

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

Date: Sept 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order 7:05 PM.

Present were Anthony Abriola X, Brian Ewan X,
Steve LaPorta X, Justin Lilla ___, Jeff Pace X,
Chief Tony Habersham ___.

Moment of Silence held in memorium of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Minutes were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to accept the minutes Anthony, seconded by Jeff.

Minotola Property Bills were read. Any corrections None.

Motion to pay bills Anthony, seconded by Brian.

Landisville Property Bills were read.

Archer & Greiner was asked to provide a contract & scope. Waiting on a reply.

Mid Atlantic Fire was tabled until the officers can discuss the use or return of items.

Motion to pay the following bills by Anthony, seconded by Brian.

All in favor. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Jeff Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes

Ferrucci invoices 9307 & 9273

April Rijo invoice for \$400

LOSAP: Tabled until the next meeting so that August can be entered onto
the spreadsheet.

Correspondence:

- 1) Paul Lucchessi turned over a letter mailed to him for the NJ Hazard Use.

Discussion:

Chief's Report --

- 1) There were 16 calls and 3 drills in August. As of Sept 14th 106 calls for the year.
- 2) New tires on truck 11-27 are complete. Truck 11-20 is scheduled for next week.
- 3) Truck 11-25 received two new batteries. Vineland Auto Electric could not find any problems. They suggested to change the charger. Mark & Dom will pick up the truck tomorrow.
- 4) A heavy-duty battery charger was purchased and is located in the tool room.
- 5) Truck 11-26 testing is pushed back to October.
- 6) A generator load test can be performed. The antifreeze was changed, and the oil will be changed on Monday. The membership was thanked for responding.
- 7) Have not received any communication for ISO.
- 8) Portables with issues should be dropped off in the office.
- 9) The Chief requested permission to take truck 11-27 to Wildwood on Saturday September 18th. If a qualified driver is available, the commissioners approved.

Public Portion

A motion was made by Jeff seconded by Anthony to open the meeting to the public. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Jeff Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes

Loretta Gazzara turned over bills that were received at PO Box 305.

Jeff also had the NJ State registration fees turned over by Paul Lucchessi.

Mark Dixon requested confirmation of if the Board has received any personnel files. Steve responded that our attorney is drafting correspondence to resolve the issue. Mark stated that he is advising that legal action may be persuaded. Steve requested 2 weeks be given before legal action is pursued.

Paul Lucchessi a resident of the Boro for 63 years with 45 years of service with Station 11-1 spoke. A lot of bad feelings going around. Finger pointing is not helpful. We should be working together. People are important (brotherhood/sisterhood). Upset because the sign board was turned around and the digital sign was turned off. How can we move forward? Two members have passed away and no respect was given to acknowledge their passing. A discussion then ensued regarding access to the digital sign. Mark Dixon suggested to have an acknowledgement posted on the Minotola sign. Paul stated that he would give a copy of his agenda before the meeting was closed but he took them back. All statements may not have been captured in these minutes.

A motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Anthony and seconded by Jeff. Roll Call: Anthony Yes, Jeff Yes, Brian Yes, Steve Yes

Old Business –

- 1) Wade Aulffo was given the OK to proceed with the repair.
- 2) Vouchers were received from Buena Boro. Rita and Steve spoke with Cindy at the Boro and ask that the vouchers be separated by property so that separate checks can be received.
- 3) Rita reached out to the utilities. They are having an issue with the name change. Atlantic City Electric has an issue with the mailing address change also. Brian will each out to them to request consideration.
- 4) The Landisville property purchase orders were started at 5000.
- 5) Jeff was contacted by the P-Card vendor. He had to answer questions and forward a W-9. Four cards will be issued: the Chief for \$5,000, Steve for \$10,000, Jeff for \$10,000, and Rita for \$5,000. Online training will be needed.
- 6) Rich Braslow reached out to the Landisville attorney regarding the missing property. Will follow up at the next meeting.
- 7) The PEOSH investigation on District 1: As of today we have not received any communication from Department of Labor to respond to the complaint.
- 8) Brian asked about the Landisville vehicle titles. The commissioners were told that the titles are in the safe, but they do not have the combination. Our attorney will forward a request for the combination.
- 9) No update on the missing equipment. Waiting on correspondence from the Landisville attorney.

New Business --

- 1) The siren at the Landisville property was checked out. Cervino feels that there is a motor/electrical issue present and is not worth fixing.
- 2) The portable radios are having issues. The commissioners discussed fixing them privately or through Gloucester County.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Anthony, seconded by Jeff at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted _____.
Jeff Pace, Secretary/Treasurer