

Regular Meeting of Board of Fire Commissioners

Thursday, May 13, 2010

PRESENT: Chairman Heath, Commissioners Buttino, Minnella, Quinlan, and Chief Glover

EXCUSED: Tricarico

GUEST(S): Assistant Chief Friedman, Volunteer Asst. Chief Buttino

Pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Chairman Heath called the regular meeting to order at 17:13 hours.

MINUTES:

MOTION to accept the Minutes of the April, 2010 Meeting as it stands (Quinlan/Buttino). PASSED

BILLS: Reviewed/discussed by Commission

SICK LEAVE:

MOTION to accept April Sick Leave Report (Minnella/Quinlan). PASSED

APPLICATION(S) for MEMBERSHIP:

None this month, several pending for June meeting.

ADD/CHANGE FORMS: FF K. Hall transferred from Co.#2 to Co.#1, awaiting add/change form.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- Federal Grant approved for \$750,000. Will organize truck committee (see attached).
- Career firefighter from Johnson City has been interviewed and hired.
- Will continue to review apparatus needs
- Will reapproach Common Council for secretary.
- The letter from the Commissioners supporting the Codes office has been sent; will encourage the BOE to also send one.
- Review of Pleasant St. fire; good job by all.
- FF Anderson filed for retirement effective 5/31/10; FF Beebe filed for retirement effective 6/23/10.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **DISCUSSION:** Capabilities of firefighters and critical issues- Commission will report to Common council and Mayor.
- **DISCUSSION** - upgrading the level of training for potential volunteer chiefs. Volunteers are in the process of rewriting their constitution and by-laws, and upgrading job descriptions. *Question by Commissioner Minnella if there is someone on the commission that can represent and offer assistance in the process of upgrading the by-laws, and should a draft go through the commission before the final vote by the volunteers?*
- **DISCUSSION:** Consolidation of companies? Discussion of whether it should be considered to form a committee to look further into it before completing constitution and by-laws. *Commissioner Minnella will address the BOE to recommend developing a committee to look into consolidation.*
- **DISCUSSION:** Application review sheet reflecting who did the new applicant interview and that accepting company had signed off.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **DISCUSSION:** Submission of another request/letter for administrative assistant, specifically a confidential secretary for the fire dept.
- **DISCUSSION:** Letter suggestion to float a bond anticipation note since FEMA decreased the amount of the award and the proposed ladder truck needs to be custom fit for the fire station. Further discussion of this will be held off until the next commissioners meeting.

MOTION to adjourn at 18:11 hours. (Minnella/Quinlan) PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Buttino,
Commissioner
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