

Meeting was called to order February 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Robert Holmes opened the meeting under the open public meeting guidelines.

Roll Call:

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

After the flag salute and moment of silence Robert Cromer motioned to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2023 meeting, Ian Thompson seconded.

Communications:

Insurance Report: No Report

Legal Report:

Attorney Sendzik congratulated the board on the elections and the board can now move forward with the truck and radios.

There was discussion on the Cranford Co-Op, the Chief and Assistant Chief found a truck on the lot but in order to purchase you must join the co-op. Attorney Sendzik advised that the board would need to pass a resolution to enter the co-op and the board would need to advertise for next meeting that they were entering into the co-op. Ian Thompson motioned to join the Cranford Co-op, John Boyle, Jr. seconded, roll call vote all in favor.

Need to advertise for new truck through HGCA, final determination of a vendor is not yet done.

Ian Thompson motioned to advertise for truck, John Boyle, Jr. seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

John Boyle, Jr. asked if the board could start the process for the funding for the building, attorney asked if there were plans yet. There will be a courtesy review by the Township on March 1, 2023. Building plans will need to go out for bid and financing. Need to put together a packet of prints. The Board would like to put the bid package on the website. Ian Thompson asked if the bidding could be split out for different sections of the project.

Board is still under temporary budget. Board asked if a special meeting out be held for Reorganization, was advised that the reorganization meeting is March 28th.

Accountant Report:

There was discussion on new accountant/auditor. Two firms were reviewing to see if they would be interested, no answer yet. Ian Thompson asked if there could be 1 firm for accounting and 1 firm for the audit.

Financial Report:

Ian Thompson reviewed the list of bills for the month, Robert Cromer motioned to approve and pay all bills, John Boyle, Jr. seconded. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Committees:

Trucks:

New Truck:

Congratulations were given for the voters passing the purchase of the truck. Working on specs, 2 manufacturers being looked at – Defender and Campbell. Ryan Bailey does not seem interested.

Paperwork has been signed for 91 change orders, factory is closed due to snow storm.

Equipment:

John Boyle, Jr. advised 2 outstanding items from the 2022 equipment – 2 blades and tack sticks. All other items are in.

2023 equipment for new truck and “wish list”. Can begin working on equipment after budget is certified next week.

Discussion on the purchase of debibulators, fans for new truck, saws, rope kits, elevator keys, pipe poles, chain saw, TIC, laptop, blitz hose monitor, helmet lite, survivor lites, portable basket, scot bottles (discussed 30 year bottles vs. 15 year), spare hose, accountability boards for each truck, hose roller, rolling rack, ice rescue equipment, discussion on bail out demo training

Total cost \$112,000.00, most on state contract. Ian Thompson motioned to accept all proposed equipment and/or training, Robert Cromer seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

2 sets of gear are needed – Beja and Liotta, total cost \$6,556.00. Ian Thompson motioned to approve, Robert Cromer seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

John Boyle, Jr. discussed training classes, confined spaces, ropes and knots, \$250.00, Also discussed Bail out training, \$2800.00 and safety and survival – multi family dwelling class \$750.00 Ian Thompson motioned to approve all training, Robert Cromer seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Radios:

Working with township and county, district does not get county updates due to no shared services, effects Chief 360.

3/1 many towns using Simplex through trumping system. 10 portables that can have trumping, all county operation cannot be used.

Master list of radios completed, total needed to upgrade \$297,700.00. To purchase through township need to enter into shared services. Ian Thompson approved to buy radios and to pursue township to get purchase underway. Need shares services agreement with township.

Fire Police:

Frank Deblasi advise the equipment that was ordered has come in.

New Garage:

Building and Grounds:

Basement was off limits. John Boyle, Jr. advised that the basement has been cleared to enter. The basement has been fully gutted and asbestos and lead remediated and abated. Passed all sample testing. Discussion on how to finish the basement. John Boyle, Jr. advised it would cost approximately \$3-4,000.00 to close in the walls and leave a bare concrete floor. John Boyle, Jr. motioned to close walls, Ian Thompson seconded, roll call vote all in favor.

Future of the District:

Reviewed email from 28-4 regarding proposal for the Tennent Road building, still pending, nothing in stone.

LOSAP: Being reviewed

HYDRANT:

No current increase for 2023, however, slight increase on new hydrants coming in.

Unfinished Business:

Robert Holmes advised Chris Cleary that he had a conversation with J. Capp on a situation with workers responding to fire calls. Capp was not aware of the situation and will speak with Supervisor.

Discussion on accident reports and the need to document incidents. It is at the Chief and/or his delegate's discretion.

Discussion on plaques for the 2 individuals that rescued the woman from an accident. The 2 will be present at next months' meeting.

New Business:

A key was made for 87. There is a key box in the new building for all trucks.

Chiefs Report:

See report attached.

Presidents Report:

John Boyle thanked the members that went door to door getting the word out to vote; discussion on trailer to use for duty crew members to hang out in, cost is approximately \$3,800.00 month, or the possibility of building some other type structure; discussed possibility that new truck may be here before phase 1 of the building is done; discussed the cooling sensor on '75, where it is located the air intake can snap off, asked if a letter could be written to the manufacturer that it should be a recall issue; OPRA request from J. Paff, asked that the door codes not be given out;

Would like to start work on budget for the duty crews.

Discussion on renewing contract with Central Jersey Compliance, Ian Thompson would like to table it for a month.

Discussion on maintenance contract for repairs and maintenance for the trucks. For now in the case of an emergency use Defender.

Comments from the Floor:

Eric Cleary advised that the contract with the Volunteer and the Board is up and they were concerned about insurance. Ian Thompson suggested going month to month and keep insurance until April meeting.

Chris Cleary asked about the tire repair for '95.

Robert Cromer motioned to adjourn the meeting Ian Thompson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer

Board of Fire Commissioners Marlboro Twp. Fire Dist # 3

Bill Payment List

February 2023

DATE	NUM	VENDOR	AMOUNT
Commerce Bank-Checking			
02/27/2023	3649	Campbell Supply Co	-8,670.14
02/27/2023	3656	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	-7,410.90
02/27/2023	3650	FireFlow Services Inc	-4,685.50
02/27/2023	3651	Grainger	-1,955.65
02/27/2023	3657	New Jersey Natural Gas 1	-1,933.15
02/27/2023	3653	JCP & L	-1,745.31
02/27/2023	3647	Atlantic Medical Group	-1,033.00
02/27/2023	3661	Township of Marlboro	-813.08
02/27/2023	3659	Safety & Survival Training, LLC	-750.00
02/27/2023	3655	MES	-717.00
02/27/2023	3658	Premier Graphics	-403.75
02/27/2023	3648	Bridge Auto Supply	-399.88
02/27/2023	3652	Ian Thompson	-278.99
02/27/2023	3660	State of New Jersey - Dept of Labor	-150.00
02/27/2023	3654	Marlboro Township Water Utility Division	-41.40
02/28/2023	3663	Joyce Howardson	-200.00
02/28/2023	3662	Christine Cromer	-200.00
Total for Commerce Bank-Checking			\$-31,387.75

Res 1/1/23 \$169,434.40
 1/31/23 \$164,708.08

Checkin, 1/1/23 \$1,717,272.29
 1/31/23 1,638,937.97

Morganville Fire Co.

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Officers Report

February 2023

Membership

Training completed at Robertville using Central Jersey Compliance for mandatory yearly training. Also, SCBA fit testing is underway with 98% of active interior members completed.

Equipment

The board is keeping up with the purchasing of new equipment to meet the needs of the Fire Co. Fire police will be handing in an equipment request.

Outstanding

Nothing notable

Needing Repair.

3-76 Needs to have the headlights looked at. The truck does not have low beams on the driver's side.

New Business

Offices toured the new development A place off of Tennent Rd. Developer has set up a temporary water distribution system for fire fighting until the water line is installed.

Old Business

Nothing outstanding.

Respectfully Submitted

Roy C Anderson jr

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Chief 3-66