

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 8/20/08

LOCATION: FSB

In Attendance

John Alter
Mike Alfieri
Bryan Lau
Bob McGhee
Harve Woods
Vince Harrison

Absent

Frank Underwood
Mike Mattison

Chaplain Litchfield gave his report.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave information on the procedures to be used for the election of the commissioner for District 5.

The Chairman requested a motion to convene the Fire Commission Convention. The motion was made by Harve Woods, second by Bob McGhee. Passed.

Nomination for Convention Chairman. Harve Woods Nominated Joe Robison, Second by Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Nomination for Convention Secretary. Bob McGhee, nominated Bryan Lau, Second by Mike Alfieri. Passed.

The Chairman established the election committee and opened nominations for District 5.

The Delegate from Baden, Frank Hall nominated Robert Breen. Second by Jay Tucker.

The Delegate from Ritchie, Larry Lee, nominated Bill Cunningham. Second by the Delegate from Branchville.

The Delegate from Brandywine, Brenda Sarmiento, nominated Ronald Reds Wilkerson. Second by Oxon Hill.

The Delegate from Underwater Fire and Rescue, nominated Janet Demerritt. Second by Company 55.

All companies having been called for nominations, Vince Harrison made a motion to close nominations and prepare the ballot. Second by Bob McGhee, Passed.

Chairman of the Convention, Joe Robison, reviewed the procedures for the election.

During the election process, a proxy vote was received from company 26. Upon vote from the convention floor, the proxy was accepted.

Upon Motion by Harve Woods, Second by Mike Alfieri, the convention was adjourned and the meeting of the Fire Commission was reconvened. Passed.

The Chairman gave his report.

The chairman discussed the information presented at the meeting with the office of Fiscal Affairs, including vehicle expenses, fuel use, the method of allocating costs and other information.

The Chairman stated that the Audit will be done on September 6, 2008. Vince Harrison made a motion to establish the audit on the 6th of September, Second by Harve Woods. Passed.

Information was distributed concerning the information needed for the AMOSS Funds. Upon motion by Vince Harrison, Second by Bob McGhee, the format for the AMOSS information was approved.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to receive the report of the election committee.

Chairman Robison reported the results of the Election with Janet DeMerritt declared the winner. Upon motion by Mike Alfieri, Second by Harve Woods, the ballots were destroyed. Motion Passed.

Harve Woods made a motion that the Election Committee be released and the Convention be closed. Second by Vince Harrison. Passed.

Upon Motion by Mike Alfieri, Second by Vince Harrison, the regular Commission meeting was reconvened. Passed.

The Chairman continued his report.

Station Management Contract. Still working on getting the final document from the office of law.

The Chairman then provided information on the expenses incurred for the budget administered by the Fire Commission and discussed some of the challenges facing the commission and departments in the coming year.

The Chairman reviewed the budget items to be changed to effected the mandated reduction to the 09 budget. With the changed implemented, the budget will be \$10, 758, 668 which is a reduction of about 1%.

Vince Chairman Harrison

Was not able to get an answer to the question posed by Jonathan Bigony concerning action that might be taken if the Station Management Contract is not signed but he is working on it.

Vice Chairman Harrison discussed the meeting with PGCFEMSD Fiscal Affairs.

Equivalency

Stuart Jacobs, Co 1, approved for FF I, motion by Vince Harrison, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Requested that companies provide contact information so that companies can be kept informed.

Bryan Lau Provided an update of the status of the LOSAP Reports and the status of LOSAP Awards.

Bryan Lau made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of 8/6/2008 and the special meeting of 8/19/08 second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Bryan Lau read a request for the purchase of 4 Ball Valves at a cost of \$940. Motion to approve by Bryan Lau, Second by Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Harve Woods. Commented on the cost of gear and utility expenses. Harve commented on apparatus maintenance matters and the need for documentation of problems.

Bob McGhee. No Report

Mike Alfieri. Discussed items reviewed at the budget meeting.

For Co 47, Mike Alfieri made a motin to approve \$10,763 for the repair to kitchen and computer area. Second Vince Harrison. Passed.

Mike Alfieri made a motion to approve the replacement of CO Meter at a cost of \$275.
Second by Bryan Lau. Passed.

Mike Alfieri reported that he had received a speed letter for items for Co 25, \$3,500 for 6 sections of 6 inch hose and 2 ldh couplings at 188 each plus freight., 9 each long handles for 6"couplings. Motion by Mike Alfieri, second by Bryan Lau, Passed.

Jim Trexler. Gave gear issue for July. Started issueing EMS Gear. One person returned a complete set of structural FF Gear for EMS gear.

Reminder safety committee 8/28 9:30 in Maryland Room.

Jim reminded everyone of the 6% increase on medical supplies and that there was also a request for a 15% increase for trash removal.

Lt. Col. Stagnaro. Discussed draft policy for gear cleaning.

Buddy King. Congratulated Janet Demerritt.

Harry Hetz reported on the status of the Convention and upcoming activities.

Larry Lee. Asked about the involvement of the Fire Commission in EMS Billing.
Chairman Alter spoke on the issue, and the effect on the volunteer fire departments.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

Bryan Lau made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 PM, Second Mike Alfieri. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary