

Pittsgrove Township District 3 Board of Fire
Commissioners Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2022

The December 2022 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
Christopher McDowell	Present
Sean Henderson	Present
Brandon Mathews	Present
George Cousin	Present

Approval of the previous meetings minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read independently. On a motion by Mathews and a second by Cousin the minutes were approved as read. Vote: All in Favor.

Bills

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

Amazon Capital Services	462.76
AT&T Mobility	120.69
Atlantic City Electric	674.92
C&H Disposal Service Inc.	90.00
Comcast	478.47
D'Agostino's Water Solutions	486.00
Ed Myers Jr.	320.00
Elmer Times	27.50
GovDeals	802.57
Municipal Emergency Services	240.00
Richard Braslow	107.00
Rowan College of South Jersey	50.00
South Jersey Gas	131.77
State of New Jersey DCA BFCE-DORES	323.00
Steve's Auto Supply	631.60
TOTAL	\$4,946.28

There was a brief discussion about how high the Comcast bill was. Henderson will look into it.

Budget Introduction

Chairman Smith presented the budget review and explained what he understood from Bowman. Resolution 2022-12-13-1 presented to accept the 2023 budget.

Roll call vote:

Smith – Yes

Henderson – Yes

Cousin – Abstain

McDowell – Yes

Mathews – Abstain

There was a discussion about Bowman needing to attend our meetings to explain the budget before it is brought up for a vote. A few commissioners were unhappy with the process this year and had open questions.

Chief's Report

Chief Morse said that the NFIRS software was in work. Uniforms are in work. The fire report is being worked on. He said he would be splitting up the tools from 23-1 and putting them on 23-2 and 23-6. Both Bill and Cameron graduated from Firefighter 1 school and are awaiting their state paperwork

Company Report

Nash Hetzel said that a member was requesting to go to EMT school, but he is still in a probationary status. The board wants to wait until he is a member before discussing EMT school.

Nash said he would like to purchase more company license plates, he has a quote from F&W Graphics for \$648 to purchase 36 of them. On a motion by Henderson and a second by Cousin to purchase them. Vote: AIF

Nash said he cancelled the helmet order he previously had approved. Some members were not happy with the way they fit and wanted some additional options. The vendor will be bringing some samples sometime in January.

Nash brought up LOSAP percentages. The board was in favor of adjusting the current percentage requirement and would be following up in the near future. The Chief expressed some concerns about moving the LOSAP percentage below the active member percentage. Discussion followed.

Old Business

Kris Myers said that he ordered the irrigation fitting from MES, the batteries were replaced in 23-6, the 87 Mack needs some work to get it back into a serviceable condition and the 54 Mack needs some work as well.

Dave W talked about the repairs needed on both the 54 and 87 Mack's, he requested a \$5000 budget to get the parts and repair both of them. On a motion by Henderson and a second by Cousin he was approved not to exceed \$5000 to repair the Mack's.

Sean Henderson reported on the meetings the subcommittee was having with Fire District 1 and Fire District 2. He talked about the stipend program and said that he had shared some example programs with the board via email. He asked if there was interest in moving forward. The board said that they had already approved moving ahead with a local stipend program and they were open to standardization conversations with the other districts.

Henderson moved on to the EMS portion of the subcommittee meetings. Apparently, the American Legion ambulance that is currently providing service is in trouble and are deep into the red, their future is uncertain. He discussed the pro's and con's of EMS services and the discussions that the subcommittee was having on creating a EMS component in Pittsgrove. District 2 wants to do EMS. He spoke about consolidation, LEA, OEM, paid administrators, etc. he also said the other 2 districts are in favor of consolidating. Discussion followed.

New Business

Kris Myers said that Exleys offered to donate a tree in the memory of Ed Myers Sr. and he asked how the board felt about planting the tree at the station somewhere. He was looking at the May timeframe to plant it. On a motion by Henderson and a second by McDowell the board approves the tree being planting on the property. Vote: AIF

Dave W said the door cable snapped on 23-5's overhead door, both cables were replaced. He said the other doors have similar salt damage and he'd like to replace them all. The board said to get prices for the repairs and servicing.

Dave W said that the heaters had bad thermostats, he was quoted \$750 to replace all 5 of them in the bays. On a motion by Henderson and a second by Mathews he was approved to replace all 5. Vote: AIF

Chairman Smith said there were some issues with the election that he was dealing with, he forwarded the emails to the board for review.

Nash Hetzel asked about the status of the well. On a motion by Mathews and a second by Cousin he was approved to get whatever is needed to put the old pump back in. Vote: AIF

Adjournment

Mathews motioned for adjournment at 21:25, Henderson seconds. Vote: All in Favor.