

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 8/6/08

LOCATION: FSB

In Attendance

Donald Strine
Mike Alfieri
Mike Mattison
Bryan Lau
Bob McGhee
Harve Woods
Frank Underwood
Vince Harrison
John Alter (Excused)

Chaplain Litchfield gave his report.

Clerk of the Court Peggy Magee gave the oath of office to the Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Alter had been sworn in prior to the meeting due to a planned trip that prevented Commissioner Alter from attending the meeting.

Newly elected commissioners were presented with ID Cards and badges for their new office.

A presentation was made to Janet DeMerritt, David Sutton and Bradley Keith in appreciation for their years of service on the Fire Commission.

Nominations for office:

Chairman

Donald Strine, nominated by Bob McGhee, Second by Harve Woods

John Alter, nominated by Bryan Lau, Second by Mike Alfieri

Upon hand vote with the acceptance of a proxy vote from John Alter, John Alter was elected as Chairman.

Vice Chairman

Harve Woods. Nominated by Bob McGhee, second by Donald Strine.

Vince Harrison Nominated by Mike Mattison, second by Mike Alfieri.

Upon hand vote with the acceptance of a proxy vote from John Alter, Vince Harrison was elected as Chairman.

Secretary

Bryan Lau. Nominated by Mike Alfieri, second by Mike Mattison

Upon hand vote Bryan Lau was elected as Secretary.

Chairman Strine gave the Chairman's report:

A meeting was held last week with Dr. Brown and OMB concerning the Fire Commission budget which must be reduced by \$128,000 .91% of the budget. A meeting has been scheduled at Largo Government Center 8/13/08 at 2PM with Nancy Tarciano in reference to the budget.

Audit of Station Management will be on 8/16/08 beginning at 0800 hrs.

Station Management Contract is being printed.

Still waiting on 508 information from certain companies, which could hinder future funding.

Chairman Strine thanked everyone for their support over the past 15 years.

Vince Harrison assumed the Chair as Vice Chairman of the Commission. Vince thanked Donnie Strine for his years of service and thanked the outgoing commissioners for their support.

Frank Underwood.

Reported that \$3,600 was being expended for station 31 to paint the station for the convention.

If anyone needs fingerprint classes, Frank has a contact for the classes which are offered at no cost.

Frank also has information about individuals that are in need of community service hours.

Vince Harrison

Requested approval of a purchase request from Company 1, for the purchase of replacement hose. Upon motion by Vince Harrison, second by Mike Mattison, the motion was approved.

Vince reported that one effort of the Commission would be automation.

Harve Woods

Thanked those that supported him in the election.

Mike Mattison

Thanked everyone for their support. Will be working closely with the companies in his district and will be keeping the departments informed.

Donald Strine

Donald Strine submitted his resignation effective immediately.

Mike Alfieri thanked those that supported him in the election.

Requests for contact information were distributed.

A request was received for hose for Company 25 at a cost of \$3,400.

Bob McGhee suggested that the request be tabled, second by Mike Alfieri.

Bob McGhee

Reported on the status of the generator. Generators are being installed at Companies 24, 25, 33, 41, 45. Generators have been ordered and should be installed by September. Concrete pads will be installed at 24 and 45. During this process there will no long term interruption of service.

As respects the 508 issue, Bob McGhee is working on a process to facilitate information reporting for the 508 audits.

Bryan Lau

Reported that companies 1 and 8 have not submitted their reports for 2007. Corrected reports for Company 17 and the 2006 report for company 38 were received and made a motion that the reports be approved. Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Member LOSAP Awards Received.

Cottage City Carl Fred Hall with 30 years service.
Cottage City John E Fisher with 29 years 7 Months.

Motion to approve subject to confirmation of information, Bryan Lau. Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Bowie VFD, Dennis Sheffer, 36 years of service.

Motions to approve subject to confirmation of information by Bryan Lau. Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Correspondence received from Company 20. Company 20 requested that equipment on Squad 20 be sold with the squad and proceeds remain with Marlboro to be used to purchase new equipment. Motion to approve by Mike Alfieri. Second by Mike Mattison. Passed.

Jim Trexler

The Fire Commission should have a representative attend the Safety Committee Meeting on 8/28 at 9:30.

Still need EMS Gear.

A price increase on medical supplies of 6%.

Discussed disposable suction units. Need different canisters because the current canisters do not fit tight. Logistics will provide replacement units.

Fire Chiefs Office No representative present.

President gave brief remarks and congratulated new commissioners.

Chaplain

Congratulated new commissioners. Founders day names are complete. Some names had to be picked because some companies did not submit names. Founders day will be 9/27/08 at FSB. George Lannell will be added as a line of duty death.

Convention ready, a lot of work done by Harry Hetz. Memorial service will be 9/15 at the Baptist Church on Powder Mill Road.

Daniel Benedetti. Nothing to report.

Members discussed the logistics of having an election to fill the vacant district.

Motion by Commissioner McGhee to table the question of the election for District 5 until the next meeting of the Fire Commission. Passed.

Jonathan Bigony

Referencing the Chillum decision Jonathan Bigony requested an opinion from the commission about what would happen if any station does not sign the Station Management agreement. Jonathan reported that there are certain terms that the corporation cannot abide by. If a company does not sign the station management agreement what happens to all other requirements.

Is there any other punishment for not signing.

Mr. Bigony described what he felt were the burdensome and onerous provisions of the station management contract.

Vice Chairman Harrison said he would follow up on the matter.

Vice Chairman Harrison gave a brief statement on behalf of Chairman Alter.

The Chair then appointed Mike Mattison as Chair of Training Equivalency.

There was discussion about the process for Equivalency, VRS, and fit testing and the logistics of meeting the requirements for testing and training.

Vice Chairman Harrison, continued to discuss the future direction of the Commission.

Second Vice President Billy Smith gave a convention update.

Bob McGhee will administer the companies in District 5 until a replacement is elected.

Motion to adjourn after the Chaplains report by B Lau. Second by Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary