

July 09, 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 18:30 with Commissioner Bauer presiding. We saluted the flag, the "Sunshine Statement" was read, and roll call was taken.

**ROLL CALL: Present** – S. Arnold, C. Bauer, A. Miller, W. Rzomp, C. Sklodowski  
**Absent** – None

**SWEARING IN OF TEMPORARY FIRE MARSHAL**

1. Marc Stranko was sworn in as temporary Fire Marshal until the return of Brian Richardson who is on medical leave.

Minutes of the previous meetings, June 11 and June 25, 2012

A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2012 and the June 25, 2012 meetings as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT: (Rob Inverso)**

1. None

**SOLICITOR:** Robert Gaskill

2. Nothing for open session.

**BATTALION CHIEF/BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT:** No report, on medical leave.

**BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION:** Marc Stranko submitted report via email:

1. Commissioner Arnold thanked FM Stranko for the job he is doing, and is appreciated.

**EMS REPORT:**

1. Chief Scully reported no report due to the recent fire. He will email it as soon as he gets it completed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Insurance:** Carolyn Taylor reported:

1. Three worker comp claims were submitted from the 6/30/2012 incident.
2. An equipment claim was submitted from the 6/30/2012 incident.
3. One additional worker comp claim was submitted this morning from the 7/8/2012 incident.

***Purchases:***

1. Commissioner Sklodowski questioned the purchase of the cameras which were previously approved by the Board and comes out of the grant.
2. Commissioner Bauer questioned the bill from Burlington Bike Center. Carolyn Taylor reported it is for the annual service on the bikes, and two packs were purchased for two of the four bikes.

***Policy:***

1. None.

***Training:*** Marc Stranko submitted his report via email.

1. Commissioner Bauer questioned how the boat is and if it is ready to go. Marc reported everything is good.

***Truck/Equipment/Building:*** No report, on medical leave.

1. Chief Scully reported it was going to be included with his and will submit via email when it is completed.
2. Commissioner Arnold questioned Marc Stranko about the barrels of waste fuel. He reported there are two 55 gallon drums in the shed and he needs to find out what is in them before they are removed. The company is the same one the county uses, and he needs to find out if they charge different prices for different materials. The county charges \$0.29 a pound, and we would have to take them there.

***Fire Company Liaison:*** Commissioner Arnold reported:

1. The parade was a great success. Congratulations to the Chief and everybody. They were concerned they wouldn't have enough people for clean-up yesterday morning, but they had a tremendous turnout.
2. Grass issue: He met with the Trustees and the President and gave our 3 options. They will discuss it again on Monday, but the belief is that things will continue as they currently are, and it will fall on the commission (option 1). The 3 options were:
  1. Continue to do it with career staff
  2. Split up the duties – we do majority and company does around the building
  3. The company takes it over themselves
 Unless there is a legitimate complaint, it is resolved and should not come up again.

***Information Technology Report:*** Todd Estelow submitted report via email.

1. Comcast gave us the proposal for the T-1 line, and it will save us \$1,965.00 per year if we go with them as compared to what we're paying with Level 3.

***Radio:***

1. None

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Matt Hempel as an active member.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Rzomp for the application to take its usual course. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. None

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Sklodowski to approve to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

1. Commissioner Sklodowski reported he spoke with B/C Mullen about the second quarter and the rest of the year. Everything is going fine.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Rzomp, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the treasurer's report as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The FEMA 2012 AFG – Submitted for 4 thermal imaging cameras and 30 pagers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. EMS Billing and Collection Services – We will renew the contract with DM Medical Billings for 1 more year as long it is agreeable by both parties. Solicitor Gaskill stated that next year this must go out to bid no matter what according to the contract.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Sklodowski to renew the contract with DM Medical Billings for 1 year. Motion carried.
2. 2012 SAFER Grant – Hold off on the grant until the planning committee meets. Chief Scully will meet with the 5-year planning committee.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to authorize Todd Estelow to contact Comcast in regards to the T-1 line. Motion carried.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Rzomp, and seconded by Commissioner Miller to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried.

1. Mr. Brian Richardson expressed his sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Board and all of the members of the Fire Company for all of their support during his recent injuries and how much it has helped him with the healing process.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sklodowski and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to go into the closed session portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

- Personnel

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to make a \$300.00 donation to Deer Park Fire Company and thank them for their services at the June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 fire. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Rzomp to authorize Todd Estelow to get estimates for lighting changes in the garage and energy switches for throughout the building. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Rzomp to authorize Todd Estelow to renew the FTFD40.org domain for a 20 year contract at \$659.80, and to reimburse Todd Estelow the \$30.00 expense charged to his credit card for the domain. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE BOARD:**

1. Commissioner Arnold commended Chief Scully on the excellent job he has done this past week, between the fire last Saturday night and the parade this past weekend. There was a lot of pride in the department. Chief Scully thanked the Board for their support.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Taylor