

Butler Township Fire Commission

January 21, 2015

The Butler Township Fire Commission held their meeting Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 South Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001.

The following members were in attendance: Primary Member Steve Iman from Station No. 3; Primary Member Ken Lawrence from Station #6; William O' Brien; Commissioner Dave Zarnick; Fire Marshal Larry Christy and Manager Ed Kirkwood. Members from Station No. 7 were absent.

There was a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

A motion was made by Ken Lawrence to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting, seconded by Steve Iman and carried unanimously.

Purchases

Station No. 3 – Chief Toby Wehr presented the following purchase requests from grant money that has been received in the amount of \$41,000.00:

- Seven sets of turn out gear at a cost of \$15,000.00
- Generator for the new squad at a cost of \$10,000.00
- Hose & Appliances at a cost of \$7,000.00
- Rescue struts at a cost of \$9,000.00

It was explained that due to the merger, old rescue struts are being sold and new rescue struts purchased so that they will have a consistent style within the department. The new struts will also be compatible with Station No. 6 rescue struts. It was also stated that \$4,428.28 will be spent over and above the grant money to purchase these items. Some of this cost may be covered due to the sale of the old struts.

Motion by Steve Iman to approve the purchases as presented, seconded by Ken Lawrence and carried unanimously.

Station No. 3 – Chief Toby Wehr presented a request to purchase a Command Vehicle at a cost of \$29,140.00 for a 2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor AWD. He stated that they have received \$10,000.00 from XTO and \$5,000.00 from the American Legion in grants and donations. They are also pursuing money from REX Energy to cover the cost.

The commission requested that Station No. 3 seek out two more bids even though the price quoted was a Central Westmoreland Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing quote. A

special meeting of the Commission will be scheduled once the additional bids are received, with a vote taken at that time.

Station No. 6 – No purchase request.

Station No. 7 – No purchase request.

Old Business

Station No. 3 – Chief Toby Wehr presented new information on the specifications for the Engine and Rescue purchase requests. A Hale QMax 2,000 GPM pump is being put on the Engine due to the compact layout, the pump size, chassis size and apparatus design. The maximum length of the vehicles will be 32 feet with the wheel base of the engine being 208 inches and the wheel base of the rescue vehicle being 210 inches. A discussion followed.

Motion by Steve Iman to approve the advertising for bids for the Engine and Rescue Vehicles per the specifications as presented, seconded by Bill O'Brien. The vote was: Iman: Yes; Lawrence: No; Zarnick: Yes; O'Brien: Yes. Motion carried.

Station No. 6 – None

Station No. 7 – None

New Business

Station No. 3 – None

Station No. 6 – None

Station No. 7 – None

A discussion was held on the sale of the Greenwood Village property. The sale is progressing. It was held up due to paper work issues.

A discussion was held on the new fuel dispensing pumps at the Road Department. The new system seems to be working fine.

A discussion was held on the first quarter Fire Department Action Items.

A discussion was held on the Fire Commission appointments for 2016. The fire departments are to have their recommendations for commission members to the manager before the October 21st Fire Commission meeting. The recommendations must be in writing and either hand delivered or sent by US Postal Service.

A motion was made by Steve Iman and seconded by Ken Lawrence, to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.