

Joint Board of Fire Prevention Meeting Notes

6-11-18 - 6:30

Present: Commissioners – District No. 2: Kitchell, Kraley, Woytas, Shearer
District No. 3: Dugan
Absent: District No. 3: Quirk, DiNigris, Florio, Callas
District No. 2: Polo

Also present was Chief Chad DiGiorgio from District 3 and Brian Cahill, Township Liaison

MINUTES:

Comm. Shearer pointed out that in the minutes from 3-15, it states under Old Business, that he made a report. He was not in attendance at that meeting so it will need to be corrected.

*A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting after the above correction is made. The motion was made by Comm. Kraley and seconded by Comm. Shearer. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing this month

OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Dugan mentioned that 2 years ago, he talked about getting together to discuss merging the 2 districts. He said it's been 2 years and he'd like to re-offer to talk about it.

Comm. Shearer responded that there is no harm in hearing each other out. With the new firehouse pending, it will be interesting. He stated that he can't speak for everyone and it would have to go before the District 2 Board.

Comm. Woytas stated that it can't hurt to talk about it.

Comm. Shearer suggested setting a date and Comm. Dugan suggested each District send 2 guys to begin with to try to start a discussion and then report back to their respective districts to see where we are at. They can review the suggestions made by Kramer and Carter.

Brian Cahill said he would like to sit in when these discussions happen.

Comm. Shearer said he had no problem with that as it would be just sharing ideas – no commitments.

Chief DiGiorgio said that Jimmy Schultz was going to reach out to District 2 to help find a Medical Director.

Comm. Shearer said that he hadn't gotten back to us.

Chad said that District 3 needs one for their medical licensing for EMS. So they went ahead and retained Dr. Gluckman from FAST ER in Morris Township to be their Medical Director. They retained him as the Health and Safety Officer also. This way if someone gets hurt and needs to be cleared for duty, he can do that also. They've moved forward.

Chief DiGiorgio said he had information on moving the district elections to coincide with the school elections in November. Richard Braslow had informed him that it's all on hold right now as it may be cost prohibitive.

Chief also stated that our supply of Speedy Dri is very low. The County buys it from Fastenal. There is a good price right now for 50 bags on a pallet. If both districts split it, cost would be about \$350. Chad said he hadn't looked at the Co-Op pricing yet, but that this price looked good.

*A motion was made to purchase the Speedy Dri together, either from Fastenal or from a cheaper place, if Chad finds one. The motion was made by Comm. Kraley and seconded by Comm. Dugan. All were in favor.

Comm. Dugan said it was brought to his attention by someone at their Inspection Dinner that District 3 had voted in favor of supporting the County loan to assist District 2 in financing the new firehouse. He made it clear that District 3 has no opinion on it whatsoever as a Board. They're not against it OR for it. They're neutral and it's between District 2 and the town.

Comm. Shearer rephrased it to state: "We got it. Your official position is No position".

NEW BUSINESS

Chief DiGiorgio said that for the record, he worked with Chief Cortright and Chief Roddy and they expanded their bike team for Fire / EMS. They have 6 of them now. They are equipped with extinguishers, rakes, etc. and the EMS ones have oxygen and other EMS supplies. They will be used at events such as the Fireworks, concerts, and 5k races. Everyone on the bike team went through training and the EMTS had extra training.

The Youth Public Safety Academy is a no-go this year. They require a minimum of 10-12 kids and only 5 signed up. Because of last year's popularity, they anticipated a good number of signups and added a required essay saying why you wanted to do this. It may have been a deterrent.

There was talk of expanding the age group to include older kids to see if it garners interest.

There were 2 events already on the schedule that they are trying to keep. The County Bomb Squad and a Police Helicopter landing.

Brian Cahill said if they keep the 2 events, and kids see it, it may spark interest for next year.

Comm. Shearer said it may not be the essay or the age group – volunteers are drying up all over and maybe that's just a symptom of the disinterest.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Commissioners looked over the Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$6212.40.

*A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Comm. Kraley. It was seconded by Comm. Kitchell and all were in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Comm. Dugan. It was seconded by Comm. Kitchell. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 6:57.

*Respectfully Submitted:
Janet Gant-Hammond*

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