

Butler Township Fire Commission

May 17, 2017

The Butler Township Fire Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 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 Alan Paul from Station No. 6; and Commissioner James Lokhaiser, Jr. Citizen Member Charles Savannah was absent and there was no representative from Station No. 7 present. Fire Marshal Larry Christy were also in attendance.

Fire Marshal Christy called the meeting to order with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion by Joe LaDue to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting, seconded by Alan Paul. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Purchases

Dave Bestwick from Station 3 presented their request to purchase five (5) full sets of Turnout Gear at a cost of \$13,624.75.

Motion by Joe LaDue to authorize the purchase of five full sets of Turnout Gear at a cost of \$13,624.75. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried. A copy of the quote from 3 Rivers Fire Equipment will be distributed to Station No. 6 and Station No. 7 for reference for future purchases.

There was no purchase request from Station No. 6.

There was no purchase request from Station No. 7.

New Business

New member applications were presented to the Commission for approval to move forward in the application process. Matthew Willson and Brittany Hankins submitted applications to become members of Station No. 7.

Motion by Joe LaDue to accept the application of Matthew Willson for membership to Station No. 7. Seconded by Alan Paul. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Alan Paul to accept the application of Brittany Hankins for membership to Station No. 7. Seconded by Joe LaDue. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

A discussion was held on the use of Firehouse Software and the problems that are being had trying to upload information to the State. The costs to transfer data from Firehouse Software to Emergency Reporting was also held. A decision needs to be made recommending the move from Firehouse Software to Emergency Reporting.

Motion by Joe LaDue to recommend that the fire departments move from Firehouse Software to Emergency Reporting. Seconded by Alan Paul. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes. Motion carried.

Fire Marshal Christy asked for questions or comments from any visitors. There was none.

Fire Marshal Christy presented information on a training being offered through the PA Training Hub entitled: Collaborative approaches to Delivering Fire & EMS Services. The cost is \$50.00. If anyone is interested in attending this course, please contact him.

Fire Marshal Christy presented information on the Unconventional Gas Well Drilling Grant. The fire departments can submit a joint grant with one department as the lead applicant. The fire departments are to report back to Larry with a lead department for the grant and a list of equipment that could be purchased with the grant funds. The grant deadline is June 30, 2017.

Fire Marshal Christy reminded the departments that the Sheetz Fuel Cards have expired and they need to pick up the new cards at the Township Building. The Sheetz Cards are a backup in the event the township fuel pumps are inoperable.

Motion by Joe LaDue and seconded by Alan Paul, to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting at 7:05 p.m.