

Meeting was called to order July 23, 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 June 27, 2023, noting 2 corrections; 28-391 mid inspection , anticipated 2nd week of December, and under Equipment, the trailer was purchased through Lock and Load, not Hecht, Robert Cromer seconded.

Communications:

Correspondences from Attorney Sendzik
Oxygen delivery/removal notices
Medical for Robert Smith, Jr.

Insurance Report:

Ian Thompson advised that one of the trucks was in a minor fender bender at the vendors location.

Legal Report:

Local Finance application has been submitted for truck and should be on the August meeting agenda.

Bids were handed into the Board

There were a couple of questions on the NPP.gov application, needed to know what went wrong on the old air system and who the vendor is for the new system

Had discussion with J. Cantolupo at the township, notes for Motorola, hoping to have paperwork to the state in September.

The following resolutions were presented

Resolution to Enter Into an Agreement with a Nationally Recognized Cooperative Entity for the Purpose of Purchasing Fire Apparatus and other Equipment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3)

Resolution Authorizing the Intent to Use an Alternate Procurement Method Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3)

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

Robert Holmes made a motion for Resolution to apply to Local Finance Board for the purchase of radio equipment, Robert Cromer seconded, roll call vote Robert Holmes – yes, Robert Cromer – yes, Ian Thompson – yes, John Boyle, Jr – yes, Derek Deluca – yes.

Attorney Sendzik has spoken with Matt Jessup, Bond Attorney, who advised there is good programming that the Board will fall under, will prepare commitment letter to be bond Counsel.

Accountant Report: No Report

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.

Has 3rd quarter check from town in the amount of \$415,000.00 and refund from Granger of \$4,400.00.

There were 2 overpayments to Motorola in the amounts of \$8,990.75 and \$7,410.90, Motorola's policy was if the overpayment was past 180 days it was declared unclaimed property, there were a couple of days before the time frame expired, John Boyle, Jr. asked if the overpayments would be applied as a pre-billing for the consulate system, was advised yes, but there would be a net 30 days for the balance of \$11,000.00 on the order which could be due before the equipment came in.

Committees:

Ian Thompson will be taking over Truck Committee

Trucks:

As previously reported, 28-377 was in a minor vendor bender at the Serving Vendor, advised attorney and contacted the insurance company

28-376 needs exhaust fixed

2 light fixtures still bad, was advised 8-10 weeks delivery time

Would like to hold check to Allegiance until truck is complete.

Would like to contact Campbell regarding 28-376 foam repair is leaking again.

New Chief's Truck:

Sent to Ford for battery, hoping to have back tomorrow; Elite waiting on some things, won't start until all items are in, antennas and cable are in from Motorola

28-391 – production in progress, mid inspection anticipated for 2nd week in December.

Pumper/Tanker

Should receive drawings Thursday or Friday, final specs to be reviewed prior to pre-construction.

Equipment:

Not much pending, gear came in and has been handed out, waiting on scba masks and forcible entry door.

The contractor on the Tennent Road construction project would like to donate supplies to the company for the multiple gas leak calls that have happened at the site, Ryan Keyes will reach out to him.

Radios:

There has been a hold up with the township, Board will seek local finance board to purchase the radios, should be processed by September.

Fire Police:

Robert Holmes advised that the fire police need better flashlights, John Boyle, Jr. advised there were 8 fox lights he will work on getting installed, and the fire policy car needs a portable radio. There are 3 APS 4000's that can be used for the fire policy car.

Frank DeBlasi has taken a leave of absence from the fire company, a new Fire Police Chief will need to be appointed.

New Garage:

Plans are in, one bidder is awarded can apply for permits.

Building and Grounds:

Nothing new, last month there was discussion on back up battery for door entry, EMCO was supposed to have originally installed a backup, will take care of it for no charge.

Need smoke/heat detector for engine room; Ian Thompson will look into a Ring type or some other type of self installed system.

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

Pretty much ready to start.

LOSAP:

Paperwork was processed for Richard VanPelt; Discussion on proposing changes to the point system, will need to advertise and post it for members to view. Would like comments ready for next meeting.

HYDRANT: No Report**TOWNSHIP LIASSON**

John Boyle, Jr. has been meeting with Township Business Administrator regarding radios

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on bill for warranty work from Campbell

Received another bill from Withum, will not pay until reviewed by attorney, Attorney Sendzik asked to get paperwork and would like an accounting of bills paid to both Campbell and Withum.

New Business: No Report

Chiefs Report:

See report attached.

There was discussion on Foam, would like to purchase 40 gallons class B foam, there is a 15 year shelf life if sealed, there was also discussion on disposal of the old foam. Robert Holmes motioned to purchase 55 gallons not to exceed \$2,600.00, Robert Cromer seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Insurance companies are sending letters stating that if a member gets an injury for the old foam, they will not be covered. Working on getting quantity of the old foam that needs to be disposed of.

John Boyle, Jr. asked if there was a need for a computer vendor to set up computer on 28-375.

Presidents Report:

John Boyle, Sr. asked if there was a supplemental insurance that could be offered to a member should they get hurt and unable to work. State Relief coverage is not adequate if a member is out of work for a period of time.

Comments from the Floor:

There was discussion on contractor for cutting the grass, stopped using Brian Baum, need to get new proposal. Derek Deluca will reach out to Brian for a new proposal.

Ryan Keyes asked if the cameras in the fire house had audio, as a member had a personal conversation with an officer and asked if there was audio recording, was advised no.

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn Robert Cromer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer