on October 9, 2023, 6-9pm. Commissioner Bramhall made a motion second by Commissioner Hollingsworth to have a special election for the purchasing of a Spartan fire engine in the amount of \$850,000.00. Commissioner Mathis yes, Vitulli yes, Bramhall yes, Hollingsworth yes.

-Commissioner Hollingsworth asked Cheryl for the breakdown of the Tuckerton Boro line item for the Chief to compare to his expenditures. Cheryl will email it and provide a spreadsheet budget for next month.

New Business

Resolution 2023-17 Commissioner Compensation to stay the same in 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Vitulli second by Commissioner Hollingsworth to approve the motion. All in favor.

-Commissioner Hollingsworth said the fire prevention budget is going to go over this year due to adding Tuckerton Elementary to the order. Commissioner Mathis said that the Tuckerton Boro line item can be used for that purchase.

-Commissioner Mathis said that the shared service agreement with Tuckerton Boro contract will need to be for another 3 years to qualify for federal funding. Tuckerton Boro is going to write the contract. He also said that the Boro is happy with the fire company covering their town.

New Bills

Commissioner Vitulli read off the bills. Please see attached sheet. Chief Hollingsworth requested a PO for American Dive. Motion by Commissioner Hollingsworth second by Commissioner Bramhall to pay the bills. All in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Fire Company

-Chief Hollingsworth said he is looking into getting a couple tools for the rescue truck and a couple packs. He is looking to purchase 4 sets of gear.

-The Chief said he is going to apply for a gear grant when it is available.

-The Chief said that he will also be applying for the wetlands grant when it is available.

-The Chief said he wants to get 2 packs for 7108.

-Commissioner Mathis said there was a fender bender on the property with one of the trucks. The Chief said that the firefighter is not driving any trucks until he is told to. Commissioner Mathis asked the Chief to enforce having a firefighter back up the truck.

Public Portion

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

None.

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

Comments

Commissioner Mathis said to please keep 9\11 in your thoughts today.

Motion to close the meeting at 20:45 hours by Commissioner Vitulli second by Commissioner Bramhall. All in favor.

Submitted by

Commissioner Jennie Hollingsworth Secretary