



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

February 13, 2007

Commissioners present: Robert Araujo, Chairman
David Sekelsky
Merle Chase
Justin Sabatino
Bruce Kosowsky

Also present: Wayne Travers
Paul Hayes

Chairman Araujo called the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Wayne Travers, member of the Awards Committee, addressed the Commission. He has been working on a number of projects. With the re-location within the next few months, had formally submitted his resignation. He recommended that Paul Hayes be appointed to fill his position as he and Paul worked very closely and he is well aware of the things that need to be accomplished.

Commissioner Bruce Kosowsky made a motion with deep regrets that the Commission accepts the resignation of past Chairman and Commissioner, Wayne Travers. Commissioner Merle Chase seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Araujo thanked Wayne Travers for his great service and wished him well.

Commissioner Bruce Kosowsky made a motion to appoint Paul Hayes as Chairman of the Awards Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Sabatino. Motion passed unanimously.

HYDARNT REQUEST – LAKE ROAD

Commissioner Justin Sabatino made a motion to approve the hydrant request even though it was already installed and signed for without the proper procedures being followed. Commissioner Bruce Kosowsky. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE POLICE

Commissioner Justin Sabatino made a motion to table until next week's meeting. Commissioner Merle Chase seconded the motion. Motion [passed unanimously.

GRANTS

Commissioner Bruce Kosowsky included this on the agenda. He received communication from the Grants Coordinator. If there is anyone that would be interested in attending any session for the 2007 Grant Writing Workshops. Chairman Araujo proposed that Commissioner Chase attend. Commissioner Chase agreed and will look at the dates that are available.

Chairman Araujo added that there are two things that could come out of this. First, the process and second, what are acceptable for grants. He believes that the numbers are between 60-70 million.

Commissioner David Sekelsky made a motion that should Commissioner Chase attend the session, that he be empowered to sit with the Grant Writer and be the Grant Writer for the Fire Department. Seconded by Commissioner Justin Sabatino. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Commissioner Bruce Kosowsky stated that there are numerous requests but there are insufficient funds. There are some items that have been discussed in the past:

1. Requesting the mechanic to provide a quote for Opticoms for Engines 232, 42, 52. The estimated cost is \$7,180.00.
2. To inspect all the fire apparatus that had the older lights and to update them into the new LED type lighting. The estimated cost is \$11,620.00.

There was also a request from Echo's for two (2) lights. These are emergency lights. The cost is \$629.00 each.

Commissioner Sabatino stated that he will look into this because he believed that he has received a lesser quote.

Commissioner Kosowsky stated that a few months ago Commissioner Sabatino was asked to complete the fire apparatus from the original lighting contract that we had in place. According to Commissioner Sabatino, just to do the request from the Huntington and Pine Rock Stations. The cost would be \$9800.00. If we change all the boxes and install the GFI's in all the panels and update everything else, the cost will be approximately \$21,000.00. His recommendation is to write a spec of each bid. He also spoke with the Mayor and he agreed that would be a better idea.

According to Chairman Araujo, these are two separate issues. We are looking at approximately \$19,000.00. Regarding the LED po, we're starting to replace many strobe tubes and strobe packs, and you start to look at his time, and total valuing it, it's probably a quarter of the cost. You're also getting a better product. This light, this could be replacement because we're not adding emergency lights. He's replacing lights. So now we have \$7,180.00. That is for the Opticom systems. If we took that out of Emergency Lights, that leaves us less than \$1,000.00 in Emergency Lights. Do we want the Opticom systems on the two (2) engines? All were in agreement that yes, they were needed. It was a safety issue.

Chairman Araujo continued regarding the lamps. Instead of transferring \$780.00 we'll leave ourselves under \$1,000.00.

Commissioner Kosowsky added next there was a bill for \$325.00 for a Scott Eagle Imager. According to Commissioner Sekelsky, it was sent our by Huntington and it was delivered to Huntington. According to Commissioner Chase it was ordered by one of the Officers. It was for Company 3 and it was for maintenance.

Commissioner Kosowsky continued there were two (2) purchase orders from the Quarter Master. One was for \$825.60 for elevator rescue equipment and the other is for \$2,900.00 also for elevator rescue equipment. As stated earlier, there are insufficient funds to cover these.

Commissioner Sabatino stated that the costs should come from SARA.

Commissioner Sabatino made a motion that Chairman Araujo and Commissioner Kosowsky assign the proper accounts that we agreed upon, and if need be, transfer proper monies to those accounts. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kosowsky stated that there was one more request. It was for reimbursement to Company 1.

Commissioner Sekelsky made a motion to pay the bill and reimburse Company 1. Commissioner Chase seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Kosowsky added that all Commissioners need to check before making out a requisition, with the secretary due to the insufficient funds. He also stated that the only issue he sees that might be a problem would be in the gasoline diesel fuel account. We will have issues there. According to Chairman Araujo, when we get the shipment we then make the transfer.

2006-2007 BUDGET

There was no discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairman Araujo stated that he called Sandy Nesteriak, she was on vacation, we will set up a meeting next week to sit down and go over what is needed.

Commissioner Kosowsky made a motion to table this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chase. Motion passed unanimously.

RADIOS

Commissioner Sabatino made a motion to table this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chase. Motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Commissioner Kosowsky made a motion for Commissioners Kosowsky and Sabatino create a policy regarding informing the Fire Chief and the Fire Marshal of a verbal warning because they have not complied to our requests regarding their monthly reports. Commissioner Sabatino seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMPANY #1 BOAT

Commissioner Sabatino made a motion that the Captain, the Commissioner and the Superintendent of Apparatus prepare the bid spec, provide the Commission with a copy of the spec and then go out to bid. Seconded by Commissioner Kosowsky. Motion passed unanimously.

HELMET DEMO

There was a demo of a helmet shown to the Commission.

Commissioner Sabatino made a motion to have a committee and a demonstration with all the vendors that are interested in showing their equipment to the Exploratory Committee. The committee to include the Quarter Master, one of the Commissioners and a representative from each Company. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky. Motion passed unanimously.

GEAR POLICY

Commissioner Kosowsky stated that this is on the agenda because last year it was discussed that a member needed a pair of boots. AAA is not close to finishing out the bid for that person because he was measured. Shidman's came up for a new pair of boots that would allow this person to fit into. The Board voted on to get him a new pair of boots because the regular ones are wrecking his calves; Commissioner Kosowsky asked the Commission if he could get this new boot. According to Chairman Araujo, get a price and bring it to the Commission.

Commissioner Sabatino made a motion to buy the boots. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MOBILE UNITS

The Fire Chief is going to need to create the records, solicit the companies to provide a list of those people who have the FD's, and their FD numbers that they were assigned, and then reconcile the list. The policy needs to be reviewed whether they are going to be mobile units or portable units. He will need to find out how many mobile and how many portable units we have.

Commissioner Sabatino made a motion to take a gear spec that was submitted, review and discuss this item at the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Kosowsky. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEWS

Commissioner Kosowsky made a motion to get the reviews done by sending a letter to the Chief stating that he must do reviews. Seconded by Commissioner Chase. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Kosowsky made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Sekelsky. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Araujo adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioner

Respectfully submitted

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