

Butler Township Fire Commission

September 20, 2017

The Butler Township Fire Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 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; Primary Member Karl Kobil from Station No. 7, Citizen Member Charles Savannah and Commissioner James Lokhaiser, Jr. Fire Marshal Larry Christy, Manager Ed Kirkwood and Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill 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 July 19, 2017 meeting, seconded by Alan Paul. 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

Chief Toby Wehr, Station 3, presented the request to purchase a gas powered, Generac emergency generator at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00.

Motion by Karl Kobil authorizing Station 3 to purchase a gas powered Generac generator at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.00. Seconded by Alan Paul. The vote was: Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Savannah: Yes. Motion carried.

Chief Toby Wehr, Station 3, presented the request to apply up to \$42,000.00 of their PEMA Grant towards Debt Reduction.

Motion by Joe LaDue authorizing Station 3 to apply up to \$42,000.00 of their PEMA Grant towards Debt Reduction. Seconded by Alan Paul. The vote was: Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Savannah: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no purchase request from Station No. 6.

There was no purchase request from Station No. 7.

New Business

Chief Toby Wehr opened the discussion on station responses to emergency calls. The discussion was to be continued during the Fire Chief's meeting to follow.

Fire Marshal Christy presented information on flu shots that are available to the departments. Rite Aid has offered to come to the individual stations and provide flu shots to the firefighters. The members insurance would be billed for the service. The departments are to let Fire Marshal Christy know if they are interested.

Joe LaDue, Station 3, asked for the status of the County Radio Equipment funding and asked if there was any grant money available. A discussion followed. Joe LaDue informed the group that there will be vendors for the new equipment at the County Fire Chiefs meeting to be held on September 21, 2017 at the Butler County Community College.

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

Dave Bestwick brought up the Act 172 – Earned Income Tax Credit. Manager Kirkwood presented information on what the local elected officials are currently discussing concerning the issue.

Motion by Joe LaDue and seconded by Karl Kobil, to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting at 6:47 p.m. and carried unanimously.