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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

April 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1901 hours with roll call. Chairman Gallino, Comm. Johnson, Comm Strong, Comm Staufer and District Secretary Brewer were present. Comm Buchner was at work. Also in attendance were Chief McCarrick and Asst Chiefs Martin, Bernier and Freund.

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief 30 stated FF Samantha Curran requested to come off military leave as of 4/2/24. However, she submitted a letter of resignation effective 4/2/24. Chief stated she is leaving in good standing. Motion to accept by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Comm Strong asked the Chief about his status change to Class E. The Chief stated he has his email request and will add him to the next Chief's report.

The Chief asked about the three new members coming from the Junior Company. District Secretary advised that two have completed their physicals and one hasn't scheduled it yet. Motion by Comm. Strong to accept Braden Barnes and Talen Russell pending their physical results, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer. All in favor. Jack Fenech still needs to make his appointment. He is pending.

The Chief asked for department patches (100 at \$5 each for a total of \$500). Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

Chief requested a 6' hook with gas shut off for Co 3 E7 at \$141.25, one 3" gate for Co 2 E3 at 469.00, and one pair of boots for Ex-Chief Logan at 369.00. Motion by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson to approve. All in favor.

The Chief requested permission to hold a Train the Trainer class for bailout through Firematic at a cost of \$3000 for six members. Motion by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer to approve. All in favor.

The Chief asked about the status of spare ambulance 25. Can it be used for driver training? Comm Strong stated the vehicle is in service mechanically. We have to check on the situation with the stretcher. Also it is only BLS. The board stated that driver training is permitted.

The Chief reminded everyone that the department inspection will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Chief discussed the issue of outsiders using the firehouses and not cleaning up after themselves, eating our food and drinking our beverages. A recent complaint came in from Co 1. Comm Johnson will address this with the appropriate individuals.

Co 2 requests permission to attend a parade in Middletown NY hosted by the Pocatello FD. They would like to take L14, 27 and a spare Chiefs vehicle. After some discussion it was decided to authorize participation, however permission for the ladder was denied.

The Chief requested an executive session to discuss personnel. At 1919 motion by Chairman Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong to enter executive session was approved.

At 1926 the meeting returned to open session.

Comm Johnson to Chiefs:

Dinner RSVPs are somewhat light. Please ask members to respond. We received several table requests. Again, seating requests must get in asap.

Comm Strong to Chiefs:

Comm Strong thanked everyone for their concern and good wishes during his heart procedure.

Comm Staufer to Chiefs:

Pete Hanratty has dates to meet at Firematic with the truck committee from Co 1. Possibly May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Progress being made.

Commissioners Reports:

Comm Johnson discussed electrical work that needs to be done to accommodate a new dishwasher and AC system at Co 3. Motion to accept the low bid from Wildwood Electric in the amount of \$2300 for the AC and \$1550 for the dishwasher by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

Comm Johnson stated that the door motors at Co 3 for FP 13 and the brush truck need replacing. Motion by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong to approve the low bid of \$4200 submitted by All Star Doors. All in favor.

Comm Johnson discussed the AC for the kitchen at Co 3. He has three estimates. Grace Mechanical 14,500. Terranova at 16,375. Soundview at 18,200. Motion to approve Grace Mechanical by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Comm Johnson brought up an equipment request submitted by EMS Coordinator Stewart. Hammer Medical Cyanokit replacement \$2590, Stryker replacement adult BP cuff 255.84, and Teleflex EZ IO needle equipment 2250. Motion to approve by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor. She also asked permission for a Prehospital Trauma Life Support class. The training is free except that the students need books and certification cards costing \$65 each. She has approximately 22 people interested in attending. Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor. Heather asked if the BOFC would allow the purchase of pizza for a CME class in Rocky Point. Approved.

Comm Strong requested two permissive referendums be published. One for replacing FP 11 at no more than \$115,000. The second for a 2-1/2 ton GI rolling chassis not more than \$43,000. Motion by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer. All in favor. District Secretary to publish permissives for expenses out of the Apparatus Reserve.

Comm Strong asked to replace Scott Pacs for E3. We need (8) frames total. The BOFC then checked with Treasurer Hauser to see what funds were available. Motion by Comm Strong to purchase (4) now and (4) later. The cost for four is \$30360.48. Motion to approve the purchase of four by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer.

Comm Staufer:

A new scanner has been ordered for fire police.

Debra Walker has been cleared to dispatch alone. She is now due \$1 increase in pay.

Dominic and Alex are also due \$1 bump ups. Treasurer to handle.

Patty Logan is still in training.

Four new PC's were installed in dispatch and the district office.

The District Secretary ordered new uniform shirts for dispatch.

The new TV for dispatch is malfunctioning. District Secretary to make arrangements with Rob for its return.



Alpine points issue with Probies being addressed.

Comm Staufer received a proposal from Alpine for a cloud backup. He recommends holding off on this for now. All in favor.

The ice machine at Co 1 is 18 years old and cannot be repaired any more. Motion by Comm Staufer to replace it with the same unit as Co 2 at a price of \$7625. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Comm Staufer discussed raising the salary for dispatchers and First Responders to be more competitive with other districts. We are having difficulty filling spots. He worked with our treasurer to identify money to fund this. It was decided to forego the hiring of two full-time responders and use the offset to fund a \$5 per hour increase for dispatchers and paramedics and a \$2 an hour bump for paid EMT's. The increase will be about 56,940 for dispatchers and 109,273 for responders. Motion by Comm Staufer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson to approve. All in favor.

District Secretary Report:

Received quotes for replacing the AC system in the administration building. Grace Mechanical \$20,000. Terranova 21,500. Soundview 23,000. Rose Mechanical 30,537.62. Motion by Chairman Gallino to approve Grace at 20,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

The following items have been ordered – 50' red 2" for Co 2, helmet shields for Co 2, radio straps, EMS boots for paid staff and uniform shirts for dispatchers.

DS Brewer discussed the recent SC Health Dept inspection of our underground tanks. As per last week's approval, a contract has been signed with Island Pump and Tank to oversee our monitoring, record keeping and inspection processes.

New Chase Ink Business credit cards were distributed to the Commissioners and Chiefs to replace our AmEx cards. DS Brewer requested everyone turn in their old AMEX cards.

DS and Treasurer have been working with our auditor to complete the 2023 review. All requested items have been submitted to Jones and Little as of tonight.

Mike Norris contacted about relettering the ambulances and responder cars. No date has been set as of tonight.

DS Brewer has sent all the requested documents to Command Fire Apparatus for the sale of the old E15. Awaiting a call back to set up a date for pickup. DS has discussed this with Gerard and the truck is ready for release.

All Commissioners were reminded to submit their ethics disclosure to Jones and Little.

DS gave Chief 33 a guide to online PESH being offered by VFIS for those members who have not taken the mandatory training.

DS Brewer thanked our treasurer for his assistance over the last several months. He has been very helpful during the transition in the office.

Chairman Gallino:

Chairman Gallino discussed the vacancy in the District Manager position. Motion by Chairman Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson to appoint David Brewer as the new District Manager effective April 29, 2024. All in favor. The same contract that was offered to Tom Duckham will apply.

Motion by Chairman Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong to accept the Treasurer's report and warrant for April. All in favor.

Room Request:

1. David Panettiere      May 19, 2024      0800-2100      Co 2      Christening

Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer.

Motion to adjourn by Comm Staufer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong.

Submitted by:



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Fire District Secretary