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WORKSHOP MEETING SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1940.

In attendance were Chairman Gallino, VC Buchner, Comm Johnson, Comm Strong, DM Brewer, DS McGuire, Treasurer Hauser, Chief McCarrick, Asst. Chiefs Martin, Bernier and Freund. Also in attendance was guest Debra Handel. Comm Staufer was excused due to work.

Chief 30 to Board:

Chief 30 advised us that FF Felice Caccavale has requested to go lifetime inactive starting March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion to approve by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Chief 30 requested to purchase (2) Alpine Software modules which allow recording SCBA checks and Bailout inspections into Red Alert. Price would be \$699.00/year for each module. Motion by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

Chief 30 requested new boots size 14 for FF Connor Delumen as his boots are falling apart. Chief 32 said we should wait until the next meeting when we can look at samples from other manufacturers.

Chief 33 requested (2) 20ft long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet tall Conex boxes for simulated training. Total price \$5,516. Motion by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor. Suitable location for trailers to be determined.

Chief 30 requested Double Head Tent Stakes for Company 2. Total price \$339.99. Motion made by Comm Strong. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Johnson. All in favor. DM to order from Amazon.

Chief 30 advised no progress with DEC. 32 called and left a message, still no return call yet.

A follow-up discussion was had regarding the disbanding of fire police. Chairman Gallino requested that the Chiefs reach out to attorney Bill Glass for further clarification and advised for Bill Glass to review the by-laws. More to follow.

Chief 30 followed up on his request for contacting SCWA for a washed-out hydrant on Soundview to be relocated. DS McGuire stated SCWA was contacted on 8/29/24.

Chief 30 asked about the status of the new fire police vehicle. Comm Strong advised that it is still at LI Proliner to be worked on.

Chief 32 to test new fire boots from Hi-Tech Fire & Safety.

Chief 31 proposed a need for high water rescue items. A discussion was had regarding (4) universal-fit hazmat rescue suits at \$775/suit, (1) Zodiac Inflatable boat with motor, and (1) 2024 Grizzly 1436 Jon Boat at \$1695. 31 stated he will get more research and present it at the next meeting. Additionally, 31 presented long-term ideas for high water rescue items: looking into a new Highwater Truck at approx. \$425k, having members revisit surface water training; have additional mustang suits available for companies, and to build a place to store them with a location to be determined. More to follow.

Chief 30 requested permission to inventory old firematic equipment in the chief's office, old bailout harnesses, and hooks to declare non useful items as surplus. This was approved by the Board.

At 2005 hours Chief 30 requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion to enter Executive Session by Chairman Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

At 2017 hours the regular meeting resumed. Motion to end Executive Session by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong. All in favor.

Chief 30 presented damage reports for Ambulance 8 and Engine 15. Commissioners stressed to the chief staff how important it is to remind the members it is their responsibility to operate our vehicles safely to prevent damage to our apparatus and injuries to the public and our members. Chief 30 stated he will discuss with his staff and the officers about things they can do to prevent accidents in the future. Comm. Strong proposed an idea for a district policy stating that accident reports must be filed and given to the DM within 48 hours of the accident. The board agreed and will inform the Chiefs at the next meeting.

Comm Johnson:

Comm Johnson stated that certain items in the fire prevention trailer are out of service due to computer issues. The computer is no longer supported by software and cannot be repaired. The company's representative was contacted and will assess.

Comm Johnson presented a price of \$1700 for Nicotra Landscaping Holiday Lights to come and install Christmas lights for 2 trees- located at 89 west and Co 3. Motion to approve by Chairman Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comm Strong. All in favor.

Comm Johnson is working on the Co 3 stove hood exhaust problem. More to follow.

Comm Strong:

Comm Strong gave a status on the new vehicles. Ambulance 12 and the new chief car have arrived. Responder car will arrive in approx. 3 weeks. Fire police vehicle will arrive after responder car.

Comm Strong asked the DM to call Memphis equipment to see if a high-water kit can be added to the new GI that is on order. DM called and is awaiting word.

Comm Strong raised his concern for defining account subjects within the budget. The commissioners will address the concern with Treasurer Hauser and advise him to sit with DM Brewer and DS McGuire to review the accounts.

District Manager:

Pump testing is scheduled for 10/23/24 beginning at 7am at Company 2.

Firehouse Innovations called to notify us that the training door is ready for pick up. Will advise Rob Bentivegna this week for pick up.

On behalf of Comm Staufer, DM Brewer requested permission to buy a replacement monitor for Co 1 at \$247.99. Motion by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chairman Gallino. All in favor.

DM Brewer stated there is a blocked drainpipe on the east side of Co 3. He was advised by Neil Freund that tree roots perforated the pipes for the septic tank. Neil Freund advised it needs to be replaced but can wait until a decision is made for the Co 3 project. More to follow.

DM Brewer made the Commissioners aware that the 25-year retirement bill for EMS personnel was passed. The board must decide if they would like to opt in. Commissioners advised for Treasurer Bob Hauser to propose an estimated cost.

On behalf of Rob Bentivegna, DM Brewer would like to move forward with a generator service contract for Co 1 and Co 3 with Power Pro at \$755/year for each station. Motion by Comm Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

DM Brewer advised that the air leak on the boat has been repaired. Rob and Gerard replaced a relief valve. It is holding air and will be back in service tomorrow morning.

DM Brewer advised the repair bill for E-3 came in. The cost is \$14,019.42 (8,325 in labor, 5,694.42 for parts)

DM Brewer presented a LOSAP workshop for Commissioners to attend at Irish Coffee Pub.

DM Brewer discussed the renewal of the current agreement with Crown Castle cell tower lease; stating that they did not accept our proposed offer and no counteroffer was given. The commissioners decided on asking Crown Castle for an agreement of 10 years with a 5% escalation clause. DM will speak with Crown Castle and advise.

On behalf of Rob Bentivegna, DM Brewer advised the Commissioners that the chiefs building needs attention. The east wall is rotten and falling. Rob will begin surveying the damage and repair this week.

Chairman Gallino:

A motion was made by Chairman Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner to authorize a permissive referendum in an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million to purchase and equip one new Pierce Engine. All in favor.

A motion was made by Chairman Gallino to adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance the acquisition of one Pierce engine in an amount not to exceed \$1.4 million. Seconded by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Chairman Gallino presented 2 room requests:

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| 1. Jennifer Lewis  | 89 West | 10/8-617 1630-1830 | Girl Scouts    |
| 2. Kenny Kowalchuk | Co. 1   | 10/26/24 1200-1600 | Birthday Party |

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Gallino at 2110, seconded by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Prepared and submitted by Taylor McGuire, Fire District Secretary.