

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

Date: September 22, 2020

Meeting was called to order 7:00 PM

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

Minutes were read. Any corrections Yes.

- See Notes for details. Number of calls in Aug, and addition to Jr. Drill protocol notes.

Motion is made by Jim, seconded by Tony,  
to accept the minutes after the corrections are made.

- Jerry abstained.

Bills were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to pay bills by Jerry seconded by Jim.

LOSAP: None

Correspondence: None

## Discussion:

### Chief's Report –

- 1) The rescue squad will be picking up the survivor light tomorrow.
- 2) The BBQ for the membership went well.
- 3) Mark Dixon's leave of absence was discussed. John Belfi conveyed that there is a letter from Dixon stating he has returned from the leave.
- 4) Rolling back COVID procedures needs to be discussed. The practice of holding back a 2<sup>nd</sup> truck was discussed.
- 5) LOSAP Reporting: Per Rich Braslow, Fire companies cannot give LOSAP credit to members who are not physically in the fire house when there is a recall.

### Old Business –

- 1) Rich Braslow has not heard back from the Attorney General since additional info was requested and sent last week.
- 2) No news on the FEMA Go Grant yet.
- 3) Steve and Chief Habersham have not gotten together to work on the PPE Grant yet. Steve will contact Mike Feaster for guidance on writing the grant. Tony Abriola will write the grant once the info is gathered. Steve will also look into purchasing P100 masks.

### New Business --

- 1) Commissioner Bylaws were discussed. Jeff made the suggested changes to the sample bylaws. Jerry suggested a change to the wording of the commissioner's compensation. Jeff will get a revised copy to all of the commissioners this week.

- 2) The Commissioner's Seal was received.
- 3) Tony questioned if a section would be added for the chief, line officers, and members qualifications. Should there be qualifications that will ensure that the chief is the best fit for the fire company? Should the commissioners choose the chief?
- 4) There was discussion if the commissioners should be the only body to approve new members based on their qualifications. Should an applicant provide 2 letters of recommendation from a fire company he or she was a former member of? Should the membership be able to recruit, hand out applications, check applications for completeness, but not approve applications?

Motion to adjourn the meeting Jerry, seconded by Tony,

Respectfully submitted \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jeff Pace, Secretary/Treasurer