

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

A regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 7:33 p.m.. Acting Chairman Caronia made the required public statement. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by the adoption of a schedule of regular meetings and notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor; being filed with the Municipal Clerk and being transmitted to the Atlantic City Press and the Times-Beacon and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute.

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Absent: Mr. Norgard.

Minutes of the previous meeting – The Board will table the approval of the minutes until the next meeting.

Secretary's report – Commissioner Gilton reported that Commissioners Maguire and Gulbert met with the Auditor on the 2010 audit.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Gulbert presented the treasurer's report. A motion was offered by Ms. Gilton, seconded by Mr. Maguire to approve the payment of bills (attached). Each Commissioner abstains to their voucher, if any.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Nay: None.

Old Business:

Audit – Commissioner Gulbert reported that he and Commissioner Maguire met with WithumSmith+Brown for the exit conference regarding the 2010 audit. Commissioner Gulbert reported that the Board did good, and the Board did good last year. Commissioner Gulbert reported the auditor stated that balances have to be cancelled out of the capital for the tanker, however, the Board already did that in March 2011. Commissioner Gulbert reported that the Board would have to keep money in the fund balance to offset the 2% cap for the upcoming budget.

Chief's report – (attached). He reported that there were 24 runs for July; 83 year-to-date. He reported that the gas meters are in and on apparatus. He reported that the masks are not in yet. The Chief requested Gemtor Safety Harnesses for use when climbing the ladder. He reported that he would like 12 of the harnesses @ approximately \$187 each. Chief reported that he and the Asst. Chief discussed adding West Tuckerton to Mystic Island Fire Company's response during the daytime Monday through Friday between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on all calls for the safety of their members. He reported that West Tuckerton is short handed, and Mystic Island Fire Company is short handed. The Chief reported that he hoped it would be reciprocal, but they haven't come up with anything. Mystic Island Fire Company automatically responds with West Tuckerton on all structural fires.

New Business:

Purchasing – A motion was offered by Mr. Gulbert, seconded by Mr. Maguire to purchase 12 Gemtor harnesses @ approximately \$187 each.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Nay: None.

Generator Repair – Commissioner Caronia reported that he got a bill from Cummins for coming out and fixing the generator on the 4th of July. Commissioner Caronia stated that he believes the bill is too much, and the service they provided was not worth \$260 per hour. He reported that they are charging the Board to go to Cape May to pick up the part. He reported that the total bill comes to \$3,000. Commissioner Gulbert recommended the Board send the bill to Attorney Braslow. Mike Winstrom reported that the generator is supposed to come on once a week, and whose responsibility is it to see if it is coming on every week. Mike Winstrom said he does not understand why the battery went down.

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Commissioner Gulbert asked why they didn't check it out during the regular service. Commissioner Maguire said the Board should not have to pay for travel time for them to get a part that should be on the truck.

A motion was offered by Mr. Gulbert, seconded by Mr. Maguire to turn the Cummins bill over to the attorney.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Nay: None.

Commissioner Caronia said he would send the bill to Attorney Braslow with an explanation. Mike Winstrom said the company took all the batteries off their trucks because they would have to have a placard to carry the batteries.

Boat – Commissioner Caronia asked about the oil on the boat. Chief said they ran out of oil on the boat. Commissioner Gulbert asked what the engineers do. Commissioner Gulbert said they have to check it out. Chief said the engineer does not know anything about the boat, they mainly work on the trucks. Chief said they did put gas in the boat. Chief said the Lieutenants know about the boats, and he will handle it at the next fire company meeting.

Open to public – A motion was offered by Mr. Gulbert, seconded by Ms. Gilton to open the meeting to the public.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Nay: None.

Close to public – A motion was offered by Mr. Gulbert, seconded by Mr. Maguire to close the meeting to the public.

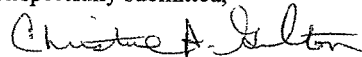
Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Nay: None.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Ms. Gilton.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Gulbert, Ms. Gilton, Mr. Caronia.
Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Christine A. Gilton
Clerk

Mystic Island Volunteer Fire Company Chief's Report: August 2011

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Fire Calls:

- 24 Runs for July 2011
- 83 Total Runs YTD
- 57 US FF Line of Duty Deaths YTD

Upcoming Events:

- Firemens convention Sept. 15-18

Equipment Status:

- Gas meters are in and on the apparatus.
- Would like to get Gemtor Harness (rescue & safety) for the the active Firefighters. See quote provided.
- 966 Radios & Pagers

Apparatus:

- 7226, Boat is in the water.
- 7205, Will be used on calls, some drills, and raising and rotating per Chief's protocol, however, it will not be operated for other functions. Unless specified by the Chief and Commissioners.
- 7211, Ladder rack wing drifting down, No easy access to batteries (need hinged door), Raise tank so dumps operate, and fix air leaks on dumps.

Comments: Asst. Chief Pietsch and myself have changed our mutual aid assignments. Mon-Fri 5am to 5pm West Tuckerton will be dispatched with us for our district. There has been some discussion between myself and West Tuckerton Chief Vitulli about us responding with them, especially areas closest to our station. I will keep the Board informed on any movement of this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Hewitt
Chief
Mystic Island Vol. Fire Co. #1