

MINUTES OF THE
FIRE COMMISSION
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MARYLAND

DATE: 5/6/09

LOCATION: Glenn Dale Volunteer Fire Association

In Attendance

John Alter
Mike Alfieri
Bryan Lau
Bob McGhee
Harve Woods
Vince Harrison
Janet DeMerritt
Frank Underwood

Absent
Mike Mattison

Chaplain Litchfield gave the opening prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Alter gave opening remarks.

The Chairman discussed needs for EMS services during the current health threat.

The Chairman discussed the station audit and the need for copies of bills.

The Chairman discussed the issue relating to RMS and data entry. The costs for RMS are quite extensive and that needs to be addressed.

The Chairman discussed recent activities relating to the budget. Due to he current financial restraints, PPE, Station Maintenance, Supplies and similar expenses have been stopped. The Commission is working on obtaining funding for the remainder of the year.

Lt. Col Peden

The Station Management disbursements have been prepared.

The Major discussed the CIP process. The Commission will work with the CIP process.

Work will proceed on the station management contract for next year.

The Chairman thanked the Lt. Col for her remarks.

Vice Chairman Harrison

The Vice Chairman reported on recent efforts relating to budget and recent changes in administration within Prince George's County.

Commissioner Underwood

Frank requested Fire Department Tag lists to be returned.

Commissioner Woods

Commissioner Woods reported that Bowie has 4" hose that they would like to exchange for 3". Motion by Commissioner Woods to approve exchange of 4" hose for 3" hose that is in stores. Second by Commissioner Harrison.

After discussion, the motion was tabled.

Commissioner Woods then reported on results from Annapolis and the legislative session.

Commissioner McGhee

No report.

Janet DeMerritt

Commissioner DeMerritt reported on apparatus repairs needed by Co 20/45 one unit with hole in tank and another that needs brake repair.

Commissioner DeMerritt reported on the need for repair of the roof at Company 45. The Chairman will look into the matter. Jay Tucker offered information relating to the appraisal.

Commissioner DeMerritt reported that company 40 was happy with the activities of the Fire Chief and his staff.

As respects the 508 audit, the final information was received this evening and should be concluded.

There was discussion on recent activities relating to the Fit Test process.

Commission Alfieri

Reported on CIP matters. Also reported on new recruits and the need for gear for the new members. Finally, Commissioner Alfieri requested that companies conserve as much as possible.

Bryan Lau

Motion made by Bryan Lau to approve the minutes of the meeting held 4/15/09. Second by Commissioner Woods. Passed.

Motion to approve the LOSAP award application for Joann Bonkoski, member of co 57 with 27 years service, effective 12/1/08. Second by Commissioner Alfieri. Passed.

Motion to approve the Company LOSAP report for Co 30 as corrected. Second by Commissioner Harrison. Passed.

Motion to approve the Company LOSAP report for Co 18, as corrected. Second Commissioner Harrison. Passed.

Motion to approve the Company LOSAP report for Co 19, as corrected. Second by Commissioner DeMerritt. Passed.

Motion to approve the Company LOSAP report for Co 32 as corrected. Second by Commissioner DeMerritt. Passed.

Commissioner Woods

Commissioner Woods reported on behalf of Commissioner Mattison the following.

Motion by Commissioner Woods, that Eric Scott Strauss be approved for FFI equivalency. Second by Commissioner McGhee. Passed.

Randy Kuenzli, representing the Chiefs Council, requested input for a standard for used apparatus. This information is needed by next week.

The chaplain gave his report.

Bill Smith announced the promotion of 3 volunteers to the rank of Major. Promotional Ceremony at the next meeting.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance.

Question re Station Repairs from FOM. Although FOM has not been paid, FOM is still performing station repairs. The Chairman requested that such calls be of an emergency nature. Tower 39 out of service for repairs at Pierce. Should it go to MM for MSP inspection. Should it go? The Chairman said no, repairs are not being made until evaluation of available funding.

Margie Dickey questioned funding for radio repairs. The Chairman reported that there was no money available for radio repairs.

Question from Co 33 reference members turned away from Infection Control. Lt. Col. Peden offered information to help with the process. Question about the CIP and will station visits be made to determine need. The Chairman said yes, and that the commission has been visiting stations and that companies need to present documentation for CIP requests.

The next meeting of the Fire Commission will be held at the FSB

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

Respectfully Submitted By

Bryan Lau
Secretary