

BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION MEETING
November 9, 2020 6:30 p.m. – 434 Route 10, Whippany

PRESENT: Fire Commissioners:

From District No. 2: Polo, Woytas, Willans, Kitchell, Cobane

From District No 3: Robert Callas, Michael Dugan, and Michael Dugan

Absent: Quirk and DeNigris

Also Present: Battalion Chief Perrello from District 2

Commissioner Woytas welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the following statement: Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by law to the Daily Record, the Star Ledger and the Hanover Eagle.

Minutes of the Last meeting:

None provided, as the last meeting was before the virus hit and had been emailed to everyone.

Correspondence: Nothing at this time

Treasurer's Report: The attached Treasurer's report was submitted. A motion was made by Comm. Kitchell to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Comm. Callas and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report:

--Battalion Chief Perrello said that they've been talking about releasing the generator and shed from Fieldstone directly to the Water Authority. They've been testing it and we would save \$500 a year if we give it over to them. A motion was made by Comm. Cobane to release them. The motion was seconded by Comm. Dugan and passed unanimously.

--Paul mentioned the video that was created for the children this year since Fire Prevention Week was not in person due to the virus. It was made by Craig Vagell from District 3. He didn't ask for money but Paul asked him what it would have cost. The Board elected to pay Mr. Vagell. The video was a great success. A motion to make this payment was made by Comm. Dugan. It was seconded by Comm. Willans and passed unanimously.

--Robin Dente from Town Hall said she has a corporate donor looking to donate for Covid related costs. Paul suggested a Fit-Test machine. It's about \$25,000. Ours is 15 years old. We can see if they would do that for us. It may not be a one shot deal - maybe something will be ongoing.

Old Business: Comm. Dugan brought up the idea of consolidating the 2 districts. We have a new Chief and their Chief will be retiring in 2 years. It would definitely improve service to the town. This would be a good time to pursue it. Maybe the 2 Boards can meet and discuss it. Township Committeeman Cahill would like to be on board with this also. With the development coming into town, it's going to get a lot bigger fast and we're still trying to manage it with what we have.

Randy - Joe Giorgio reached out to the 2 Boards. Mike Mihalko had brought up how the new development is compensating the water and sewer authorities for the impact it will have on their services. The town wants to sit down with us. We can't keep up with the 2% cap every year - to replace equipment and add manpower. Maybe we can look at that in conjunction with the other talking points.

Ray said It doesn't hurt to talk.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Comm. Callas. It was seconded by Comm. Kitchell and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant-Hammond