

# *Board of Fire Commissioners*

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

April 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Fallen

Commissioners Roll Call:

Meeting Start

Meeting End

Lambert

Absent

Nazario

X

X

Greenberg

X

X

Palmieri

X

X

Campbell, Sr.

X

X

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** On Recorder

**Treasurers Report:** it was an extremely busy work schedule, there wasn't a lot done in March only three (3) checks were written, Glatfelter Insurance Company, Chief's Fund and Police and Firemen's Insurance Company was \$14,000.00, other than that a lot of checks were written yesterday, we have about \$250,000.00 left in the account at this time.

Paperwork is getting picked up tomorrow for our Audit and I'll tell you how that ties in with the new apparatus.

It looks like there's only one (1) bid on the truck, Pierce is the only bidder so that will make it a little easier.

Nisivocchia called me today and the Board of Local Finance will meet on Friday, Ken talked to Mr. Bucco about the bid which prompted a call o Bill Schroeder from Nisivocchia, which prompted a call to the Bonding Attorney, this really isn't a bond it's a lease/purchase, I was advised by Steve Rogan, who helped us finance Station 2, that we should probably wait a day or two with the interest whether we go with 5 years on

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**Treasurer's Report Continued:**

the engine or 7 years on the engine, Pierce is coming in at 2.96% for 5 years and 3.32% for 7 years, which are both good.

Steve Rogan seemed to think that Pierce was higher than that when I originally talked to him, he thought for some reason it was closer to 5%, however, Rogan called the County, the County has a program through their Improvement Authority, he's not sure if we can finance through them or not since we are a volunteer fire department, and receiving our money through taxation, he has a call into them and their accounting department to see if it is feasible, what their interest rate would be through them.

So he suggested we slow down for a day or two and do our due diligence reason being and Bill Schroeder said the same thing, with the Local Finance Board and what's going on with the towns and taxes and everything going up, its really bursting all the Fire Districts wanting to know if we bounced it off one other person, because the manufacturer wants to do the financing to.

The kicker to that, after I spoke to Eric Travina, is that you get a \$16,000.00 credit on the front end for pre-paid early...

Pierce works through Oshkosh Capital for the final cost of the truck being 2.9%, that's also with them when we took that option with the Husky Phone System.

That \$16,000.00 credit whether we get a check or they put the phone system back on, but there's a few dollars left to get. But, he did say that if we don't go through Oshkosh Capital that \$16,000.00 for the phone system will be out of pocket.

So, there's an incentive to finance, I don't think the County or banks can do any better than 2.9%, however, to find out if a banks going to do it, we have to get them involved, find out all the rates like we did when we went to Bond Station 2. Then we're talking about more money.

In my opinion we should wait another 48 hours and see what the County and Steve, but in retrospect after I found out on the back end, Pierce is pretty good with the credit and everything else.

The Local Finance Board is giving Fire Departments a hard time, their not shutting anyone down, but they want to know if everybody is at least bounced if off more than one person and not just taking the manufacturer's word.

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**Treasurer's Report Continued:** 2.96% I don't think your going to find anywhere and \$125 down, the other thing with the Local Finance Board the Audit needs to be completed before we go and sit in front of them.

Bill Schroeder called me this morning and told me all of this, let the County call back on Friday and if they can't beat the percentage then we'll move forward with Pierce.

**Joint Board Meeting:** In the process of ordering supplies for the Re-hab trailer, we had one problem with an oxygen tank, OSHA (indiscernible), they are going to work with 65 and 66 on the re-hab.

**Fire Prevention:** We had a meeting it was only 10 minutes long, they are going to keep their software they already have.

**Correspondence:** Received some bills, we now have a collection agency writing us because of Sprint.

**LOSAP:** Sent a check for \$35,000.00 we should be done for the year.

**Insurance:** We over paid them and we will be receiving a check for the overage.

**Old Building:** Smokey called and is waiting for his check, a voucher will be made out tonight.

**New Building:** None

**Dinner:** None

**Good & Welfare:** Did not know that Joe Mendel passed away until it was too late, sent a \$100.00 check to the Alzheimer foundation in his name.

**Chief's Report:**

1. 16 calls 6 day 10 night
2. Will pick-up the police report from the call on Monday, someone backed into the squad, we'll go through our insurance
3. Regulator meter melted at car fire yesterday, we ordered it
4. We had a busy week, all of our members did a great job.
5. A couple of things are needed for the Fast Team to go in 51, Accountability Board, drag device to go in the handbag and a 2 to 1 100' rope system to go in bag also. The 2 to 1 rope system is \$225.00, drag device is \$975.00 and the Accountability Board is \$140.00 for a total of \$1,400.00.

**Chief's Report Continued:**

6. We received a couple of handbags, 2 hand tools, we received a good amount of things in it.
7. We ordered and received the Rescue Disks

We also received some Certificates for Water Rescue

**Truck Committee:** If anyone would like to look at the bid specs they are here and Matt and I were here to accept and open the bids.

**Public:** None

**Old Business:** Received a preliminary web-site, if anyone wants to see it, the choices for a domain name are \$30.00 for the year. We would like our web-site separate from Commissioners and Fire Department.

Since we are government, we should be separate, we'll put this on the back burner for now and come back next month, there's also a \$750.00 one-time set-up fee plus the \$30.00 yearly fee for the name, we'll have it done by the next meeting.

**New Business:** Ethics reports are due April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolutions:**

1. Authorize payment to Fire Fighter 1 for Rick Board 2 for 1 system & drag device totaling \$1,400.00.

Aye: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg and Campbell.

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Lambert

2. Authorize Normal Operating Expenses.

Aye: Nazario, Palmieri, Greenberg and Campbell

Nay: None

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**Resolutions Continued:**

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Lambert.

Adjourned: Meeting was Adjourned at 8:52 pm.