

Butler Township Fire Commission

April 20, 2016

The Butler Township Fire Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 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 Joe LaDue from Station No. 3; Primary Member John Lutz from Station No. 6; Primary Member Karl Kobil from Station #7; Commissioner James Lokhaiser, Jr; Fire Marshal Larry Christy and Manager Ed Kirkwood. Bill O'Brien was absent.

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

Motion by Joe LaDue to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting, seconded by Karl Kobil. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Purchases

Dave Bestwick, Station No. 3, presented their purchase request to have Tanker 3 repainted and rebranded and to purchase four sets of turnout gear. He informed the commission that they applied for and was awarded a DECD grant. Senator Scott Hutchinson was thanked for his help in applying for this grant. It is a fifty percent matching fund grant.

The cost per set of the turnout gear is \$2,286.75 from Three Rivers Fire Equipment for a total of \$9,147.00. The grant will pay for fifty percent of this cost.

Three quotes were received for the repainting and rebranding of Tanker 3 and copies were presented to the commission. They were as follows:

Keystone Fire Apparatus - \$17,700.00
Hunters Truck Sales - \$11,000.00
4 Guys Fire Apparatus - \$9,700.00

These items were part of the five year plan for the merger/consolidation and fifty percent of the cost will be paid for by the matching fund grant received for the consolidation.

Motion by John Lutz to approve the purchase of the four sets of turnout gear from Three Rivers Equipment for \$9,147.00 and to have 4 Guys Fire Apparatus repaint and rebrand Tanker 3 for \$9,700.00. Seconded by Joe LaDue. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Ken Lawrence, Station No. 6, presented the request to purchase from the Rescue Store a Hurst Cutter. The unit is a demo unit and will be purchased using grant funds amounting to \$4,750.00 received from the American Legion Post #778 in 2015. The total cost was \$8,840.00.

Manager Kirkwood stated that he was informed that this item has already been purchased. Pursuant to the Fire Commission Red Book all purchases over \$5,000.00 must be approved by the Fire Commission prior to purchase. He has received an e-mail from the Rescue Store stating that they have received a check for this item in February 2016. Fire Marshal Christy also stated that he has had a conversation with The Rescue store stating the same. Manager Kirkwood requested that the checkbook for the Relief Association be turn in for review concerning this issue.

The purchase request was withdrawn at this time. An email poll for approval will be conducted after the issue is resolved.

Station 7 had no purchase requests.

New Business

Fire Marshal Christy presented the new membership applications: Michele Mellish, Station 6; Stephanie Steele, Station 6; Dalton Keibler, Junior – Station 3; Jordan Anderson, Station 7; and Kelvin Munoz-Carrero, Station 7. A discussion followed. It was decided that the social security number will be redacted from the application when sent out for Fire Commission Approval.

Motion by Joe LaDue to approve the new member application by Michele Mellish to Station 6. Seconded by Karl Kobil. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe LaDue to approve the new member application by Stephanie Steele to Station 6. Seconded by Karl Kobil. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe LaDue to approve the new junior member application by Dalton Keibler to Station 3. Seconded by John Lutz. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Karl Kobil to approve the new member application by Jordan Anderson to Station 7. Seconded by Joe LaDue. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe LaDue to approve the new member application by Kelvin Munoz-Carrero to Station 7. Seconded by Karl Kobil. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Station 3 announced that ground ladder testing will be conducted in the near future. This event is open to the other departments. Contact Station 3 for information.

Butler County Fire Chief's meeting will be held at Station 3 on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

Dates for the Red Book review were discussed. The departments will be email available dates for two meetings in May. Departments are to respond back so that these dates can be set.

Fire Marshal Christy asked for questions or comments from any visitors.

Motion by Joe LaDue and seconded by Karl Kobil, to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m.