Pittsgrove Township District 3 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2020

The November 2020 meeting was called to order at 19:31 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

Jeffrey Morse Absent

Christopher McDowell Present

Sean Henderson Absent

Ben Miller Present

Reading of the previous meetings minutes

The minutes of the October 2020 meeting were read by Smith. On a motion by McDowell and a second by Miller the minutes were approved as read. Vote: All in Favor.

Bills

Bills for October were read by Smith. On a motion by Miller and a second by McDowell the bills were approved to be paid. Vote: All on Favor.

Atlantic City Electric 316.50

C&H Disposal Service Inc. 35.00

Comcast 317.79

Cruzan's Freightliner 3,469.87

D Electric Motors 483.00

Ed Myers Jr. 776.04

Fire and Safety Services 6,039.06

Richard Braslow 214.50

Service Tire Truck Centers 5,035.03

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South Jersey Gas 69.90

WEX Bank 71.87

TOTAL \$16,828.56

Chief's Report

Chief Myers said that tomorrow is hose testing, there will be a district 3 drill on the 14th, the air compressor is fixed, there were a lot of lights on the trucks that were replaced, 23-1 was repaired and the tires on 23-5 were replaced. He also talked about adding an attic ladder to the ceiling in the small bay. On a motion by McDowelll and a second by Miller he was approved to buy an attic ladder. Vote: AIF

Kris Myers reported on the Palatine Lake house fire.

Chief Myers reported that there were lengths of hose that were lost in the Palatine fire that he would like to replace. On a motion my Miller and a second by McDowell the Chief was approved to purchase 1000 feet of 1 ³/₄ inch hose as needed. Nash said that a PW extinguisher was also broken at the Palatine fire. On a motion by Miller and a second by McDowell he was approved to purchase a replacement extinguisher and a spare. Vote: AIF

Kris Myers mentioned that we need two new nozzles for 23-2. On a motion by McDowell and a second by Miller he was approved to purchase the needed nozzles. Vote: AIF

Company Report

Chairman Smith reported that some people were complaining about not being able to get into the station to vote. The township put signs in the windows with instructions on how to vote.

Old Business

Chairman Smith spoke about prevailing wage and how it is affecting the station painting. The lowest quote is not interested in prevailing wage work.

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There was a discussion on appointing a QPA so the commission would have higher quote and bid limits. On a motion by McDowell and a second by Miller, Ed Myers Jr. is appointed as the board QPA, he should bill as appropriate for the new service and responsibility. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Discussion followed on Ferrari as a prevailing wage paint contractor regarding budgeting and purchasing. Ed Jr will follow up with the vendor to clarify some questions.

New Business

Robert Larkin spoke about the possibility of shutting down again due to COVID.

The Chief will have Johnson and sons come to look at the station plumbing.

Hetzell said he's still working on air lines.

Bianco was here twice to replace alarm system batteries. There was an additional comm error that he fixed while he was here. He also talked about the wires in the attic being in disarray, he will be back to fix them.

Kris Myers asked him about the fire side of the alarm system, it is active. Chairman Smith said to have Bianco evaluate the entire system to recommend sensor replacements or additions as necessary.

Chief Myers said there was a truck meeting last night.

Adjournment

Miller motioned for adjournment at 21:52, McDowell seconds. Vote: All in Favor.