



Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting February 21, 2007 Forestville VFD

1930 Meeting called to order by Chairman Strine

Prayer and Pledge by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Chairman Strine:

- Thanked Forestville for hosting meeting and the meal they prepared.
- Apparatus Maintenance Expenditure reports are available.
- Have good news on the FY08 budget. Met with Dr. Brown and Office of Budget and Finance last Thursday. They wanted to take back the increase in station management funds. After the meeting was over we were advised that the funds would remain.
- Sent letter stating that the Fire Commission would help the Fire Chief in his efforts to place a BLS unit in each station. Was called to attend a meeting at Kentland in regards to this issue. Thought letter was a good thing at the time to help with the budget and could not wait until a forum of the full commission to submit the letter. Advised them that the Fire Commission is not responsible for operational issues.
- The letter to the Fire Chief in regards to the CIP has been drafted, but not signed, dated or sent. Will wait until after the budget process is finalized to send the letter.
- Request from Baden to use \$3015.00 of Station Management Funds to purchase 55" lightbar for new vehicle. Seconded by Commissioner Demerritt. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Underwood

- Request to use \$2414.90 of Station Management Funds to replace TV in station. Seconded by Commissioner Mann. **APPROVED**
- At the Executive Meeting of the state, he requested that a grant class be held at MFRI. Date will be 3/1/07 at 7pm

Commissioner Lau:

- LOSAP Award for Melvin Gloverman of Co. 49. Seconded by Commissioner Mann. **APPROVED**
- Motion to accept reports from Oxon Hill, Clinton, and Allentown Road. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. **APPROVED**
- Still need reports from Riverdale, Boulevard Heights, Bowie, Chapel Oaks, and Bunker Hill.
- In regards to letter sent in regard to CIP, purpose of the motion was to send a letter in support of the previous letter.
- Comment was made at the Audit Saturday about paying insurance out of Station Management Funds. This needs to be addressed before the next contract. Also there was some question about the legality of food expenses.
- Asked about response from county in regards to requiring a Work Permit as part of the application.

Commissioner Mann:

- Incident at Co. 17 – Donation are being accepted for the family.
- Not in agreement with the letter sent by the Chairman in regards to BLS units.

Commissioner McGhee:

- Met with Col. Wells, Ed Cross' position has been filled and the person should be on board in 2-3 weeks. Chief is still on board with the One-Stop-Shop. The commission would be responsible for developing the duties and tasks that this position would require so they could be incorporated into the job classification.

Commissioner Sutton:

- Request from Co. 12 to use \$5137.92 of Station Management Fund for Banquet. Seconded by Commissioner Demeritt. **APPROVED**

Commissioner Demerritt:

- Equivalencies for: Scott Leone, Kenneth Wilson, Thomas Yankay, Martin Makon and Timothy McKolsky for Firefighter. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton.
APPROVED

Commissioner Woods:

- Request to bring the issue of FU-48 off the table for discussion. Motion made to put FU-48 back in service and provide the necessary foam for operations with the caveat that they convert one piece to a foam unit in the future. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. **APPROVED**
- Received an email from Chief 9 stating that the courier doesn't get by station 9 on a regular basis. Passed info on to Jim Trexler and he will look into it.

Commissioner Norris: - No Report

President Collins:

- Met with Chief along with VP King to express our concerns – Volunteer Union, Bill of Rights, etc. The newsletter will be out next month and the web site will be up.
- Thanked the Commission for standing up for the volunteers at the budget hearings.
- The Volunteer recruiter is tracking applications as well as Nancy to see what happens to the new people and how the process is working.

Jim Trexler:

- Charge/Credit Statements are available. Oil is on back order.

A report was made by Major Lambden on the state of CIP projects. Questions and comments were entertained from the floor.

There being no further business before the commission, the meeting was adjourned following benediction by Chief Chaplain Litchfield.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. W. Sutton', written in a cursive style.

David W. Sutton,
Secretary