

## Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Tonight's virtual meeting, with approximately 56 participants, was gavelled to order by Chairman Bolden at 7:30 pm.

Chaplain – opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain Hetz- Chief Chaplain's report will be provided separately.

Volunteer Services Office –Deputy Chief White

- Today we conquered a few of the battalions to hand out extra supplies.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surlles (Vanessa)

**Made a motioned for the approval of a \$6,600 expenditure for Co. 20 to send members to Ocean City Convention. The motion was 2nd by Chair Bolden, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Advised she was going to make a motion to approve outstanding LOSAP awards, some are old, they will be eligible for back pay. The goal is to have the awards issued 7/1/22 or with the July 2022 payments. **Made a motioned for awarding LOSAP to the following volunteer members: Joe Gagligie Co 7, David Blanard Co. 10, Steven Parator Co. 10, Andrew Whitehead Co. 14, Clinton Moody Co. 26, James Brotherton Co. 28, Alfred Swarch Co. 31, Davis Watson Co. 36, and Brenda Smith Co. 38. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Also advised she is working with OIT to create reports on the back end for the new LOSAP system. Working with Steve Hamrick to determine who needs to get their \$8 additional per month. Working with Office of Pension & Benefits to sort this out.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)-

Made a motion for approval of the below expenditures:

- Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department (Co. 14) \$24,678.36 to reimburse company for expenditure for parts and labor for tool mounting for their new Rescue Squad 2 Smalls
- Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (Co. 31) requesting \$8,352.00 for two Thermal Imaging Cameras and Kits for the Truck and Engine requesting \$20,579.61 for gear lockers and mounting equipment. 2nd Snyder Question Holbert if there are any existing thermal imagers. Advised they are not working. Holbert advised Bullard provides a \$1,000 credit. Motion tabled.
- Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department for Co. 41 requesting \$2,798.27 for 12 new office chairs for administrative offices
- Advised that herself and Commissioners Snyder on Workgroup

**The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)-

- **Made a motioned for the approval of the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Commission Minutes. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle) – No report.

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) -Excused.

Commissioner Wilson (Glenn)- No report

Commissioner Smalls- No report.

Recruiter Update:

Sent out the agenda for our meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> to review the entire application process for volunteers. CC'ed all Commissioners, and all members and volunteers are invited, not just recruiters. There will also be a hybrid option.

Chair Bolden-

- Advised that the Fire Commission office is moved across the hall into room 136, also the new Association Office while the Commission Office gets an update.
- Finger printer now starting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Wanted to thank the membership of Co. 33, we had a meet & greet at their station with the Fire Chief and County Executive.
- Physicals and cancer research is underway, will be trying to get it moving after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association– Vic Whipple

- Reminded everyone that next week is the State Convention in Ocean City. Make sure your delegates are ready to vote. County Association open house at Dry Dock 28 on Monday.

Ladies Auxiliary Melito (Regina) – Advised that they will be attending the Ocean City Convention.

Questions from the floor:

- Richard Melito asked about the back years that were turned in prior to COVID. Chair Bolden advised these items are being addressed
- Pete Mellits asked about the status of the LOSAP increments awards. Chair Bolden advised that it's a touch and go with catching up on everything after COVID. Also asked about a report for end of year on the funding sources. Chief White advised that a full report was sent to the Fire Association and should have been distributed to everyone.
- Gerald Spence asked about the CIP program. Chair Bolden advised that they had not met with facilities for FY23 as most efforts went into opening Station 802, should be meeting after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Tommy Ray asked if a copy of the Concentra contract available. Chief White advised he is working to get a copy of the contract made available.

Closing Benediction- Chaplain provided a benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm.

**Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner Kyle Snyder, Secretary.**