

Regular Meeting: May 10, 2017

PRESENT:

Commissioners:

J. Klosowski
G. Schramek
K. Clair
J. Toscano
S. Kaufman

M. Liguori, Counsel
P. McMurray, Jr., Chief
M. DeSantis, 1st Assistant Chief
M. Bizzaro, 2nd Assistant Chief
Jeff Bergstrom, Vice President

M. Miller, Treasurer
R. Tassani, Secretary

Bill Ratajack

Meeting called to order by Renee Tassani at 7 p.m.

The minutes of April were read. A MOTION was made by Ken Clair 2nd by John Klosowski to approve the minutes. A roll call was taken and all present approved.

The vouchers of April were reviewed. A MOTION was made by Ken Clair, 2nd by John Klosowski to approve the minutes. A rollcall was taken and all present approved.

CORRESPONDENCE READ:

There was a letter read regarding suspension of member #625 from driving, pending re qualification.

COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS/RADIOS

The portable high band radios for the ambulances have not been received. Ken Clair spoke to Chief DeSantis regarding the tablets and he is working on it. There will be one license. Moe will get the updates as they arise.

FACILITIES

The cameras/security system is complete, much easier to use. The fire alarm has been upgraded and completed. The Main Station pole light will be repaired.

FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT

We have \$100,000 for equipment. John Klosowski would like to order 9 sets of gear. A MOTION was made by John Klosowski and 2nd by Joe Toscano to order the gear at a final cost of \$22,743 state bid from High Tech.

Joe Toscano stated that if we win the state bid we will order 45 minute Scott packs.

FIRE ROADS

FIRE PREVENTION

No new business.

GRANTS/AWARDS

No new business.

INSURANCE CLAIMS/VFBL

A form was sent to Ken Clair regarding a hole in a hose. Ken will look into this and Renee Tassani will send a letter to Lake Carmel to remind them of monies owed to replace our broken deck gun used in their last fire.

LEGAL CONTACT/REPORTS

Mike Liguori spoke about the upcoming vote on Tuesday, May 16 to purchase a ladder and tanker pumper.

LOSAP

No new business.

EQUIPMENT/FABRICATION

Steve Kaufman will be checking gear/pagers. He will ask Frank Becerra to send out a text to have them bring their pager in to get recorded.

OSHA MANDATES

Mike Bizzaro reported that there are 5 members that have not completed their OSHA Mandates and as of this evening they will be out of service.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Vehicle Performed	Beginning Mileage	Ending Mileage	Work
11-1-1	2259	3426	
11-1-2	9940	11743	
11-1-3	37749	38169	Safety
Recalls			

Ingersoll

Total Gas: 298.7

Total Diesel: 294.2

There is a report on file regarding details of all work completed by Joe Dexter.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

CHIEF'S REPORT

On 5/22 the Putnam County Volunteer Fire Association would like to use the hall. The

Department will set up and clean up as it was found. If the room is not cleaned the way it was found they were told that they will get the bill for having it professionally cleaned. The President and Vice President will be responsible for setting up and checking on the cleanup.

It was also requested that the hall be used for a shower of a member on June 10, this was approved.

Chief would like to bring 11-2-3 up to the Hudson Valley. Going to Lake George will be: 11-2-3, 11-8-4, 11-1-1 and 11-1-3.

EMS

No new business.

TRAINING & TRAVEL

No new business.

FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS

There will be a Special Meeting with KG&D on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Substation.

NEW APPARATUS

The brush truck is due to deliver in July, the ladder and tanker/pumper are in production.

Gerry Schramek discussed a bill we received for plow marks and curbs that needed to be fixed at both stations at a total cost of \$900. Ken Clair will get clarification as to who did this damage to see who should be paying for it.

A MOTION was made by Ken Clair, 2nd by Joe Toscano to adopt a resolution to ratify that members:

Harold Opfer, Steven Kaufman, Marie Delauder, Fred Santi, Roger Austin, Ken Pankovic, are members of the Putnam County Fire Police Team. A roll call was taken and all present approved.

A MOTION was made by Ken Clair and 2nd by Gerry Schramek to adopt a resolution to ratify that members: Marilyn Miller, Mark Pierson and Jeff Bergstrom to the extent that they may not have been reinstated that they be reinstated now. A roll call was taken and all present approved.

A MOTION was made by Gerry Schramek and 2nd by Steve Kaufman to go into Executive Session at 8 p.m. regarding a Personnel Matter.

At 9:05 p.m. the meeting resumed.

The following guidelines were put in place during Executive Session as to the use of Chief's cars. A MOTION was made by John Klosowski and 2nd by Joe Toscano. A roll call was taken and all present approved.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate to limit the use of Chief's vehicles to those matters in District only, except for emergency calls and Departmental functions located outside the District.

WHEREAS, the bases for doing same is to limit the wear and tear on the vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief's Cars policy is amended as follows:

Chief's Cars

- 1. Each Chief's car is to be used primarily to transport the Chiefs and/or the authorized personnel to emergency, parades, drills, training sessions, inspections or activities as may be approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.**
- 1. Each Chief's car is to be used primarily in the fire district except that each Chief's car may be used as a primary means of transportation to and from the Chief's place of employment if said place of employment is located within the District. The Chief's car shall not, however, be used in the course of the Chief's employment or for any other commercial activity not having to do with the district.**
 - 1. Each Chief is responsible for the physical appearance of the Chief's car and shall be responsible to maintain the interior and exterior of the Chief's car in a neat, clean and orderly condition.**
 - 2. Each Chief is responsible for seeing that the Chief's car is checked and serviced in accordance with the maintenance requirements of the manufacturer.**

3. **No political or commercial signage shall be displayed on any Chief's car.**
4. **Each Chief's car shall be used in accordance with all emergency and non-emergency driving laws and regulations and the policies of the District.**
5. **A violation of any of these rules and regulations may result in the loss of privilege to use or operate the Chief's car.**

William Ratajack attended the commissioners meeting and had the following comments:

Mr. Ratajack stated that he opposed the sale of the existing ladder truck he heard that all it needed was water. Ken Clair stated that was not the case. The ladder truck engine was still in disrepair and needed major engine work and the District was unsure whether the work would have resolved the problem.

Mr. Ratajack further stated that he opposed the election for the purchase of the new apparatus as the the amount being spent was twice the municipal budget. District Counsel advised, among others, that the cost was been amortized over 15 years. Mr. Ratajack stated that many people opposed the election and would come vote against it.

That he was advised that the Chief was involved in an altercation in a restaurant in full dress uniform and that he did damage to private property. He requested that the District investigate the matter; that all members be treated the same across the board; that the Chief should be disciplined and should be given a hearing and it is his opinion that the Chief's actions were worse in nature than his.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Kaufman and 2nd by Ken Clair. A roll call was taken and all present approved.