

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

A regular meeting of the Little Egg Harbor Fire Commissioners, District No. 2 was called to order at 7:30 p.m.. Chairman Gulbert 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 Asbury Park Press and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with statute.

Roll call was taken; Present: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.

Minutes of the previous meeting – A motion was offered by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Maguire that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived and accepted as written providing that the minutes shall be made available for inspection by any member of the public during the meeting.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

Budget – Commissioner Gulbert reported that we will work on the budget at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Stenger presented the treasurer's report. A motion was offered by Mr. Chaplin, seconded by Mr. Maguire to approve the payment of bills (attached). Each commissioner abstains to his voucher, if any.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

Chief's report – Chief Bonfonti gave the chief's report (attached).

New Business:

Apparatus – Commissioner Stenger reported that he called ERS to look at two pumps and valves. He reported that ERS recommended that the pumps be looked at each year @ \$250 per truck (examine and tighten the seals). He reported that he, also, asked them about repairing valves; a standard size 3" valve from Akron brass is approximately \$700 a piece. He recommends that ERS do the pump service on both trucks @ \$250 each and repair the two valves @ \$1,500 for 7205 and possibly on 7201. He reported that Nat Alexander is to provide a quote to repair 5" driver side discharge valve leak, and ERS is to provide quote for repair of leak in the pump to ladder discharge valve at 200 psi on 7205.

A motion was offered by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Chaplin that Nat Alexander provide a quote to repair 5" driver side discharge valve leak of 7201 and make repair.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

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A motion was offered by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Maguire that ERS perform pump maintenance on 7201 and 7205 @ \$250 per truck, and there will be pump maintenance once a year for Hale pumps.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

Equipment Requests:

A motion was offered by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Caronia to purchase 3 100' lengths of 5" hose from Nat Alexander.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

A motion was offered by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Caronia to purchase 9V batteries, AA batteries, and C batteries.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

A motion was offered by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Maguire to purchase 3 pagers not to exceed \$500 each from Wireless Communications.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

The Chief reported that they have six bottles to go to Nat Alexander.

New Business:

Resolution #17-16 Approval of 2016 Audit was introduced by Mr. Stenger, seconded by Mr. Caronia (attached).

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

Open to public – A motion was offered by Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Caronia to open the meeting to the public.

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

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

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Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None.

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

Roll call vote; Aye: Mr. Maguire, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Caronia, Mr. Stenger, Mr. Gulbert.
Nay: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Chaplin
Clerk

STATION 72

Mystic Island Fire Company

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For the month of August we ran a total of 6 calls totaling 95 calls for the year.

1. Currently the apparatus is operating properly with the exception of a few small things. On 7201 at times the 5" driver side discharge valve leaks and this causes concern due to pressure building behind the cap. At this time I have been able to resolve the issue but at some point I recommend the valve be serviced (this is not an OEM part from Pierce it was taken from 7211). All pump and hose testing was successful on 7201
2. On 7205 pump testing revealed a leak in the pump to ladder discharge valve at 200 psi. This problem should be addressed sooner than later before it worsens. Also three 100' lengths of 5" hose failed testing and are removed from service. 7205 still has 700' of 5" so I see no urgent need to replace the hose on the truck. Although I would recommend purchasing two or three lengths to keep in the station as a replacement in the event of hose damage or a failure on either apparatus.
3. Pump and hose testing reports were forwarded to the commission for review and record keeping.
4. Still waiting for the parts for the old 7205 TIC. I contacted the Continental Fire and Safety to discover they had a mix-up in the order pulling process. I was assured the problem was resolved and we should have the parts in one or two weeks.
5. We have a good problem developing with membership. We have taken on several new members recently; unfortunately we have a pager shortage. While the fire Company purchased the several pagers we are still short. I would like to request three more pagers at the approximate cost of \$375.00 each totaling \$1,125.00.
6. After researching several options for a fire pump to be placed on 7206, we've determined a floating pump makes the most operational and financial sense. This pump can be easily moved between different vehicles for different applications. Also it can be taken to the station for routine maintenance and flushing after being used. See attached quote for recommendation.

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- 7. The boat grappling hook has been completed and is in service. My hope is to get 2 or 3 made. The Fire Company is covering the cost of the hooks and parts.
- 8. We are still waiting for the completion of the new command vehicles. The Fire Company will absorb the cost of the lettering and black paint to help assist with the expense of outfitting these expensive vehicles.
- 9. Please check Facebook and IAR for upcoming events.

Respectfully Yours

**Thomas Bonfonti
Fire Chief Station 72**

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