

The six hundred ninetieth meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

Commissioners present were: Donahue, Evans, Reichert, Ritz, Genzel.
Solicitor Carlamere was present.

Motion by N. Ritz seconded by K. Donahue to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.
Roll call vote: Donahue-Yes; Evans-Abstain; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Yes; Genzel-Abstain.

Chief's Report:

9/11 Memorial Service will be hosted here tomorrow morning at 7:00 AM.

The Mayor sent out a letter about the volunteer memorial, 2 people were needed for the committee; Mike Scott and Joe Reichert are handling.

Blue Mass is coming up on 10/29.

There will be a candlelight vigil in the dog park on 9/13 for overdose awareness. We were asked for apparatus to stand by for the event, will be handled.

Ladder 82 was used for an arch for the funeral of Don Cross, long time member of Glendora.

The ladder is also needed for Steve Skipton's funeral this weekend.

Equipment ordering is almost completed for this year.

Chief's show went well.

A new CO/LEL meter is being placed in duty car.

Looked at a new mask fit test machine at the show. Looking to budget next year so we can have our own.

Chief said he felt that replacing the ladder truck should start to be considered due to it's age and the difficulty with getting parts.

2 ½" Hose – Explained that he wants the hose as attack line and to keep 3" hose as supply line. We can then replace 3" as it gets old.

Possibility of money being left in equipment budget to start replacing the air bags this year.

Mentioned that the officers could possibly want to go to the FDIC show instead of the IAFC next year due to better training offerings.

Haz Mat Team concerns – Chief stated that the career staff currently cannot respond back to work for haz mat calls after hours, he believes it is needed. G. Karas stated that he agrees because limiting them to calls only in Gloucester Township is a waste of time. Chief said that the Police, MUA, and Public Works were used before and should be considered again.

Motion by J. Reichert seconded by N. Ritz to authorize the purchase of 700' of 2 ½" hose with nozzles under state contract pricing.

Roll call vote: Donahue-Yes; Evans-Yes; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Yes; Genzel-Yes.

Administrator's Report:

Advised commissioners to use George Genzel's new email.

We will be bringing in a new junior member under new business.

J. Reichert requested that multiple invoices from same vendor be put on one check.

Group Report: "A" Treasurer; Building Maintenance; Park
 Old smoke detector bank account was closed, remaining funds moved to general account.
 Budget report was reviewed.
 K. Donahue asked the Chief to start his budget process.

Group Report: "C" Apparatus and Equipment
 Ladder 82 repaired temporarily.
 Old TIC is on 828.
 Computer cables repaired in duty car.
 822 had a seal leak repaired.
 A few repairs were done on 8200.
 The data connection in the Chief's car is still not working.

Group Report: "B" Fire Prevention; EMS
 Fire Prevention report was reviewed.
 Open house is being worked on. All commissioners are invited.

Group Report: "D" Insurance; Hydrants; Uniforms; Radios
 No report.

Group Report: "E" Personnel; Training; Office
 Closed session after regular agenda to discuss personnel.

Old Business:

K. Donahue said the key fob project which was approved in November 2013 by the BMOC, will now have phase 2 be done.
 R. Evans reported that the security camera project is moving forward. The equipment has been ordered and installation will begin after the open house.
 LOSAP is coming together, credits being gathered.
 J. Reichert asked about insurance coverage for the lawsuit the Board is involved in.
 G. Genzel will call to see about coverage.

New Business:

Motion by K. Donahue seconded by N. Ritz to pay bills.
 Roll call vote: Donahue-Yes; Evans-Yes; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Yes; Genzel-Yes.
 Motion by K. Donahue seconded by R. Evans to accept receipts.
 Roll call vote: Donahue-Yes; Evans-Yes; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Yes; Genzel-Yes.

Motion by J. Reichert seconded by R. Evans to accept James Ritz as a junior member pending his physical.
 Roll call vote: Donahue-Yes; Evans-Yes; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Abstain; Genzel-Yes.

Good of the District / Public:

N. Ritz congratulated the fire company softball team for winning the championship.

R. Evans thanked both the career and volunteer staffs for work during the tower issue.

K. Donahue thanked the career staff for displaying the flags in the park for 9/11.

Resolution by J. Reichert seconded by K. Donahue to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and litigation.

Roll call vote: Donahue-Yes; Evans-Yes; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Yes; Genzel-Yes.

Motion by N. Ritz seconded by K. Donahue to adjourn closed session at 9:14 PM. Carried.

Items in closed session, litigation and personnel are not settled.

Comm. Donahue will not be available for the October board meeting.

This concluded the business of the evening. A motion to adjourn was made by N. Ritz seconded by K. Donahue and carried. To reconvene for a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Read and Approved:

Chairman:

Clerk: