

The six hundred ninety-seventh meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District 2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The meeting was opened with the flag salute.

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

Motion by N. Ritz seconded by J. Reichert to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed.

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

Chief's Report:

Calls have slowed down somewhat.

We have had 2 small fires recently, good job on both.

Fit test machines have been looked at and quotes have been obtained. The officers will be polled on their preferences next week. Maintenance and calibration will need to be done every year, so a maintenance contract should be purchased.

R. Evans asked Solicitor Carlamere if the higher quote can be awarded if it is a better fit for us. He stated that as long as one is specified for something the others do not provide, it can be awarded to the more expensive quote. The reason must be stated as part of the resolution to purchase the item.

Turnout gear – J. Gant said that he was upset about the presentation made by the officers at a workshop meeting because he was not notified of the meeting. G. Genzel said that the Board should have coordinated with the Chief and this will not happen again. It will be decided how many sets will be purchased on a trial of the new gear style that is chosen.

Administrator's Report:

Modem project – Received prices from Wireless and Tekkcomm, will discuss under New Business.

Park – Received prices, will be discussed under New Business.

Solicitor:

No report.

Group Report: "C" Apparatus and Equipment

N. Procopio is still out, he is doing well. Expect him back in 2-3 weeks. Al and Nick have handled the minor issues that have come up.

Strobes are out on the rear of the Chief's truck.

R. Evans asked the chief to remind the members to not put air paks away wet.

Group Report: "B" Fire Prevention; EMS

Fire Prevention report for March was reviewed.

Working on investigation for the fire at Millbridge on April 7.

LaCascata – Parking issues are still being worked on.

Group Report: "D" Insurance; Hydrants; Uniforms; Radios

No report.

Group Report: "E" Personnel; Training; Office

No report, but closed session for personnel matters after regular agenda.

Old Business:

No report.

New Business:

Motion by G. Genzel seconded by N. Ritz to pay the bills of the evening.

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

Motion by R. Evans seconded by J. Reichert to accept the attached receipts.

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

J. Reichert mentioned that the Bullex fire extinguisher program is being demo'd in May. Solicitor Carlamere said that 2 quotes are needed even if the company is the sole source of the item. N. Giambri has been working on this project.

Resolution by R. Evans seconded by N. Ritz to purchase the modems for the trucks from Wireless which was the lowest quote.

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

Resolution by R. Evans seconded by J. Reichert to purchase the air system maintenance contract from Airpower International which was the lowest quote.

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

Resolution by N. Ritz seconded by R. Evans to award the contract for park maintenance to VJ Landscaping which was the lowest quote.

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

Good of the District / Public:

B. Robb mentioned that a daytime Highway Safety Class will be held here at the fire station on April 29 at 9:00 AM.

Motion by G. Genzel seconded by N. Ritz to go into closed session to discuss personnel.

Roll call vote: Donahue-Absent; Evans-Yes; Reichert-Yes; Ritz-Yes; Genzel-Yes. (8:02 PM)

Returned from closed session at 8:15 PM.

Motion by J. Reichert seconded by R. Evans to approve the Administrator's contract.

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

Discussed litigation and personnel issues in closed session, still pending.

Read and Approved:

Chairman:

Clerk: