

Pittsgrove Township District 3 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

The November 2024 meeting was called to order at 19:30 by Chairman Smith. Chairman Smith opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and acknowledging the Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law)

Roll Call

Richard Smith	Present
Bill Schmidt	Present
Sean Henderson	Absent
Brandon Mathews	Present
George Cousin	Present

Approval of the previous meetings minutes

The October minutes were read independently. On a motion by Mathews and a second by Schmidt the minutes were approved as presented. Vote: All in Favor.

Bills

On a motion by Schmidt and a second by Cousin the bills were approved to be paid. Vote: All on Favor.

Amazon Capital Services	300.85
Associated Fire Protection	53.00
AT&T Mobility	120.69
Atlantic City Electric	396.52
Bianco Security Systems, Inc.	419.92
C&H Disposal Service Inc.	90.00
Centerton Fire Company	33.02
Comcast	290.52
Ed Myers Jr.	2,204.41
FD Testing Services	2,725.20
FireFlow Services Inc.	1,200.00
Richard Braslow	75.00
Salem County Fire Academy	50.00
South Jersey Gas	62.19
TOTAL	\$8,021.32

Chief's Report

Report and motions are attached

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The Chief also asked if the board was open to discussing the LOSAP qualifying percentage and potentially decreasing to 35%. Discussion followed.

The Chief asked the board for guidance on 23-5 traveling while overweight. Discussion followed. The board said the Chief should use his best judgement depending on the situation.

Company Report

No report.

On a motion by Schmidt and a second by Mathews the company was approved to dispose of the fireplace. Vote: AIF

Old Business

None

New Business

There was a discussion on added a new budget line for reimbursements, potentially \$25,000. The finance committee will review and handle with Bowman.

We need to do background checks with Intellicorp. Myers Jr. will create an account and start the process.

Adjournment

Cousin motions for adjournment at 21:10, Mathews seconds. Vote: All in Favor.

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Requesting permission to take fire trucks to upcoming Christmas Parades
Vineland, Millville, and Clayton **No 54 Mack, otherwise ok M Cousin S Schmidt AIF**

Requesting permission to take fire trucks to Pittsgrove Christmas Tree Lighting on December
7th at Deer Pen Park

Request to purchase a 6 pack of First Alert CO Detectors for \$52.20 from amazon **M Schmidt S Mathews to get 2 6 packs AIF**

Request to purchase needed hose in the amount of \$6,887 from MES **Chief shall handle it**

Request to purchase 5 sets of PPE turnout gear at \$3,914 each including coat and pants from
MES (Wayne, Traci, Ron, K. Myers, ?) **M Schmidt S Cousin to get 4 sets of gear AIF**

Pump testing complete
23-2 passed pump and vacuum test
23-5 passed pump and vacuum test
23-6 passed pump test but ***failed vacuum test (Issue with Primer)***
All three trucks have minor pump issues that need to be addressed

Hose and Ladder testing complete
8 lengths of hose failed
All ladders passed

23-6 aerial ladder testing complete
Aerial ladder passed but some issues need to be addressed (Brakes and Shockbolt)

Commissioners opinion on putting the 87 Mack Pumper back in service **Board is ok with it**

Commissioners opinion on hiring a Grant Writer to assist us during the upcoming application
period **M Mathews S Schmidt to employee Myers Jr to assist with grant submissions AIF**

Commissioners opinion on obtaining an extended 10 year lease contract with Pittsgrove
Township on the 2 storage bays we currently use at the township garage
Discussion followed. Need to submit a letter to Charlotte to request a 10 year lease for \$1. M Cousin S Schmidt to send a letter before replacing doors. AIF The Chief will look into additional quotes.

Commissioners opinion on replacing the garage doors at the township garage with automatic
openers allowing easier and faster access to our equipment.

Price quote from Elmer Door on 10/30/24

Option 1 non insulated doors \$9,575

Option 2 insulated doors \$11,060 (Recommended)

Status of CDL Licensing for members M Mathews S Schmidt for up to three members, including Nash, to take the CDL course. AIF

Status of progress with New Fire Station

K. Myers and R. Smith met with the Superintendent of Pittsgrove Schools on October 16th to discuss a fire department connection to their irrigation system that would be available 24/7 365 days a year whether school is in session or not. A future meeting is going to be planned with the Maintenance Supervisor and a Representative of the irrigation company that installed the system.

The Chief is working with the school maintenance manager to develop a plan

Discussion on 2 programs the Fire Company would like to see approved by the Commission

- Firefighter Reimbursement Program - Active and Jr. \$400 per year max payout for damaged items and mileage to runs and drills. 18 x 400 \$7200

- Firefighter Incentive Program - Same eligibility as above, based on LOSAP percentages, max payout is \$599 for over 40%, below 40% will be proportional based on percentage ran. Schmidt ran the numbers, 18 FF's right now 9 are eligible for losap \$5391 if paid out today. \$8071.54 for this program. Roughly 18,000 total for the entire program as we stand right now. The finance committee will review and bring it back to the next meeting. The board will try to get the budget line established.