

Meeting was called to order August 22, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. John Boyle, Jr. opened the meeting under the open public meeting guidelines.

Roll Call:

Robert Cromer - present
Robert Holmes – present
Ian Thompson – present
John Boyle, Jr. – present
Derek DeLuca - present

After the flag salute and moment of silence Robert Holmes motioned to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2023, Robert Cromer seconded.

Communications:

Correspondences from Attorney Sendzik
Oxygen delivery/removal notices
Medical for Horvath

Insurance Report:

Discussion on having a committee of Robert Cromer and John Boyle, Sr. review insurance coverage with Soden.

Legal Report:

The following resolution were presented

Resolution Notifying the Public of the Board’s intent to contract with Air & Gas Technologies, Inc. for a Bauer Breathing Air Compressor Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(B)(3)

Robert Cromer motioned to approve, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, Robert Holmes – yes, Robert Cromer – yes, Ian Thompson – yes, John Boyle, Jr – yes, Derek Deluca – yes.

Presented HGAC Lease/Purchase Agreement. Robert Holmes motioned to approve, Derek Deluca seconded, roll call vote, Robert Holmes – yes, Robert Cromer – yes, Ian Thompson – yes, John Boyle, Jr – yes, Derek Deluca – yes.

Discussion on service contract for the breathing air compressor. Current company advised we had to purchase an Eagle Air Compressor, attorney to review.

Accountant Report:

Application to Local Finance Board has been handed in. 2nd application is in process.

Financial Report:

Derek Deluca reviewed the list of bills for the month, Robert Holmes motioned to approve and pay all bills, Robert Cromer seconded. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Committees:

Trucks:

376 master switch being repaired next week; schedule for PMs will be last week of September, beginning of October; spoke with Campbell about 376 still having foam leak; cooling sensor still bad.

367's vehicle needs tires, Robert Holmes motioned to buy tires, Robert Cromer seconded.

Discussion on repairing exhaust on 28-376. Ian Thompson advised to have exhaust repaired.

New Chief's Truck:

At Elite waiting for light bar to come in, should be approximately 2 weeks and waiting for 2 radios.

28-391 Pushed back to 2nd week of January for delivery

Pumper/Tanker

Drawings are in, need meeting with the committee to get specs completed. Pre-Con end of September. Discussed with Chiefs doing a virtual pre-con with Defender and Engineers via Zoom.

Mid Inspection for ladder can make necessary changes.

Equipment:

Chief is requesting command board. Robert Holmes motioned to approve, Robert Cromer seconded, all in favor.

Would like to order radio straps and glove straps, requested budget of \$3,200.00. Robert Holmes motioned to approve, Robert Cromer seconded, all in favor.

Training door should be in tomorrow, please accept delivery and bring inside the building.

Radios:

Discussion were going good until last week, police department no longer wants to give programming rights, our radios will have to be programmed through Matt at PD, any mutual aid companies would need to go through Matt also. As of tonight, no information is available on a fee schedule, meetings with the township are held every Wednesday and Friday during the middle of the day. John Boyle, Sr. feels town is not being fair and not what was promised. Discussion on going back to the township and show it is a safety issue. If we can't hear the PD channel to district can't be responsible; District 1 hasn't attended one township meeting.

Fire Police:

Flashlights to be installed; radios have been installed, a new Chief has not been appointed yet. 28-399 is out of service.

New Garage:

Plans almost 100% complete, waiting for Local Finance Board. Hoping for hearing in September. Robert Holmes will follow up with Attorney's office.

Building and Grounds:

Nothing new, just a reminder to keep water flowing at the drains to avoid flies.

Future of the District: No Report**STIPEND PROGRAM**

Starting week of September 1st.

LOSAP: No Report.

HYDRANT:

There is a sunken hydrant on Texas Road, covered with weeds, would like to ask MTWUD for a general clean up of all hydrants. Ian Thompson will follow up with water department.

TOWNSHIP LIASSON No Report.

Unfinished Business:

Looking for estimates for lawn care.

New Business:

John Boyle discussed quote for re-lettering 95 and 76 so all trucks match. Vinyl was \$7,900.00, hand painting was \$14,900.00 included removal of current paint. Robert Cromer motioned to have the hand painting done, Robert Holmes seconded, all in favor. *There was a balance of \$16,900.00 of a Motorola credit that will be used towards lettering.

28-399 out of service, 28-398 going to be fixed at Defender, current 28-367 vehicle will be moved to Fire Police to replace 28-399.

If there is a call requiring a tanker try to take 28-396.

Discussion on having the State brush truck removed from the truck bays as the bay will be needed for construction materials. Will reach out to town to see if there is somewhere the State truck can be stored, will need a day or 2 notice to have the truck removed.

Chiefs Report:

See report attached.

There were 5 members in academy, 2 dropped out, 3 remain.

Robert Smith III reported, MVA extrication call all agencies on scene, everyone worked well together; mutual aid call with 28-2 went well.

Presidents Report:

Discussed mold in the equipment room, would like someone to come look at it, leak has been stopped and it looks like it's older mold, nothing new, was advised to get estimate, depending on price insurance company could be contacted.

Thanked commissioners for all the training that has been provided and congratulated team for trophy won at Colts Neck Firemen's Competition.

Need a plan for the radio situation with the township. If board addresses the township again must have show of support from the members.

Discussed smoke/heat detectors for engine room. Ian Thompson is looking at a Ring type alarm, will check with Soden to see if that is acceptable. Ian will get quotes together.

Discussion on moving a 55 foot utility pole.

Comments from the Floor: None

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn Robert Cromer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer