

Butler Township Fire Commission

January 17, 2018

The Butler Township Fire Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2108 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 Toby Wehr from Station No. 3; Primary Member Alan Paul from Station No. 6; Alt. #1 Member Paula Schmidt from Station No. 7, Citizen Member Charles Savannah and Commissioner Fred M. Vero. Manager Ed Kirkwood and Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill were also in attendance.

Manager Kirkwood called the meeting to order with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion by Charlie Savannah to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting, seconded by Toby Wehr. The vote was Station 3: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Vero: Yes, Savannah: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Purchases

Chief Dave Bestwick presented the request to purchase ten (10) AED units and one (1) AED Box not to exceed \$15,000.00. A unit will be placed in each of the apparatus and one in each social hall. The AED Box to be mounted on the wall at the Lyndora Station. The units are manufactured by Zoll, which are the units recommended by Butler Ambulance Service and Butler Hospital. This will be a joint purchase with Station No. 7, who got approval for their purchase at the November 15, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Vero authorizing Station No. 3 to purchase ten (10) AED units and one (1) AED Box at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 Seconded by Toby Wehr. The vote was: Station 3: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Vero: Yes; Savannah: Yes. Motion carried.

Chief Keven Kelly, Station 6, presented the request to purchase four (4) AED units at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00, pending the approval of their Fire Department Board. They will be included in the joint purchase with Station No. 3 and No. 7, bringing the total order to 18 units.

Motion by Charlie Savannah authorizing Station 6 to purchase four (4) AED units at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00 Seconded by Commissioner Vero. The vote was: Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Vero: Yes; Savannah: Yes. Motion carried.

Station No. 7 had no purchase requests.

New Business

A discussion was held on the review of the Fire Commission Red Book. It was decided that each fire department will review the Red Book and submit any recommended changes to the Township at least one week prior to the next Fire Commission meeting, scheduled for March 21, 2018. These recommendations will be presented for review at the March 21st meeting.

Station 3 requested that a committee be formed for the purpose of looking into a plan to purchase a new ladder truck.

Motion by Paula Schmidt to authorize the formation of a committee for the purpose of creating a plan to purchase a new ladder truck. Seconded by Charlie Savannah. The vote was: Station 3: Yes; Station 6: Yes; Station 7: Yes; Vero: Yes; Savannah: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood asked for questions or comments from any visitors. It was noted that the email that was sent to the departments with the Fire Commission Appointments contained the incorrect meeting date. The Fire Commission Appointments were made at the December 18, 2017 meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Toby Wehr and seconded by Commissioner Vero to adjourn the Fire Commission meeting at 6:45 p.m. and carried unanimously.