

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS of the FLORENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 was held on the above date at 19:30 with Commissioner Miller presiding. We saluted the flag, the “Sunshine Statement” was read, and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL: Present – C. Bauer, J. Dulo, A. Miller, and C. Sklodowski.

Absent – J. Fratinardo

Minutes of the previous meetings (January 9, 2012)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Dulo to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 meetings as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT: (Rob Inverso)

1. B/C Mullen will be contacting the auditor to schedule the 2011 audit.

SOLICITOR: Robert Gaskill

1. Solicitor Gaskill has an affidavit/certification that needs to be signed by the chairman that allows the finance company place a lien on the title of the aerial.

BATTALION CHIEF/BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT: B/C Mullen reported:

1. 2012 Election – Everything is set to go for the election this Saturday.
2. He, along with FM Richardson, met with the Greenbriar community and the Roebing Seniors in regards to the 2012 budget. They will be meeting with the Florence Seniors tomorrow morning here at 11:30.
3. He is working on the 2007 Safer Grant which has about \$8,000.00 left on it for this current year which is the also the last year of the grant. It is very restrictive on what we can spend on. FM Richardson has an idea for a visual display for in front of the firehouse which is under \$1,000.00, and they have a few other display type things like you would see at conventions which will exceed \$1,000.00. He will have something for the Board in March for approval.
4. Medical Policy – we have started to issue purchase orders for physicals. He has spoken to the chiefs and line officers about possibly doing half this year and half next year and then follow the policy out. Otherwise there will be over 60 physicals being done this year so we are trying to just smooth it out. The chiefs and officers are on board with that. The motion for this will be under new business.
5. Policy 320 – Minimum Training for Line Officers. We had a first reading last month. The line officers want to add a section for “Acting Line Officers” and have developed the verbiage for that. He suggests the Board hold off on final adoption and we’ll add this section and have final adoption in March.

6. Still finalizing the 2011 end-of-year financials. He has been in contact with the auditor and he will schedule time for the auditor to come here.
7. The Fire Company has been working on the 2012 parade. Chief Scully had 2 meetings with the Township, and we all met with the Township last week finalizing the whole day.
8. B/C Mullen sent out information on what is required to be on our website. We have a lot of it already on there, and we have 1 year (January, 2013) to get the remainder. He has contacted the auditor to send electronic files for the audits (4 years) to be posted, as we only have paper copies.
9. Commissioner Bauer questioned B/C Mullen about the 2012 election if he has done any advertising or marketing to the town's people about the budget. B/C Mullen stated we have met with the seniors' groups, he spoke to the Burlington County Times and left a message with the Register News, and he has a tentative draft to put on the web site tomorrow about what's going on. We have received positive feedback from both the Roebing Seniors and Greenbriar events.
10. Commissioner Bauer questioned if our parade/celebration is going to be our centennial or if it's going to be the Patriot Day Celebration since we have been meeting with the Township and on their web site they are still collecting for this Patriotic Day. He wants to make sure we have a centennial, a celebration for our department. Chief Scully replied the Township is not doing anything with the parade except for dealing with the vendors who walk the parade, and fencing for the Legion.

Police Chief Fazekas also stated that there are two events in town happening that day. One is the hundredth anniversary of the fire company, that is the parade and up to the trophy presentation later in the afternoon. At that point, what the rest of the fund they are collecting is for the fireworks and the concert which is the Township event.

Commissioner Bauer wants the Township to recognize that the whole day is not the patriotic celebration. Chief Fazekas assured Commissioner Bauer this has been addressed in the meetings they have had, and the flag raising ceremony will be held here in front of the fire house.

11. Commission Bauer asked how Todd is doing with the web site and that it needs to be fine-tuned/tweaked. The pictures of our officers have wording that goes up into their dark uniforms and you can't see who they are. Also, the Safari link is still there. FM Richardson said that was repaired. It is a widget for counting. Safari is a free program that counts how many people review your site and gives you reports of daily activity. Directly under the counter is the company who paid for that widget. Commissioner Bauer wants it hidden or removed because he is concerned that if we are liable for a web site that has to be perfect according to state law, he does want us getting beat up for something like that. He wants it to be addressed.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION: FM Richardson's report submitted via email:

1. Commissioner Bauer questioned about the pipe monitoring system. FM Richardson has not moved forward on that yet.
2. FM Richardson reported the washing machine died, he purchased a new one with a 4 year warranty on it, and installed it. They did charge us sales tax and he addressed

that with them. They would not give us the tax break on it because it was purchased with his person credit card. He will seek tax reimbursement.

3. Commissioner Bauer inquired if we have a credit card. B/C Mullen stated our auditor says we are not allowed to have one, probably due to control issues. Commissioner Bauer stated we have to reimburse you for sales tax, and we shouldn't have to pay sales tax. Commissioner Dulo asked if he could go through the fire company, they have a credit card, and they have an account at Home Depot. FM Richardson stated he was unaware of that. We have an ST-5 form, and we have an account with Home Depot in Westampton, but it was an on-line purchase, so they would accept it. Solicitor Gaskill says there is a form that can be filed with the state and hope for a reimbursement.

EMS REPORT: B/C Popso's report submitted via email:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Insurance: BC Mullen reported:

1. B/C Mullen suggested to the Board that next month at the reorganization meeting, they select an alternate fund commissioner for the JIF in case B/C Mullen is unable to attend the meeting, someone else can go. They are having problems meeting the quorums. It's also a good idea to have someone there because they give out a ton of information.

Purchases:

- 1 3842 Continental Fire & Safety (Supplies) - \$500.00
- 2 3843 Firefighters Equipment (SCBA supplies) - \$350.00
- 3 3844 MDS Matrix (EMS Supplies) - \$910.00
- 4 3845 BCIT ESTC (Training) - \$450.00
- 5 3846 BCIT ESTC (Training) - \$60.0
- 6 3847 Mid-State Mobile (Pager Repairs) - \$950.00
- 7 3848 Mid-State Mobile (Mount for portable) - \$780.00
- 8 3849 BCIT ESTC (Training) - \$450.00
- 9 3850 BCIT ESTC (Training) - \$30.00
- 10 3851 Florence Medical (Physical) - \$250.00
- 11 3852 BCIT ESTC (Training) - \$60.00
- 12 3853 Florence Medical (Physical) - \$250.00
- 13 3854 Florence Medical (Physical) - \$250.00
- 14 3855 Florence Medical (Physical) - \$250.00
- 15 3856 Florence Medical (Physical) - \$250.00
- 16 3857 Henry Schein (EMS Supplies) - \$15.00

Policy:

1. POL 320 Minimum Training for Officers – On hold for second reading. An amendment from the officers to come.

2. POL 270 Incentive Plan – has been updated and sent to the Board for review. B/C Mullen recommends before the Board adopts it, send it out to the whole department for review since it involves the whole department.

Training: Marc Stranko submitted his report via email.

1. Commissioner Bauer inquired if the SCBA Repair drill scheduled for February 29th is a mandatory drill. Marc Stranko replied that it is not a mandatory drill, but would like to see all of the line officers attend it. The company is coming out to show everybody tech-level repair of SCBA.

Truck/Equipment/Building: Brian Richardson submitted via email and reported:

1. Commissioner Dulo inquired about the garage door issue. FM Richardson reported Russel Garage Door is coming out tomorrow morning to look at it. They were unable to come today. The whole tracking closest to bay 1 is racked, and doesn't know if it will need to be replaced.

Fire Company Liaison: Commissioner Dulo reported:

1. Nothing to report.

Information Technology Report: Todd Estelow submitted via email

1. Commissioner Bauer inquired if all our phones and digital come through the T-1 line, and we lose our phones in a rain storm. FM Richardson replied in Todd's absence that yes, they all do with the exception of 2 POTS lines for the fire alarms. And the issue with the phones going down in rain storms has been fixed. They changed the F21 cable pair, and it hasn't gone down since. We can not call Verizon directly because we are not Verizon's customer, we have to go through Level 3. A discussion ensued about the problem. Commissioner Bauer asked about the amount of money we are supposed to save with Level 3. B/C Mullen replied we save about \$5,000.00 per year with Level 3.

Radio:

1. FM Richardson reported he got 2 of the chargers for the ambulance.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. B/C Mullen reported that we did receive the posting for the Battalion Chiefs Exam through the Department of Personnel and it has been posted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Dulo, seconded by Commissioner Bauer that

we pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Dulo, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve the treasurer's report as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adopt POL 706 District Passenger Vehicles – Commissioner Bauer wants it on record, in the minutes, to straighten out the section of the policy on the use of the overnight cars by the career staff. *(This section will be quoted.)*
 - (1) Commissioner Bauer: “Our intent was not to bother the vehicles that are in town used by the chiefs, deputy chiefs (battalion chiefs), or whoever has them in town, that there is not a problem stopping on their breaks or somewheres like that, and using the vehicles in town. I just wanted to get that into the minutes, that’s the
(5) way it goes, and I think that was the intent we had.”
Commissioner Miller: “Absolutely.”
Commissioner Bauer: “OK, so I guess that’s going into the minutes right now, and I don’t know if you need to direct it to the officers that do have it to let them know that they can use the vehicle in town. It was just they are not to go out of
(10) town and use the vehicle for a, you know, going to a job somewheres out of town – out of the district. I don’t want to use the word out of town, out of the district. But the use of that car in town is a”
Commissioner Miller: “Alright, like you know we have discussed in the past, some of the chiefs used to use the vehicles either to go on Acme runs or Home
(15) Depot runs out of town. That’s where we are limiting that. It’s just in town only.”
Commissioner Bauer: “And the rest of that policy covers who can be in those. So it’s not a problem where it’s parked, and I may have talked to you guys about somebody was going to a – you know we all have children and stuff – and maybe a vehicle is sitting at a game somewheres, so they can respond to an emergency
(20) from the game, but their kids aren’t going to go in the car to the games if they have young kids – I don’t know how many of the have young kids that have these vehicles. That’s, that’s what it is. That whole policy was, on the overnight vehicles, was for my two favorite career guys. That’s all. So I hope that straightens it up.”
(25) Solicitor Gaskill: “If that’s the case, that’s not what we fixed. So we are going to have to amend the policy.”
Commissioner Bauer: “That’s why it’s here. And how did we, cause I think I had you state my intensions.”
Solicitor Gaskill: “I did.”
(30) Commissioner Bauer: “And maybe they did not come out the right way.”
Solicitor Gaskill: “Apparently not.”

Commissioner Bauer: "I guess not, so."

Solicitor Gaskill: "Apparently not."

Commissioner Bauer: "So now that it's here, now that it is in the minutes, what

(35) do we need to get this – a little resolution?"

Solicitor Gaskill: "Well first, no. We have to change the policy and get the policy to say what we want it to say. But first, I have to understand what it is supposed to say so that I can change it. Ok, right now, and this is exactly what I read back and they approved last month: 'That for individuals in assigned vehicles for overnight

(40) use, stopping between work and home to perform personal business is prohibited.'"

Commissioner Bauer: "Right."

Solicitor Gaskill: "'Fire District passenger vehicles should not be utilized for personal purposes, or as transportation to primary or secondary employment, unless that employment is within the Township of Florence, and the operator is able to leave immediately to respond to emergency scenes.' So now, I will tell you what I think you are saying. I think you are saying if someone is assigned a vehicle – a take home vehicle – and they reside in the town, they can use it for some purpose. I'm not, and what purpose that is, you'll have to tell me so that I

(50) can work it in."

Commissioner Bauer: "The purposes of those vehicles are so that we can have those officers respond..."

Commissioner Miller: "in a quick and efficient manor."

Commissioner Bauer: "That's it."

(55) Commissioner Miller: "So if you can put in there examples ah, example: 'Going to Town Market.' Go to pick up a few groceries, not grocery shopping, but pick up something on the way back; or going to a gathering at a friends house, something locally in town, as long as its..."

Solicitor Gaskill: "And it's going to exclude full-time paid people, as far as what I

(60) am hearing? I just want to make sure when I write it the next time,"

Commissioner Miller: "If they are within town. While they are in town."

Solicitor Gaskill: "OK. So, no matter who the person is, if they are in town, they can use the vehicle to be in town provided they can respond immediately to a fire scene."

(65) Commissioner Miller: "Yes."

Solicitor Gaskill: "Is that fair enough?"

Commissioner Miller: "That is correct."

Solicitor Gaskill: "So that would eliminate the need for examples because as long as you're in town, you have that vehicle assigned to you, you can go to the

(70) market. You can go to the ball game, but as long as you are prepared to respond to an emergency scene. Is that it John?"

Commission Bauer: "Yes. But I really, just let me throw this in there. I really wouldn't want to see one of those vehicles riding down the road with a bunch of 2x4's sticking out the back of it. We're looking at, the thing is, this town

- looks at
- (75) everybody here and their vehicles that they got. And the thing is we have breaks that we can take, and if somebody is stopping at Town Market to pick a sandwich up because they are on a break, or they're stopping for, I don't know, to get water because they need water for home. But I mean you can't, I'm mean Pinto's isn't open any more, but you certainly couldn't have them using that vehicle for a
- (80) project. Just like I wouldn't want Kevin or Brian, this is what I'm thinking. It doesn't look good if it's so obvious. I went through that whole thing and I thought it was covered, you know, what a break is, you know someone is taking a break.”
- Solicitor Gaskill: “There's nothing, I don't think there is anything in there about a break.”
- (85) Commissioner Bauer: “I think there was. I think there was something. It's sitting on my...”
- Carolyn Taylor: “There was discussion, but it wasn't in the policy. In the minutes, there was discussion on that. But that was not in the...”
- Commissioner Bauer: “Sure, our ambulance may run down and go to Wawa.”
- (90) Solicitor Gaskill: “That's not a passenger vehicle.”
- Commissioner Bauer: “But I want to put that same type of...”
- Carolyn Taylor: “It is permissible for use to stop in town on breaks, lunch, what have you, things like that.”
- Solicitor Gaskill: “All I want to put down is what the Board wants me to put
- (95) down. But I have to understand it first. I think that I do. But now we have another caveat that we can't use it. Should we put back the language about occasional use? You know, not to be a habit? We have to put words in that people can follow.”
- Commissioner Bauer: “Mmmhmm, mmmhmmmm.”
- (100) Solicitor Gaskill: “So they know I can do this and I'm not going to get in trouble.”
- Carolyn Taylor: “Brief personal business within town.”
- Solicitor Gaskill: “Provided you're...”
- Albert A. Jacoby: “Question here. Why didn't the Board sit down with the line officers and go over this instead of trying to make something up? Isn't that the
- (105) protocol to have the line officers sit in on it so you can get everything ironed out? – Usually the guys that are being affected. I mean, this is like the third month this has been going on, this same subject, and it's still unclear.”
- Commissioner Bauer: “Mmmhmm. You're right Al. And guess what, the timing was there is new line officers. And to let you know how it goes, I sat down with
- (110) the officers and discussed this. This is why it's on the floor now. We're trying to make the thing...”
- Commissioner Miller: “You needed clarification on it.”
- Commissioner Bauer: “Right. That's all. And I spent quite a few hours on the phone with some other commissioners trying to get this thing straightened out. I,
- (115) you know, the intent is, let me tell you, if, if you went out, let's just look at

this scenario. We're not going to take the chief's vehicle and go out to um, River Terminal, to the mattress place, and strap a mattress on the top of it and take it home. Ok. They can take their vehicle, their pick-up truck, but somebody's got to use a little common sense here."

(120) Mr. Jacoby: "Yah, but if they need one here, they can go out there and pick it up."

Commissioner Bauer: "That's right. And guess what? They will take the utility vehicle, just like I also heard in a discussion from the people that we can't get the lunch meat or something for the hoagie sale. Well, why not? They we had to kick that around. It's all in the wording. The thing is, nothings changing any

(125) procedure. We were addressing these two here."

Commissioner Miller: "The policy. The policy came for the addressing for the out of town vehicles going out of town. And it just came through snow ball, now just getting clarification. The company got upset the wording is different."

Bill Rzomp: "I have a question. Do you guys have a policy on how to fight a fire?"

(130) What I'm getting to is, you guys are trying to put a policy out. You trust your officers and you trust your members with a million dollars worth of equipment. How about giving the officers some leeway and some judgment on what/when they can use their car. I had a car for six years in this town and never had one complaint. Haircuts, going to Wawa, going to watch my daughter play softball,

(135) soccer, and all that. I think you should trust your officers on using better judgment, and then if there is an issue, you handle it from there. I think you are trying to create a policy that can go for miles. I know what you're worrying about is the, the view of the department but, I would trust Kevin or Keith not to strap a mattress on the car, you don't want to trust 'em, but he's going to take a million

(140) dollar truck down the road and put a fire out for our residents."

Commissioner Bauer: "Now I understand that you're running for commissioner, let me just tell you this..."

Bill Rzomp: "No, no, I'm talking on the fire side."

(145) Commissioner Bauer: "Well the fire side is good, but you, you also have to understand that, that there's been a lot of stuff that's going on in the years before I got here that I have heard, baby seats strapped in the back of, of vehicles. Ok?"

Scott Arnold: "Not in this town."

Bill Rzomp: "I can guarantee you that."

Commissioner Bauer: "Oh yes there has been. Now before you guys, and I know

(150) this is why a couple guys jumped on the band wagon, you think we're doing something wrong here."

Scott Arnold: "Not in this town."

(Unclear, numerous people speaking.)

Bill Rzomp: "I think you're doing something wrong here. I'll settle it. I think you

- (155) guys are taking away the power from the officers.”
Commissioner Bauer: “I don’t know how long you’ve been in this town, but I’ll tell you what, I’ve been here 65 years, and Mr. Marc Stranko just made a remark that yes there has been. And it...”
Scott Arnold: “Wait, not in the last twelve years.”
- (160) Commission Bauer: “I wouldn’t, I don’t know. I think...”
Scott Arnold: “I would go there. I have been here twelve years. I would notice a car seat in the back seat of a command vehicle.”
Commissioner Bauer: “You might have missed something.”
Scott Arnold: “I would notice a baby seat in the back seat of my commanding
(165) officers’ vehicle. And I would have taken it directly to the chief of the department.”
Commissioner Bauer: “Mmmhmmm.”
Scott Arnold: “And I’ve yet to see in my twelve years in this department a baby seat in any vehicle, or any of the personal vehi, passenger vehicles being used
(170) inappropriately.”
Commissioner Bauer: “Ok, let me, let me address you on that. Because, I think maybe the second month I was here, there was a, there was a complaint about, and I hope I don’t get this right, about an officer taking it out to Bungs.”
Scott Arnold: “That was me. At Bungs I was at a baseball meeting in the
(175) basement.”
Commissioner Bauer: “Fine. The perception didn’t come from anybody in here. It came from outside. And I addressed it.”
Scott Arnold: “I, I know who the complainant was, and it was a member here. Its...”
- (180) Commissioner Bauer: “But do you understand. Last year we, we, a budget got shot down here. First time a budget got shot down. This, This isn’t the old...”
Scott Arnold: “It’s not the first time a budget got shot down. It wasn’t the first time in...”
Commissioner Miller: “First time in a long time.”
- (185) Scott Arnold: “But it’s not the first time.”
B/C Mullen: “Two years.”
Commissioner Bauer: “No, ok. I stand corrected then. But I’ve been in this town for 65 years and I’m trying to tell you...”
Scott Arnold: “I’ve been here for 44 Charlie. It’s not like I just got here.”
- (190) Commissioner Bauer: “The reason we do anything here is what I hear up here. And I will tell you what, and there’s a couple people here probably know there were seats in the back of the vehicle. That’s all we’re trying to do. We are trying to stop somebody seeing it and saying something.”
Scott Arnold: “Sometimes when someone asks a question, you tell them the truth.
- (195) That’s good enough. If you say yes, that line officer had it because he was prepared, while he was at a baseball meeting doing his baseball draft, he was prepared in case a fire call came in to respond to the incident directly, as opposed to drive all the way back into Roebing, get the command car, and then go to the incident.”

- (200) Commissioner Bauer: "I've, I've heard this. I really have."
Commissioner Miller: "We understand where you guys are coming from, Scott. It's just the perception. I understand Charlie. It's just the perception of the command vehicle or fire vehicle, or anything. I know when we used to go out and do luncheons with Ed or stuff, people used to go out, we used to take an
(205) unmarked vehicle, and take..."
Scott Arnold: "We've taken an unmarked vehicle. We've also, we've also taken the entire fleet and parked them in Bung's parking lot, and taken up half the restaurant for lunch. So it's not like..."
Commissioner Miller: "It's the perception. I know exactly where you're coming
(210) from."
Scott Arnold: "And someone calls the department chief and says 'Hey, I saw all of your fire trucks at Bungs. What were they doing there? Was there a fire?' No."
Carolyn Taylor: "It's a restaurant."
Scott Arnold: "Our members that were covering the town at Wildwood, were
(215) taken out – were going to lunch, at the restaurant. We can sit there and say it's a bar, but it's a restaurant too."
Carolyn Taylor: "A family restaurant."
Scott Arnold: "You tell somebody that, nine times out of the ten, if it's the truth, they are going to listen. If it's just somebody who wants to bust your chops about
(220) something, they're going to do it whether it's a car, whether it's somebody out doing driver's training. Regardless, I remember a time we were out on a hydrant in front of Roebing school, people complained. But what were we doing? We were training. And when they called the district office, what did the chief do? He handled it. That's who we trust. We trust Kevin, we trust Keith, to handle these
(225) things. That's why they have the positions they're in."
Commissioner Miller: "So, you want to go back and review that? I like your suggestion that you said there, Mr. Gaskill, in the wording of that aspect."
Solicitor Gaskill: "Now what happened when we first put this together, it did go out to everybody. And we did get some constructive changes that are made. The
(230) problem is that at the last meeting, at the last minute, we put those changes, and maybe I wasn't getting what you guys wanted."
Commissioner Miller: "Well I think your last wording on that, I think, was appropriate, I think. Just as well, Mr. Rzomp did say leave it in the hands of ah, Kevin, and Chief Scully and Taylor there in the event that something does happen
(235) inappropriately, that they take action on it. Hopefully, you know again, common sense."
Solicitor Gaskill: "So the portion that has kind of caused this dispute will be changed that 'In-town use is permitted, In-town personal use is permitted on a limited basis provided that the person is available to respond to a fire call.'"
(240) Commissioner Miller: "I'm fine with that."

Solicitor Gaskill: "Ok?"

Commissioner Miller: "So we'll get, we'll get..."

Scott Arnold: "I just have one last question on this. You have a member that is going to fire school or going out to the county for class. Get's home, sends his
(245) kids to the sitter, gets showered and changed, gets over here and gets 4085 or 4089 and goes out to the county. And on the way out there he decides that he is hungry. He hasn't eaten dinner yet. He's been working all day and he is going to a class at night. He stops at Wawa. Somebody calls up and says 'Hey, I saw a Florence Township vehicle at Wawa in Westampton.'"

(250) Commissioner Bauer: "You know what? You're preaching to the fire right now because, this is what we are sitting here getting this thing straightened out. Language comes out, I'm going to tell you right now, language comes out and it, its, the whole thing that was addressed, and I'm going to say this for the last time, was addressed to these two fellows right here."

(255) Scott Arnold: "Then the policy should write 'Career staff who take vehicles home.'"

Commissioner Bauer: "You're probably right! So, have you ever made a mistake? This is why I'm, let me tell you something. You, you, you..."

Scott Arnold: "I make them all the time Charlie, I do."

(260) Commissioner Bauer: "Hey, you know what? We are trying to straighten it out and, and you guys are painting me as the freakin' enemy here."

Scott Arnold: "I'm not painting anybody. I think it was a B.S. policy to begin with. But that's just my opinion."

Commissioner Bauer: "Well."

(265) Commissioner Miller: "Ok."

Scott Arnold: "As a tax paying resident."

Commissioner Bauer: "Good. Good. Ah, the thing is, I could give you a lot of examples, and it was for these two guys here. Plain and simple as that."

Commissioner Miller: "So, you want to draft up that additional wording on that?"

(270) Send it out again."

Solicitor Gaskill: "I will, but I want to make sure. It's, it's not just for these two, it's for people out of town. I mean, I'll put it any way you want, but I have to understand how to put it. Because if it is just for these guys, I will draw it that

(275) way. But if it's really for use out of town, then I need to put it use out of town."

Commissioner Miller: "It, it, the way wording is and stuff, it's, it's fine. That last comment suggestion you had in there for the wording on that last paragraph."

Solicitor Gaskill: "I will send that out to everybody."

Commissioner Miller: "Read that off again, just one more time."

(280) Solicitor Gaskill: "I'm going to change the 'prohibited' to 'limited personal use as permitted in town provided that members are available to respond to emergency scenes.'"

Commissioner Miller: "Ok. Wrap that up. We'll send it out."

Leon Hughes: "I'll be like Charlie. I'm sixty-five. I've been in this town all my

- (285) life. We've never had a problem. Never. If people have to take their vehicle to go get something to eat, they have to do that. Some are diabetic, some are not diabetic. Somebody has to eat before they go to class. I think, I think you ought to leave it alone, personally. I mean, Al, Al's been here sixty-five years too. We've been running fire trucks...*(unclear, multiple people speaking.)*"
- (290) Commissioner Miller: "The wording in there has nothing to do with people going to fire school and stopping before classes."
Leon Hughes: "We can go out, we can go out and kill ourselves. Did you ever fight fire? Did you ever fight fire?"
Commissioner Bauer: "Here. This sounds like a personal attack."
- (295) Commissioner Miller: "All right, we're done now. I said we're done! We're done! We're done!"
Leon Hughes: "It's not a personal attack!"
Commissioner Miller: "We're done!"
Chief Scully: "Stop."
- (300) Commissioner Miller: "The subject is done! Alright. It's being reviewed, it's looked at, it's not approved at this last meeting. It's going to go to March's meeting with the wording that was just said."
Commissioner Bauer: "Just let me say one thing. What more would you want me to do? I met with the Chief and took what he said and came back here with it. So
(305) now I'm getting beat up by a..."
Commissioner Miller: "No. You're not getting beat up, it's done."
Chief Scully: "Mr. Chairman, may I?"
Commissioner Miller: "Briefly."
Chief Scully: "I met with Charlie. My problem with it was the way it's written, as
(310) Mr. Gaskill said. While I was in town, I couldn't go to Wawa, I couldn't stop at Wawa or something, pick up ice cream to go home. That was my problem with how it was written. Alright, that's all I approached. I don't have a problem with it."
Commissioner Miller: "And that wording is going to get fixed so there is no
(315) limitations on that."
Chief Scully: "The employment stuff? I do, but I don't. The only time I took it out to employment was the county, which is fire stuff. I don't take it to Bordentown because I was asked not to, which is fine. But that's all I approached Commissioner Bauer about."
(320) Commissioner Miller: "He contacted the rest of the Board about it, and we were all..."
Chief Scully: "He told me he did..."
Commissioner Miller: "And there must have been some miscommunication of how it was worded and we are going to clarify the wording on that so it is that
(325) way."
Chief Scully: "If, if it was for just those two, apparently that's what it was for. I don't want to split them, career/volunteer. We are all one department. But that was my issue in town. If I couldn't stop at Wawa or go to Town Market to pick up a loaf of bread, or whatever, I'm not going to answer a call if one comes in, I'm telling

- (330) you right now. I probably shouldn't have said that, but I'm not going to rush home, get the car, and go back out to the country. That was my only issue with it. And I spoke to Commissioner Bauer about it, half-hour, or whatever it was that night, and I seen him the other day. That was the issue I had with it, nothing further.
- (335) Commissioner Bauer: "And I can't go much higher than that. He's the chief."
Commissioner Miller: "Mr. Fazekas."
Stephen C. Fazekas: "Can we add a very simple line that would take care of the training, in town, within the township limits, or to or from an approved training class. So if somebody leaves here and gets to 541 Westampton, and they're
- (340) hungry and going to the 6:00 class, they can stop at the Wawa in Westampton."
Solicitor Gaskill: "I can do, I can put a sentence in there for that."
Commissioner Miller: "Yeah. I honestly don't even think..." (*Multiple people talking.*)
Stephen Fazekas: "So if Steve Fazekas picks the vehicle up, and I'm in
- (345) Westampton, or I've been there from 6-9, and at 9:00 I'm grabbing something on 541, fast food coming home, approved training class."
B/C Taylor: "That is not an issued vehicle, so it's no issue. There's four vehicles in question."
Commissioner Miller: "Absolutely."
- (350) B/C Taylor: "Three Crown Vics and a Tahoe. So if another member is in the pickup or the Expedition, it's not an issue."
Commissioner Miller: "It's still a department related issue."
B/C Taylor: "It's not an issue."
Commissioner Miller: "It's not an issue."
- (355) Solicitor Gaskill: "It still would be, if I put that sentence in, it makes it, you know, clearer."
Scott Arnold: "It leaves it less subjective."
Solicitor Gaskill: "Right. And that's what you want to do is have people know that hey, if I'm stopping to do this, I'm cool. Everybody should be able to look
- (360) down and know, there's always going to be a case that you can't cover. But we try to make it as clear as possible. If I add that sentence..."
Chief Scully: "Then that should be left up to the Chief to make that decision. Was it a good decision on that person's part, or not."
Solicitor Gaskill: "Yeah that's, but generally you have to have, you want to have
- (365) something in writing before hand."
Chief Scully: "Absolutely."
Solicitor Gaskill: "Which we are going to do. And who knows, tomorrow something can come up that's not covered by this, and then people are just going to have make their decisions."
- (370) Chief Scully: "I mean Commissioner Bauer is right. There was a car seat in the Chief's car years ago, that was dealt with by the Board. I was a junior member at the time it was dealt with. And it since has not happened because it was dealt with by the Board at the time."

Stephen Fazekas: "I think Mr. Bauer said it the best. 'Common sense.'"

(375) Chief Scully: "You guys appointed me to this position. I know you guys give me the respect. But at least give me the respect to make decisions. If the guys are doing wrong, let me discipline them the way they need to be disciplined, or Kevin, or whatever officer it is, chiefs were out of town, captains. Give us the respect and let us do the discipline."

(380) Commissioner Miller: "Ok."

Chief Scully: "Thank you."

Commissioner Miller: "Alright, the 2011, sorry, 2012 election update."

2. 2012 Election update – B/C Mullen reported all is set to go. The same people are standing by as last year.
3. 2011 Safer Grant – In speaking with the chief, we are not going to be putting in for it at this time.
4. 2012 AFG – B/C Mullen will be reaching out to Burlington City and try to do a joint grant for SCBA. Some departments have been notified that they did not receive their grants. We have not received that notification yet. We're still in the running.
5. Commissioner Dulo asked what happened to the combined grant for the marine rescue. B/C Mullen reached out to Chief Diamond and he is going to look into it. There wasn't as much input from as many organizations as they thought they were trying to get.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. B/C Mullen is seeking approval to purchase 14 new mobile radios to meet narrow banding requirements not to exceed \$9,000.00 (State bid pricing). B/C Taylor explained narrow banding to the Board and we are required to start using narrow banding January 1, 2013. Our old UHF radios are all old and outdated enough that they are technically unable to work in the narrow banding. FM Richardson stated that everything he sent to Midstate came back as they couldn't be reprogrammed for narrow banding.
A motion was made by Commissioner Dulo and seconded by Commissioner Sklodowski to authorize B/C Mullen to purchase 14 mobile radios meeting the narrow banding requirements not to exceed \$9,000.00 state bid. Motion carried.
2. Epro Trial EMS Scheduling Program – B/C Mullen reported the EMS officers would like approval to purchase the 30 day trial program, not the full version, within the next month or so. Chief Scully stated a contract must be signed to start the 30 day trial period. After the 30 days we do not have to continue with them if the program does not fit our needs. A copy of the contract will be sent to the Board and Solicitor Gaskill to review.
A motion was made by Commissioner Dulo and seconded by Commissioner Sklodowski to authorize the use of the Epro 30 day trial period pending Mr. Gaskill's review of the contract that we are signing. Motion carried.
3. Medical Policy – B/C Mullen would like to change the SOP to offset the start of the initial required physicals so that half of the members start this year, and half start next year. Otherwise, we will have approx 60 people going for physicals this

year. Solicitor Gaskill will change the SOP.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Motion by Commissioner Dulo, and seconded by Commissioner Sklodowski to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

1. B/C Taylor thanked the Board for their efforts in clarifying the issues on the personal vehicle policy. Commissioner Miller apologized for the confusion. Commissioner Bauer commented that one line in a policy caused enough to get the place filled up like this and maybe get a couple guys to run for commission, which is good.
2. Stephen C. Fazekas wished to thank Mr. Fratinardo, who is absent, and Mr. Dulo for their time served on the Board.
3. Mike Stranko inquired how Mr. Fratinardo is doing. B/C Mullen replied that Mr. Fratinardo stopped by the firehouse today so he is up and around.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer, and seconded by Commissioner Dulo to close the public portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dulo and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to go into closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dulo and seconded by Commissioner Bauer to go back into regular session. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE BOARD:

1. Commissioner Miller thanked Mr. Dulo for his time serving on the Board and that it was greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Bauer seconded by Commissioner Dulo to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor