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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours

Roll call of officers: Present were Chairman Gallino, VC Buchner, Comm Strong, Comm Johnson, Comm Staufer, District Manager Brewer, District Secretary McGuire, Chief McCarrick, Asst. Chiefs Bernier and Freund. Also in attendance were guests Debra Handel and Tom Logan. Treasurer Hauser and Asst. Chief Martin were excused due to work.

Next meeting will be October 22nd, 2024

Acceptance of minutes from August 27th, 2024. Motion by Comm Johnson, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief 30 reported that 32 received his new boots for trial from Hi-Tech. 32 stated they are light and comfortable. A motion was made by Comm Strong to purchase Hi-Tech boots for Connor Delumen size 14, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor. DM to order.

Chief 30 asked for an update on Fire Police. DM Brewer stated an email was sent to attorney Bill Glass for review and has not gotten a response. More to follow.

Chief 30 reported that SCWA relocated the washed-out hydrant from Soundview Dr but is not aware of exact location or if it is in service. Chief 30 will make the district aware of this information once it is available to him.

Chief 32 further discussed the quotes for requested high water items. 32 mentioned that the full ice suits brought to the table at the last workshop are not able to be

decontaminated and recommended instead 6 pairs of waders: (3) size 11, (3) size 12 @ 213.99 totaling at \$1283.94. Chief 32 will do more research on the waders as Comm Strong brought up concerns. A motion was made by Comm Strong to purchase 2 ice suits: XL @ \$858.00 and S @ \$744.00 for a total of \$1602.00. 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor. DM to order. Comm Staufer stated he has been looking into other options for a jon boat and an inflatable boat. More to follow on remaining high-water items included in the quotes.

Chief 30 reported that the Active Shooter Training held on 9/18/24 was beneficial and had good information and thanked Comm Johnson for facilitating the training.

Chief 30 started a discussion regarding the EMS call that was handled on Canary Road on 9/19/24. The chief staff stated they are in the process of filing reports for incidents that had occurred after the EMS call.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Staufer reported the bond vote for a rescue engine will take place on 10/29 from 3pm-9pm.

Comm Gallino gave thanks to the chief staff and members for their efforts regarding the EMS call on Canary Road.

Comm Buchner reported he is currently in negotiations with other firms for our cell tower lease. Comm Buchner requested DM to retrieve more information.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

DM Brewer reported that the SCBA and Bailout modules are activated.

DM Brewer had asked 32 if he spoke to FW to request a hot spot for his vehicle. 32 said he did in fact request because he is having trouble with the internet connection. Sean from Island Tech Services quoted \$1486.00, however, Comm Buchner advised we should speak to Island Tech Services and see if we can be issued a test option before purchasing. DM will facilitate a conversation between BOFC and ITS.

DM Brewer reported that Hometown Insurance is requesting a meeting on 11/19 at 6pm to address the BOFC and review the annual LOSAP report. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes.

DM Brewer, on behalf of Rob Bentivegna, reported that the boat was said to be leaking by a member. Rob mentioned he will continue to check on it daily.

DM Brewer reported there is a dead tree behind the district building that needs to be taken down. Requesting to hire Castro Landscaping at \$750.00 to take down the tree. Motion by Chairman Gallino, 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

DM Brewer contacted SC FEMA to notify them of the extended repair on E-15 and will continue to notify them as we get more information. DM also contacted Capell insurance regarding this matter.

DM Brewer asked Treasurer Hauser to complete a cost analysis for the district to opt-in to the 25-year EMS retirement bill. More to follow.

DM Brewer, on behalf of EMS Coordinator Heather Stewart, presented an informational packet regarding the RSI Program with SBU and RSI equipment for the BOFC review; and asked if the BOFC would like to move forward with RSI. Concerns were raised regarding price, frequent use, and equipment maintenance. More to follow in this discussion.

DM presented a quote for the Fire Prevention trailer that was reported to have computer module issues and is too old to be fixed. Due to the high cost (\$39,999) the BOFC decided not to proceed.

DM Brewer reported that Intellishift has still not contacted him for a date to be scheduled to fix current vehicles in the system and add new vehicles into the system. More to follow.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Comm Johnson spoke to Heather Stewart regarding EMS weekend coverage. It was stated that this will improve as she has staff picking up more weekend shifts and 3 new Per Diem workers starting soon. Chairman Gallino mentioned there is still a FT position available, but Heather mentioned it is hard to have a weekend-mandated position as the shifts have no pattern and it would not fit into the current availability on the schedule.

A motion was made by Chairman Gallino to transfer \$75,000 from the operating budget to the apparatus reserve. 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Staufer to purchase a new engine for \$1.134million. 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Comm Staufer requested a special meeting to be held on 10/30 at 6pm to approve purchase of a rescue engine, if the bond is approved on 10/29.

Comm Strong reported LI Proliner requested for us to bring back the old Ambulance 25 and Ambulance 12 to the district. DM will handle tomorrow with Comm. Strong and Gerard.

Comm Strong reported E-15 was brought to the Bronx today to assess the damage to the truck. No outcome yet.

Comm Strong asked for an update on Silent Passenger (Intellishift) for new Ambulance 12 and Chief's car. DM advised he is working on this matter.

Comm Strong brought up the Department memorial site and if we are allowed to take donations for it. Bill Glass advised this is permissible. DM brought up that if the district undertakes this project, we are subject to the prevailing wage law. If the department takes on the project, then they are not.

A motion was made by Comm Buchner to purchase a new radio for the new Ambulance 12 at \$8,640.00. 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Buchner to purchase 8 additional UHF portable radios, chargers, and mics at \$20,818.16. 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

A motion was made by Chairman Gallino to approve treasurer's report, 2nd by Comm Strong. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Strong to approve the treasurer's warrant, 2nd by Comm Stauffer. All in favor.

A motion was made by Chairman Gallino to adopt the proposed 2025 budget of \$8,629,364.00. He also stated we did not exceed the tax cap. 2nd by Comm Johnson. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 1954 by Chairman Gallino, 2nd by Comm Buchner.