

FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MAY 21, 2007

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 at the Town Hall. Those present were Commissioner Ronald Rifenburg, Commissioner Charles Larsen, Commissioner Brandon Seymour, Commissioner Harry Harned and Commissioner Raymond Bauer. Also present were Chief Laurence Saulpaugh, Assistant Chief Ronald Seymour and Treasurer Denise Fiore.

Chairman Rifenburg opened the meeting with the salute to the flag. Commissioner Larsen motioned to accept the April minutes as presented, Commissioner Seymour seconded. All in favor. So carried.

Treasurers Report:

Corrected invoice from previous month – vendor and amount.

Noted three invoices not paid, Com-Tech Electronics, Ben Funk and VanKleecks.

Corrected money market checking account balance as of 3/30/07 to \$137,707.78.

Total money market and checking account as of 3/30/07 - \$138,730.87.

Invoices paid for April - \$7,780.45

Money Market Checking account balance as of 4/30/07 - \$128,259.14.

Checking account balance to date: \$11,188.40

Total Money Market and checking to date \$139,447.54.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Harned. All in favor. So Carried.

Correspondence:

Secretary read a letter received, this date, from Assistant Chief James C. Potts, Jr. stating that he was resigning his position of Assistant Chief.

Thank you from Com-Tech Electronics.

Annual Statement from Milan Volunteer Fire Company for coverage of Turkey Hill Road area in the amount of \$1550. This is an increase over last year of \$50.00. Invoice to Treasurer.

Buildings and Grounds:

Commissioner Larsen and Commissioner Seymour – Commissioner Larsen received one estimate on replacing side entrance door at Station #1 from John Owen, One Stop Building and Remodeling. The estimate includes labor and materials to replace the door with a standard door with glass for \$600.00. Also, an estimate on prepping the roof and painting - \$2,520.00. The Chairman would like two more estimates on this work.

Commissioner Larsen received a questionnaire from Selective Insurance on the boilers, which he will complete.

A loss representative requested an inspection of Station #1 and #2 alarm systems. The alarm system for Station #1 goes to the officers, and Station #2 goes to County Control.

It is the Chairman's opinion that Station #1 should also ring in at County Control. After discussion, Commissioner Harned made a motion that Station #1 alarm is diverted to County Control, seconded by Commissioner Larsen. Notify County Control when it is being switched over.

Insurance:

Commissioner Larsen, Commissioner Bauer – After writing letter to Fingar Agency a breakdown was received of credits and a check in the amount of \$8086.91. There had been an accident policy credit, which had been overlooked and not included in our letter. It was decided to keep the 1967 Ford Pumper insured until it is sold. Bids for insurance will go out in January for March renewals.

Fire Equipment:

Commissioner Seymour, Commissioner Bauer – No report

LOSAP: Commissioner Harned – Signature required on paperwork in order for it to be sent in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Larsen asked if we have received the credit for lettering of the truck. Chairman Rifenburgh has not been able to talk to Ralph Torchia to finalize. The amount due is \$904.00. All brackets were received and all that is left to be taken care of is battery charger and air conditioner.
- Physicals – It is recommended that physical examinations from 16-29 are done once every three years, 30-39 every two years, 40 and over is every year. Are private doctor's physicals acceptable? Needs to be addressed. The ages are acceptable by all members.

If a support firefighter, running pumps, etc. use own doctor. If interior firefighter, use company doctor because they know what to look for. Set a date for physicals by company doctor for interior firefighters.

Are we going to accept outside physicals from licensed doctors for anyone other than interior firefighters? Acceptable by all members. The classifications by doctors are:

Class A –interior firefighting

Class B – fireground, running trucks

Class C – fire police

On the form it should be noted any deficiencies, etc.

Cutoff date for physicals – April 1st will be the cutoff date.

This policy will become effective January 1, 2008.

Medical officer will keep track of those who have had physicals.

Interior firefighters - If they cannot make it to a group physical, they should use Dr. Silvernail or Livingston Family Practice. The Chief to contact Dr. Silvernail to find out what their guidelines are for physical in order to classify in classes. Next month we will look at this topic.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen to accept the resignation of James C. Potts, Jr. as Assistant Chief with regret, seconded by Commissioner Seymour. A roll call vote was as follows: Commissioner Bauer – aye; Commissioner Harned – nay; Commissioner Seymour – aye; Commissioner Larsen - aye; Passed three to one.
- EVOG Course – Sixteen and seventeen year olds cannot take the course because they need to be able to drive and are not allowed until they are eighteen.
- Received an application for membership from Jake Marks, sixteen years old, who was a Junior member. Motion made by Commissioner Larsen to approve Jake Marks as member of Clermont Fire District, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried. Once proof of physical is received he will become an active member. A letter of acceptance will be written
- Ladies Auxiliary Beneficiary form for insurance– The original goes to Kleeber Agency, a copy to member and a copy for file.
- Letter and contribution received from Iroquois for \$200 for purchase of deck gun for #603. Letter read from Iroquois.

Chief's Report:

The calls for the month were as follows:

12 Pump outs
Car Fire
Rescue Squad Assist
Truck fire

The drill for the month was on Truck #603.

- The cord reels and nozzle holders have been received.
- A NIMS class has been scheduled for June 25th at 7:00 P.M. at Station #2. In order to be able to receive grants, this class must be held.
- EVOG Course has been scheduled for June 13,20,27 & July 11,18,25. Need twenty for class. To be held at 7:00 P.M. Station #2 and possibly at airstrip.
- Barbecue is June 9th at Station #2.
- FEMA and Conservation Grant has been sent in.
- A letter will be sent to Columbia County 911 to dispatch Germantown Fire Company B70 on Hudson river related incidents simultaneously with Clermont Fire Company. To be signed by the Chief.
- An open house has been tentatively scheduled at Station #2 for July 14th from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. with 'Wetdown' at 4:00 P.M.
- May 28th is the Memorial Day Parade in Germantown.
- Requested an electric popoff for on board charger on #601. Assistant Chief Seymour believes the entire unit is \$600.00 but there will be installation charge.
- Heater leak in M60, which will have to be repaired.
- Commissioner Seymour reported that Captain McCarthy would like to replace the sign at Station #1 with a 3 foot x 3 foot at a cost of \$200.00 from building and grounds. A motion was made by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by

Commissioner Larsen to purchase a sign at a cost of no more than \$200.00. All in favor. So carried.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to purchase an electrical popoff for charger on #601 not to exceed \$800. All in favor. So carried
- Denise has a new worksheet, which will show what has been expended from each account, and will be ready for next months meeting.
- Jaws and Scot Packs are checked yearly and records kept.
- Captain McCarthy would like to do the epoxy floor at Station #1 – prices for latex one part epoxy is \$25.99 per gallon. The floor is 60 x 40 and cost of primer must be figured in as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harned to pay bills, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen to adjourn at 9:05 P.M., seconded by Commissioner Harned. All in favor. So carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon
Fire District Secretary