

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #3, was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Commissioner Concato on August 18, 2008.

PRESENT – Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Baylis, Waters and Walters

ABSENT - None

This meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the open business-meeting act of the State of New Jersey.

VOLUNTEER COMPANY REPORT – President Carson advises that the Shed is in.

There are two new members, Matt McGuire and Christopher Allfrey. Motion to accept these two members pending the background check by Commissioner Concato, Seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

Discussion regarding the proposed office at the main station. There was a new guy out last Wednesday giving a price quote. As soon as all three quotes are in, we will get moving on that. President Carson advises that the bay is not empty just yet, but they will begin that task.

President Carson advises that the Safety Committee met and they are choosing four different companies to pursue and will be obtaining bids. FF Hussey should have the bids by the next meeting.

SECRETARIES REPORT – Motion to approve the July minutes as prepared by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Walter. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Commissioner Concato reads the summary of the report. Motion to accept the summary as read made by Commissioner Waters, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

Resolution for transfer of funds read by Commissioner Concato. Motion to accept the transfer resolution by Commissioner Concato, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

ATTORNEY JOSEPH YOUSOUF – Resolution read by Attorney Yousouf, for adopting and approving of resolution of corrective action plan in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the 2007 audit report. Motion to accept by

Commissioners Waters, seconded by Commissioner Walter. **VOTE: AYE:**
Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

Attorney Youssouf presented the Plaque for Carmine Flora's family outlining a previous resolution passed by this Board in Memory of Carmine. Board will award the plaque to his family at a later date.

CHIEF BYRNES REPORT - A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached.

Chief Byrnes advises that we attended National Night out with the High School, Boy Scout Camp and various other organizations. Chief would like to thank all the volunteers who showed up to help out. It was a great success.

Chief Byrnes advised that the Well stopped working that was supplying the water to the Doggy Park. Township is taking care of fixing the well.

Chief Byrnes advised that the Pump testing is completed for the year on all the trucks and that the Crews are currently working on Hydrant testing. There have been a lot of problems found and Chief Byrnes is talking with Dave the executive Director and his staff will start taking a more active interest in maintaining the hydrants on a regular basis.

Chief Byrnes discussed the most recent news regarding Hurricane Windows, cardboard gas cans. Etc. Commissioner Concato advises that the easiest way to get in to the hurricane windows is to put the tool between the frame and the glass frame and pop it. Locks are strong, glass is strong and aluminum is strong. President Carson advises that while down in Baltimore, they suggested that you cut around the window.

Chief Byrnes advises that they currently have two price quotes for the main station renovations and are awaiting a third person. All insurance cards are in and have been placed in the respective trucks.

Chief Byrnes advises that he was contacted by last week by members of Westlake North regarding speed bumps. He advised that the fire department would be opposed to them and would be sending a letter stating so.

Chief Byrnes discusses the EMS Study, see attached report of findings. Chief pointed out that only 5.95% of the scheduled work shift was spent doing EMS calls in 2007. We had 499 EMS responses, 6.09 minutes. Average time on scene is 17 minutes. We fought hard to get this program up and running. Station 57 and our Main station have no ambulance on that side of town. Service providing a good service. This is one of the things Whitesville looked at when hiring us. They wanted to provide EMS to their residents. He tried to compare us to other departments, but it's hard to compare apples to apples, since each department handles calls in different ways. It is his recommendation to leave the EMS program in tact until after the Board's study is done

by Harry Carter. At that time, it can be reevaluated. Board agreed to the Chief's recommendation. President Carson advises that there is a big difference between Monoc and Quality. He had personal difficulties with his mother-in-law and was not happy with the service Quality provided. Commissioner Walter advises Tim to write a letter of his concerns. Chief Byrnes advises that the Quality Issues will be addressed.

Discussion regarding the testing of old 5505. There is no change in the estimate. Once the Boom is opened the price could increase or maybe not. Spoke to a Texas company and trucks aren't moving right now. Chief to send digital pictures to be put on the site to see if he gets any nibbles. Commissioner Waters advises that while in Denver, he heard that Booms are very valuable and maybe we should consider keeping the truck. Commissioner Waters makes a motion that we spend the \$7,500 and get the truck looked at thoroughly. Discussion regarding the fact that if we sell the truck and one thing goes wrong, the Board will be sued even if we acknowledge problems before we sold it. Commissioner Jordan asks Chief Byrnes the value of the truck and he estimates about \$30,000. Commissioner Walter questions "do we need it?" Further discussion regarding the legalities of selling the truck with its issues or eating the cost of the repairs. Motion to accept Commissioner Waters's motion by Commissioner Walters, seconded by Commissioner Jordan. **VOTE: AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

Discussion regarding the Hose bed, Chief Byrnes advises that he is still waiting for prices and will advise when received.

Discussion regarding the disposition of 5501. Volunteer company would like to make it a parade piece. Board will make a decision in another month. Question raised as to if it can be used as a pumper. Item tabled until next month.

CHIEF SMITH'S REPORT – A report has been given to the Commissioners for review. A copy of report is attached.

Assistant Chief Fatovic advises that they have been doing a lot of training on the new 5505. They have also been doing a lot of Driver Training on the other trucks. You can see the listing in the Chief's report of all the driver training.

Assistant Chief Fatovic advises that the Truck repair list is the same as the Chief's. He also advises that they have ordered 5 sets of gear and are looking into new pass devises. The ones that were just ordered are too heavy. They are also looking into purchasing some new hydrant wrenches. The Fire Company is working with Care one on setting up a drill and will keep everyone posted as the details become available. National Night out was a huge success. They had a very large crowd and it was a lot of good publicity. The Company responded to a Kitchen Fire and a fire at dunkin donuts recently.

President Carson advises that the Chief did turn in a report for last month and Could Bonnie please change the minutes to reflect so.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion regarding status of Cameras. Administrative Clerk Brown advises that we are awaiting further price quotes. Commissioner Waters advises that he'd like to see the door strikes done immediately.

Discussion regarding letter from FF Schenkenberger. Administrative Clerk to send another copy over to John Hussey so he can get his signature for the insurance company.

Commissioner Baylis arrives at 20:18

Discussion regarding the Harry Carter Proposal. Commissioner Waters and Jordan met with him last Monday evening and made some adjustments to the proposal and the new proposal should be arriving shortly. It was recommended that when the proposal comes in, it be shared with the other districts and see if they want to join into this process, which in turn would change the pricing as we would be sharing the costs. Commissioner Walter questions if the study determines that there should be one district, what would happen. Attorney Youssouf summarizes that there would have to be an election to dissolve the districts, and then you would need to create a petition to create one fire district, hold a public hearing and then hold an election. There are numerous issues that would need to be resolved. Even if the consultant hired by this district recommends consolidation, the township cannot initiate. Initiative has to come from each district. When the proposal comes in, a copy is to be given to the President and the Chief of the volunteer fire company. This item to be tabled until next month.

Commissioner Baylis discusses the replacement pumper. He has received Crimson specs. A Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Waters discusses a seminar he attended at Denver regarding Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification to work on apparatus. It is a \$50 onetime fee to become certified. If repairs are to be done to emergency apparatus we need to ask them to be certified. Repair logs need to be kept outlining who worked on the apparatus, who repaired. Chief Byrnes advised that Brian from Hunter Jersey Peterbilt is already certified.

Chief Byrnes advises that we have been invited to Westlake Memorial on September 11 at 10:00 a.m. at that clubhouse. President Carson advises that one of our members is putting together a memorial at the station as well.

President Carson requests status of the medal and awards committee and how we go about getting things signed off. Chief Byrnes advises that Chief Smith just gave the listing to ken two months. We do have a lot of members who need their medals. Chief Byrnes advises that Jay Zimmerman is heading up the awards for the career staff.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Discussion regarding Fire Police. Commissioner Jordan to discuss with Al Robbins as the representative of the Cert Team.

Commissioner Flemming from Whitesville advised that he would like to keep the EMS program going and agrees with Chief Byrnes on the EMS. He also advises the Board that he would be interested in receiving a copy of the Harry Carter proposal.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:51 p.m. by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Commissioner Baylis. **VOTE:** **AYE:** Commissioners Concato, Jordan, Baylis, Waters and Walters **NAY:** None.

COMMISSIONER JORDAN, SECRETARY