

Meeting was called to order May 23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Ian Thompson 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 Cromer motioned to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting, Derek Deluca seconded.

Communications:

Recall notices for Tahoe
Correspondence from Attorney Sendzik’s office
Approval from Monmouth County Department of Health – Sewerage Disposal System

Insurance Report:

No report, however, the rescue truck was damaged at a call this evening. Robert Cromer will call Soden Agency in the morning.

Legal Report:

Bond work going good, received contract for water connection

Accountant Report:

Robert Holmes made a motion to use the same auditor as last year, Robert Cromer seconded, roll call vote all in favor.

Engagement letter signed for 2023 audit, working on books and scheduling training.

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:**

28-390 - having PTO switch issues, issue with hydro switch not kicking in for outriggers, may be electrical short somewhere, may have to pull off all hose off of bed.

28-395 - issue with driver seat, exhaust leak, rotting out, air bags leaking out, light tower not working.

New Truck:

28-391 – received pictures of ladder, meeting with Defender’s owners as information has been sporadic. Owner promised better communication.

28-396 Super Pumper – not much has changed

Equipment:

Looking to buy 7 bottles, 30 year quick connect, \$1,870/bottle for a total of \$12,740.00;

Radio quote need 16 mics at cost of \$8,512.00

Issue with extrication equipment, would like to purchase 2nd cutter at a cost of \$14,698.00

Quick attack pro camera at a cost of \$14,646.00.

With purchase of above items there would be a balance in the equipment budget in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Robert Holmes motioned to purchase the requested equipment at a costs of \$50,596.00, Derek Deluca seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Radios:

Western Monmouth started committee to go after Sean Golden for access to the radio system, Bayshore Chief’s Association was contacted for help and declined. There have been major delays in dispatch. Would like to re-visit going to county dispatch, the cost for county is approximately \$15,000 annually. County has agreed to take 1 or 2 districts and not require all 3 to switch. Marlboro may lose 911 shortly. Would need board approval and an email request by June 5th. Switch could take place by last week of June.

Attorney Sendzik offered resolution to enter executive session to discuss client-attorney privileged matters at 7:56 p.m., John Boyle, Jr. motioned to approve, Robert Holmes seconded, all in favor.

Robert Holmes motioned to close Executive Session at 8:07 and re-open regular meeting, Robert Cromer seconded, all in favor.

John Boyle, Jr. motioned to send letter to county engaging in dispatch, after attorney's review of township agreement, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, John Boyle, Jr – yes, Ian Thompson – abstain, Robert Cromer – yes, Robert Holmes – yes, Derek Deluca – yes.

Fire Police:

Nothing to report

New Building/Garage:

Waiting on stake out by Crest Engineering, there is a site meeting with contractor on Tuesday. Plan on digging Wednesday afternoon. Estimated to have 4 bays up within 2 ½ months from next week. Won't be able to get Cert of Occ until entire project is done.

Building and Grounds:

Discussion on allowance for landscaping and mowing, Robert Holmes will reach out to Brian Baum, will also see if Scott Horvath would be interested.

Future of the District:

Working on future tower project.

LOSAP:

Nothing new to report

HYDRANT: No Report

Unfinished Business:

Would like to set a budget for lettering of vehicles and striping, would like to budget \$15,400.00 and have Spandero do the work. Derek Deluca motioned to approve, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

New Business: None

Chiefs Report:

No report

Presidents Report:

No report

Comments from the Floor: None

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting Robert Cromer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer