

Joint Board of Fire Prevention Meeting Notes

11-12-18 - 6:30 – 434 Route 10, Whippany

Present: Commissioners – District No. 2: Kitchell, Woytas, Shearer
District No. 3: Dugan, DiNigris, Florio
Absent: District No. 3: Quirk, Callas
District No. 2: Polo, Kraley

Also present was Chief Joseph Cortright from District 2, Jim Schultz, Mutual Aid Coordinator, and Brian Cahill, Township Liaison

MINUTES:

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was made by Comm. Woytas and seconded by Comm. Kitchell. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing this month

PUBLIC: Nothing at this time

TREASURER'S REPORT: Attached – Balance is \$5,212.40

CHIEF'S REPORT:

We bought a skid of Speedy-Dry from Fastenal and split the cost.

The Chiefs are working to contact Bob Kasiski who may be able to help them procure a donated Sparky costume.

Both Chiefs spoke recently about responses to RIC calls, Confined Space, Trench rescue and those sorts of calls. They want to do more cross-training and spoke about merging their 2 teams together, to make sure we have adequate response when requested on these types of calls.

The County sent out a questionnaire to that effect. They are brainstorming on how to fulfill responses and also have coverage back here.

Comm. DiNigris asked, "Don't we train under those conditions anyway".

Chief Cortright responded that we give our guys RIC and Haz Mat. District 3 does RIC and Confined Space. We do trench rescue with Madison.

Between all of us, we have it covered. We are working on methodically trying to do this.

Dugan – Why wouldn't we involve the volunteer ranks also?

Chief C – We are. Most training takes place during the daytime hours. Our shortfall is during the day.

Dugan – We are experiencing it more through our 24 hour shift.

Chief – If there's a call in Mt. Tabor, as an example, they request 2 of our guys. We can send ours and then yours can come and relieve ours and ours come back to town.

Some guys are NOT trained for it. We each have 15-20 guys trained to do these types of calls. But only 2 may be available during the day.

Dugan – Our town has a good Mutual Aid Coordinator (MAC). They call protection for us and to back fill where necessary. A lot of cross training should be done.

Chief – We are doing some this weekend. The new hires want to train on the ladder. That's been done on the volunteer side also.

A motion was made by Comm. Kitchell to accept the Chief's report. It was seconded by Comm. Woytas and was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

A motion was made by Comm. Kitchell that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Comm. Woytas and all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully Submitted:
Janet Gant-Hammond