

Buena Borough Fire District # 2
Board of Fire Commissioners
Monthly Meeting

Date: October 13, 2020

Meeting was called to order 7:00 PM

Present by were Jerome Irick X, Jeff Pace X,
Anthony Abriola X, Jim Abba X, Steve LaPorta X,
John Belfi, and Rita Shicunoff.

Minutes were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to accept the minutes is made by Tony,
seconded by Steve.

Bills were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to pay bills is made by Tony, seconded by Jeff.

LOSAP reviewed and discussed. Any corrections None.

Motion to accept the LOSAP report by Jeff, seconded by Steve.

- Motion opposed by Tony

Correspondence: None

Discussion:

Chief's Report –

- 1) There is a leak on truck 11-22.
- 2) COVID procedures were rolled back by Chief Habersham.
- 3) There were 8 calls in September.
- 4) On November 24th blood pathogen, hazmat, and right to know is on the schedule in lieu of the truck checks.
- 5) Katrina D'Alessandro requested to use the fire company's kitchen on November 4th to prepare meals for the veterans of the Boro for Veterans Day. Volunteers will be delivering the meals. Jeff made a motion for a one-time exemption to the rule that nonmembers cannot use the fire hall. The exemption is due to a volunteer effort for the Veterans. Jerry seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Old Business –

- 1) Steve sent an email to the Deputy Attorney General to get an update on the LOSAP matter. DAG Craig Keiser replied back that it is being worked on and they will get back to the commissioners as soon as possible.
- 2) No word on the FEMA grant yet. Firehouse Grants said that grants have been awarded and rejections letters will be going out soon. The commissioners will move forward with the radio grant when it opens up again.
- 3) Jim reported on jackets for the membership. The price for thirty jackets with nothing written on them will be \$70 each.

New Business --

- 1) The commissioners decided to receive the meeting minutes by email instead of the paper copy held in the office.

- 2) The 2021 meeting minute dates were presented to the commissioners for publication. A motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Tony to approve the dates. All in Favor.
- 3) Tony suggested that after the General Election in November is complete, the commissioners reach out to the Atlantic County Board of Elections to find out what the February fire district election procedures will be.
- 4) Steve emailed the commissioner's bylaws to everyone. Page 7 Article 19, Appointment of the Chief, was briefly discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- 5) Purchasing survivor flashlights or a deliberator with the State Entitlement Grant of \$861.85 was discussed.
- 6) Christopher LaPorta (14 yrs. old) submitted a Jr. Membership application. Jeff made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Jim. All in Favor.
- 7) There is interest in the purchase of truck 11-23. It would be going to an island in the Caribbean. Jeff sent the interested party 4 years of testing results and a few of the bigger repair invoices. He is authorized to spend \$35,000.00 on the purchase the truck. The commissioners agreed to let him come to look at the truck. Jeff will set up the date. The contact was made through Brindlee.
- 8) Capital Improvements, replacing the siren, finishing the driveway project, replacing the building's doors, and the boiler replacement was discussed.
- 9) There will be a commissioner's meeting Tuesday morning on October 20th. Rita will advertise in the newspapers.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm was made by Tony, seconded by Jim.

Respectfully submitted _____
Jeff Pace, Secretary/Treasurer