

Tuesday, November 1, 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 will be tabled until next meeting.

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

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

Unfinished Business:

Purchase of Truck from Mystic Island Fire Company – The Mystic Island Fire Company will get the title for 7237 (6 bi) to transfer to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Chief's report – (attached). Chief Hewitt submitted ideas on staffing in writing (attached).

New Business:

Resolution # 11-20 Authorization of Budget Transfers and Encumbrances was introduced by Mr. Gulbert, seconded by Ms. Gilton (attached).

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

Chief Hewitt asked if there was any money available to purchase equipment. Treasurer Gulbert asked him to prepare a list of equipment needed.

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

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

2012 Budget – The Board worked on the proposed 2012 budget.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,


Christine A. Gilton, Clerk

Mystic Island Volunteer Fire Company Chief's Report: Nov. 2011

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Fire Calls:

- 7 Runs to Date for Oct.
- 123 Total Runs YTD
- 77 US FF Line of Duty Deaths YTD

Upcoming Events:

Officer Nominations for 2012 were excepted Oct. 25, 2011. Elections will be held on Nov. 29, 2011.

New Equipment Status:

- Still waiting on 966 Radios & Pagers

Apparatus:

- We have our old engine borrowed from Sta. 70 (LEH Fire Dist. 3) until delivery of new ladder.
- NEW Ladder 72 rolling chassis and cab is on Ferrara web site. You can watch the progression if you look every few days. Completion date is set for FEB.
- I have revised seating assignments for 7211 and New 7205. Need to get signs placed at riding positions.
- 7236 has an air leak and is OOS until fixed.
- SCBA Fill Station Compressor is OOS until fixed.
- 7211, Ladder rack wing drifting down, Raise tank so dumps operate, and fix air leaks on dumps.

Comments:

Respectfully Submitted,



Tom Hewitt

Chief

Mystic Island Vol. Fire Co. #1

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

CHIEF TOM HEWITT

November 1, 2011

In the past few years the average number of Volunteer Firefighters responding to calls has decreased. This decrease has been most prevalent during day time emergencies. Although this is not limited to our fire department, we need to be concerned for the people and property of Little Egg Harbor Fire District #2. I have been researching what other fire departments do to make sure that a fire truck responds to day time calls. Of course there are some that have full time staff, I don't feel that this is necessary at this time. Lakewood Fire Dept. and Linwood Fire Dept. utilize paid drivers, that is very effective. Some departments have instituted an incentive program, such as "pay per call". With this there is a set dollar amount for each call a member makes. This too can be very effective, but does not guarantee that a fire apparatus will respond.

The following are my recommendations;

Hire 1 full time driver/officer to be at the station Monday – Friday. Respond to all emergency calls in Little Egg Harbor Fire District #2. He would be responsible for proper care and oversee repairs for equipment and apparatus. Must be capable of operating as Incident Command on emergency scenes. Must have IMS 400 (Incident Management Level II) and NIMS 700 & 800 (National Incident Management System). Possibly respond to Emergency Medical calls in the Fire District.

AND

Institute a Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Program (Pay Per Call). This program will provide a monetary incentive to our firefighters per emergency call they respond on. They are still considered volunteers and not paid staff. The firefighters still have their normal jobs and are volunteering on their spare time. The firefighters who want to be included in the program must sign an agreement. And maintain a certain percentage throughout the year in order to remain in the program.

OR

Hire 6 Part-Time Firefighters to staff an Engine Monday – Friday. Two of the firefighters would need to be ranked as leads for their shift. And the incentive program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Hewitt

Chief Mystic Island Vol. Fire Co. 1

Resolution 11-20

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Authorization of Budget Transfers and Encumbrances

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean to undertake certain transfers and encumbrances relative to the current Commissioners' budget in order to reflect monies expended or encumbered to date by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall serve as authorization for said budget transfers and encumbrances as noted herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 in the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean as follows:

(1) The following budget transfers and encumbrances are approved by the Commissioners within the Operating Appropriations portion of the budget:

Monies transferred between the following line items:

\$6,000 from 6120 Employee Benefits

\$4,500 from 6160 Insurance

\$8,000 to 6190 Professional Fees

\$2,500 to 6290 Travel Expenses