Overview

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District Number Two met to review minutes, approve bills, and discuss various operational updates. The chief reported on July incidents, personnel participation, and uniform standards. The fire official highlighted the collection of $176,000 in penalties and ongoing ordinance updates. The board approved a $1,600 repair for a roof leak and a $2,415 payment for Wildwood trip accommodations. They also discussed the need for a $20,000 repair for the parking lot and the potential purchase of a snake for sewer maintenance. The meeting concluded with no public comments and the next meeting scheduled for September 9.

Outline

Opening and Pledge

- William J Wesolowski opens the meeting, stating it is open to the public and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. All commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Gifford.
- Notices were posted on various boards, the local firehouse, and the official website, and mailed to those who requested copies.
- A moment of silence is held for Greg Leonberg, a former secretary of the Relief Association.
- The board reviews and approves the minutes (motion Sterling, Second Clark) and bills (motion Sterling, second Clark) from the previous meeting.

Chief Report: Matt Orsini

- Matt Orsini presents the chief report, detailing July incidents, year-to-date totals, and personnel participation.
- Monthly highlights include preparations for the firemen's convention and the top five responders.
- Discussions on uniforms and professional standards, with a focus on ensuring uniformity among members.
- Updates on the facilities assistant position and the job log created by Jamie, which tracks daily activities and time.

Discussion on Uniforms and Professional Standards

- William J Wesolowski and Matt Orsini discuss the need for uniformity in uniforms, especially shoes.
- Chief Grant mentions the different colors of uniforms and the historical context of tailored uniforms.
- Matt Orsini emphasizes the importance of maintaining historical standards while ensuring uniformity.

- Discussion on the challenges faced with uniform suppliers and the need for clear standards.

Fire Official's Report: Matt Orsini

- Matt Orsini discusses changes in the office, including the collection of penalties and updates to procedures.
- Highlights the influx of collected penalties, including $176,000 in July alone.
- Discusses the state's field monitoring visit and the responses provided to the state's findings.
- Emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate records and the challenges faced with outdated information.

Shared Services and Ordinance Updates

- FM Orsini discusses the progress on shared services with District One and the potential impact on Maple Shade.
- Highlights the need for ordinance updates to reflect the changes in shared services.
- Discusses the implementation of electronic forms for emergency contacts and employee hours.
- Emphasizes the importance of clear communication and coordination with the state and other districts.

Captain's Report: Deputy DiPaolo

- Deputy DiPaolo reports on the status of vehicles, including repairs and maintenance.
- Discusses the need for a new charger for the Seek TIC units and the current workaround.
- Reports on the fuel consumption of vehicles and the status of various equipment.
- Emphasizes the importance of maintaining vehicles in good working condition.

Recruitment and Retention

- Deputy DiPaolo reports on a new recruit, Zachary Mester, who is undergoing the application process.
- Discusses the importance of recruitment and retention efforts to maintain a strong fire department.
- Emphasizes the need for continuous efforts to attract and retain qualified personnel.
- Highlights the potential benefits of having a strong recruitment program.

Communications and Bills

- Brian Wesolowski presents the bills for approval, including insurance renewals and regular expenses.
- Discusses the approval of bills and the need for a motion (Clark, second by Sterling) unanimously vote to approve regular monthly bills.
- One request from Commissioner Grant for the of the venue at Lenola for a wedding.

Old Business: Strategic Planning Update

- Chief Grant and Matt Orsini discuss the progress on the strategic planning update.
- Emphasize the importance of incorporating fire prevention and enforcement in the plan.
- Discuss the need for more help and the goal of having a draft by September.
- Highlight the ongoing efforts to ensure the plan reflects the department's goals and needs.

Parking Lot Situation

- Brian Wesolowski reports on the status of the parking lot repairs and the need for further follow-up.
- Discusses the possibility of using a state contract for seal coating.
- Emphasizes the importance of maintaining the parking lot in good condition.
- Highlights the need for a budget item for next year to address any necessary repairs.

Bureau of Fire Prevention Vehicles

- Brian Wesolowski reports on the status of the 2013 Explorer and the 2007 Tahoe.
- Recommends taking the Tahoe out of service due to extensive repairs needed.
- Discusses the potential use of the Tahoe for vehicle fire training or as a prop.
- Emphasizes the importance of maintaining reliable vehicles for emergency response.

Sewer Inspection and Roof Leak

- Brian Wesolowski reports on the sewer inspection and the need for routine maintenance.
- Discusses the possibility of buying a snake for routine maintenance.
- Reports on the roof leak above the boiler room and the need for repairs motion by Sterling, second by Clark to spend $1600 to repair the roof passes unanimously.
- Emphasizes the importance of timely repairs to prevent further damage.

New Business - Wildwood Trip Funding

- Commissioner Sterling requests funding for the Wildwood trip, including rooms for members.
- Discusses the importance of the trip for morale and recruitment.
- Emphasizes the need for funding to cover the costs of the rooms.
- Highlights the potential benefits of the trip for the department. Motion made by Grant, second by Clark to approve $2415 in morale money be spent on the lodging. Passed unanimously by commissioners present, Commissioner Sterling abstained.

Meeting Adjournment

- William J Wesolowski calls for a motion (Grant) to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion is seconded (Clark) and approved by the board members.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 9.