

Minutes of the
Fire Commission
Prince George's County

Date: 4/7/2010 Time 19:30
Location: FSB

Commissioners

John Alter
Vincent Harrison
Mike Alfieri
Jonathan Bigony
Janet DeMerritt
Bryan Lau
Mike Mattison
Frank Underwood
Harve Woods

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

Commissioner Underwood

Frank discussed EMS funding for stations, in particular station 10. Station 10 will exceed the allocated funding allowance.

The Chairman responded that EMS supplies should be approved even if the amount the exceeds the budget amount. Commissioners should keep track of expenses that exceed the allocated amount.

Next association meeting at Branchville.

Gripe of the Day. Dumpsters. The process did not work well for Station 11.

Commissioner Bigony

Nothing to Report

Commissioner Woods

Motion to approve a request from Co 48 to spend \$2,748.94 for maintenance repair expenses on 2 chiefs vehicles and a brush truck. The expense to be paid from Station Management.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Commissioner Woods reported for the record that the fuel allowance authorized by the Fire Commission has not been effected as of this time.

Motion to approve a request from Co 18 to use \$4,000 from station management for the cost of the company banquet.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Motion to approve a request from Co 28 to spend \$8,856 for surfacing concrete from Station Management

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison

Vice Chairman Harrison

VC Harrison spoke on the need to get new members thru the recruit process. New members need to be trained by the stations before they take VRS so they are prepared.

Stations need to make sure that new members show up.

If stations have instructors and CPR instructors they are needed for VRS.

Officer Certifications. Officers are required to be certified to the Fire Commission within 72 hours of the elections.

Commissioner DeMerritt

Motion to approve request from Co 20, to spend \$2,782 from station management fund for auto insurance.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Spoke on matters relating to physicals. The new facility will be online soon.

Requests for information to the Commission Office need to be tempered.

As respects 508 funds, funds cannot be used for vendors if the member is a part of the organization.

Chairman Alter

Certain companies have been requested to meet with the Commission concerning certain financial matters.

The Chairman discussed the change in Dumpster Contractors.

When stations receive E-Mails concerning projects, please copy the Fire Commission.

Two LOSAP Appeals will be held in the near future.

A copy of a memo will be sent to the Commissioners. The memo is from Bradley Seamon requesting review of BPAs in an attempt to control costs.

As respects 508, three checks have been requested but have not yet been issued.

When the payments are distributed, each company will be required to provide specific information on the project funded and document that in writing.

As respects future budget discussions, the Fire Commission is as lean as it can be. Additional reductions would be hard to implement.

The Fire Commission is one of the few agencies that has met their budget.

508 distributions will require confirmation from the companies on the need that will be met with the 508 distribution.

Commissioner Mattison

Firefighter Equivalency. Motion to approve the following members for fire fighter equivalency.

Michael Stout 18391 Co 27
Krystle Scipio 18810 Co 27
Jared Martin 18947 Co 33
Jackson Narrett 18947 Co 29
Rocco Kennedy 19103 Co 28
Scott Pierce 19153 Co 14
John Ayres 19074 Co 08
Kevin Hussle 19025 Co 26

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison

Passed

Mike spoke on matters concerning the VRS Class. Members that attend VRS Class must have all of the prerequisites met before they show up.

The April Class is tentative due to a shortage of instructors. Instructors are needed for the VRS class.

Commissioner Alfieri

The bathroom project at Co 25 has been completed and the bunkroom project will be started imminently.

Requests for projects need to be submitted by the second meeting in August. Any company can submit projects to be considered for CIP Improvements.

Commissioner Alfieri discussed the possibility of paying for instructors. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Commissioner Alfieri discussed the question of bill direct for company stores. Commissioners offered their opinion concerning the need and savings possible from Bill Direct.

Commissioner Alfieri spoke about the process for approving expenditures. The current limit is \$10,000 and the process has been cumbersome to obtain complete commission approval.

Motion to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to approve vehicle repair expenses up to \$20,000. Commissioner Alfieri amended the motion to have the Chairman and Vice Chairman vote on all actions.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Failed

1991 penfab truck from co 14. Request to place the unit on County Maintenance and Insurance .

Motion to approve the request from Co 25 to place the 1991 Penfab Truck on County Maintenance and Insurance on April 18, 2010.

Second By Commissioner Mattison Passed

Commissioner Lau

Motion to approve the LOSAP award for Mr Donald Phillips, Co 27, with 31 Years service effective 1/1/10

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP Report for Co 24 as corrected.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP Report for Co 07 as corrected.

Second By Commissioner Woods Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Thomas Cardea 10515 from Co 19 to Co 8 and 3 Years Service Credit.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Michale Lee 16002 transfer from Co 32 to 8.

Motion to approve the transfer of Allison Rife 15706, transfer 1 to Co 8 and Service

Credit 4 Years.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report from Co 8 as corrected by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Woods Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Tom Flint 7554, from Co 30 to Co 9.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Stuart Hurlburt, 13711 transfer Co 27 to 09.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Timothy McCloskey 16954, transfer from 9 to 33.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of James Schultz, 17788, transfer from Co 11 to Co 09.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Noel Trejos, 17078, transfer from Co 27 to Co 09.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Maurice Wade, 17542, transfer from Co 12 to Co 09.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 09 as corrected by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Mattison Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 12 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 13 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Woods Passed

Motion to approve transfer of Sean Aultman 16563, transfer 33 to 18 and correct service credit.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Clinton Meullion 15446, transfer from 33 to 18 and correct service credit.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Richard Salamy 15900, transfer from Co 13 to Co 18 and correct service credit year.

Second By Commissioner Mattison Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Marla Tibbs 16923, transfer from 35 to 18.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Dennis Weins 12831, transfer from 28 to 18 and correct service credit to 6 years.

Second By Commissioner Woods Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report from Co 18 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Richard Clagett 16820, transfer from Co 24 to Co 25 and correct service credit.

Second By Commissioner Mattison Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Joshua Sullivan 15384, transfer Co 40 to Co 25 and correct service credit.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 25 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 32 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Mark Trader 3023, transfer Co 27 to Co 33 and correct service credit.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 33 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Chairman Alter Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report for Co 40 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Woods Passed

Motion to approve the transfer of Robert Adams 9822, transfer from Co 32 to Co 56.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP report by Co 56 as amended by the Fire Commission.

Second By Commissioner Woods Passed

Motion to approve the LOSAP Award of Raymond Willett, subject to confirmation of credit and company membership.

Second By Commissioner Alfieri Passed

Motion to send a letter to Co 1, Co 30 and Co 38 advising the companies that no LOSAP report has been received and that the members of those companies will not receive LOSAP credit for Fiscal Year 2009.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 3/17.

Second By Vice Chairman Harrison Passed

Major Lambdin provided an update on projects.

Major Lambdin offered his service in providing information to assist companies in preparing Grant Applications.

The President spoke about efforts relating to new members. New members are joining the department at about 700 new members per year, but are not being retained.

The President would like to determine the reason members are leaving the fire service.

Members are failing EMT at the first test.

The President would like to have a summit with the Fire Commission and Association to plan for the future.

The President congratulated Co 25, for placing the volunteer truck in service.

The Chairman took comments from the individuals in attendance. 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,

Bryan Lau