

*BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 2
TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY*

October 13, 2015

Chairman Gregory Brass called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sunshine law was read and the date and time of the meeting was posted. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mr. Goldstein	Present
Mr. Polo	Present
Mr. Polverino	Present
Mr. Allen	Present
Mr. Brass	Present
Mr. Parker	Present
Chief DiNicolas	Present

Correspondence

A letter from the Clean Air Company proposing an updated system, that will reduce operating costs. They will come in and install the new part for 30 days, and if the fire company does not like it they can return it for no charge. If this system works out the Board will purchase the upgrade for all of the Plymo-Vent systems. The Board is going to try the new system on 77 for a month before going forward.

Mr. Parker sent emails regarding Smart Procure withdrawing their request.

Chief's Report

77 needs to get the ac fixed at allied. All the service on the trucks is done. Joe Panzarino is taking 73 to DMV for inspection. Next month Fire and Safety will be out to do the annual flow test on all the SCOTT packs.

Radio and Alarm

Progress.

Building

Everything is Good.

Insurance

Mr. Peter Jeffries from Holmes and McDowell came and spoke to the Board regarding their insurance policies. He explained the cost of a cost of living increase in the LOSAP program. He also explained the cost involved with making sure that the program is adequately funded. The Board was given a copy of the breakdown of the costs for different plans. The Board determined that it was more important to insure that the plan has adequate funding. The Board is going to carry this until the next meeting, so that they can discuss funding it with the accountant ,and they will have Mr. Goldstein get back Mr. Jefferies. Mr. Goldstein also gave Mr. Jeffries a list of members that are no longer with the company. Mr. Goldstein is still waiting for the list of members that need to be in LOSAP.

Maintenance

Mr. Polo has the report from UL all the trucks have now passed all their annual testing.

New Business

Mr. Polo wanted the Board's ok to replace the lights on the outside of the building they are having troubles with them, Corbin Electric will replace them at a cost of \$250 per light, there are 4, and they will all be LED's.

Old Business

Mr. Polo also got the certification from JCP&L and has switched us to a new company, for providing electric, that operates out of Florida and will reduce the cost, per kilowatt, on electricity.

When 85 was at a wet down last month it received a scuff on one of the wheel rims, Mr. Polo received a quote from Extreme Wheel Repair they are going to repair a rim that we have, then Edwards Tire will transfer the tire to it. Mr. Polo would like to refurbish the one that is on the truck as a spare.

Mr. Allen checked with Jerry Kiwit regarding the background checks, they can be done by Freehold Township Police, at no cost, this only encompasses New Jersey background checks. The Board still needs to come up with the criteria for refusal into the company, before these checks can be done. He will look into it a little more and report back to the Board next meeting.

Mr. Parker presented the Board with a suggestion to join a collective purchasing group. This group negotiates pricing, on most equipment. The price offered often is better than state bid This will reduce purchasing costs, and streamline the purchasing process. Mr. Parker will do a resolution so that the Board can join this group.

Grant 2011 – Mr. Brass received an email from FEMA stating that the project was not completed, for the past 2 months he has been going back and forth to correct this. FEMA feels that the grant \$193,000 should have been enough to complete the project, even though the quote, under state bid, did not cover the complete cost. The Board, and the Fire Company decided to reduce the project scope to stay within budget. FEMA has subsequently reduced the award. They are requesting, now that we repay them the amount of the reduction. When Mr. Brass gets the exact amount from them he will have them fill out a voucher.

Laptops – Mr. Goldstein spoke to Pete Hall and he states that even with your own laptops to do business on ,if the government wants it, they will take your personal and business computers. At this point he doesn't think it's a good idea. The Board agrees.

Lease Agreement – Mr. Parker made a list of all of the components that the Board is responsible for to put into the agreement that will be reviewed after the changes are made.

Budget

The projected budget for 2016 is as follows: 2% 21,897.94.

Administration	\$207,097.00	Bay Rental	\$125,000.00
Insurance	377,318.00	Daniel's Way	25,000.00
Chief	75,000.00	Pond Road	20,000.00
Maintenance	229,000.00	Environmental Clean Up	40,000.00
Dutch Lane Road	10,000.00		
Radio & Alarm	30,000.00	Capital Improvement	200,000.00
Total	\$1,338,415	Amt. to be raised by taxation	\$ 1,116,794.94

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey M. Allen
Sec.
Board of Fire Commissioners
District 2