

FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2007

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. Those present were Chairman Ronald Rifenburgh, Commissioner Charles Larsen, Commissioner Brandon Seymour and Commissioner Raymond Bauer. Commissioner Harned and Secretary Mary Helen Shannon were absent. Also present Treasurer Denise Fiore and Chief Laurence Saulpaugh. In the absence of the Secretary, Denise Fiore took the minutes.

The minutes were reviewed and a correction made to page 1 – Receipts – the check received from Selective Insurance was a refund for a payment on the policy for the 1967 Ford truck, which was sold. Motion to approve the minutes with correction made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Seymour. All in favor. So carried.

The Treasurer gave the report and a motion was made to approve by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Seymour. All in favor. So Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Commissioners Larsen and Seymour
Received Certificate of Liability Insurance for John Owen who is working on Station #1 roof and door. The door will be installed on August 21. The roof fasteners have been changed.

INSURANCE: Commissioners Bauer and Larsen
Commissioner Larsen cannot put in a claim with the insurance company for the damaged pagers until a bill is received for the replacements.
The bill from Selective Insurance should not be paid, but should be sent to Fire Company.
The address for Station #1 is 1875 Route 9.
Linda Flanagan would like to give a quote for insurance for 2008. She will contact Commissioner Larsen in November.

FIRE EQUIPMENT: Commissioners Seymour and Bauer
Brakes were repaired on Truck #602. Two masks have been purchased for Richard and Jake.

LOSAP: Commissioner Harned
Notified by our financial consultant from RBC Dain Rauscher that they are changing the paying agent to our retired firefighters to Comerica Bank & Trust Company and have enclosed the paperwork to facilitate the process, which must be signed by 2 or 3 board members and the secretary.

LAWS AND POLICIES: No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer to approve joining the Fire District Association. All in favor. So carried.
- Refund on lettering of new truck- Chairman Rifenburgh has talked to Ralph Torchia on the amount of refund. Chairman Rifenburgh said that it was his understanding that the amount of the refund is \$904 and Ralph is saying \$600. Commissioner Larsen said Ralph agreed to reimburse by check. Chairman Rifenburgh said he had no problem receiving a credit from Ralph but for the original refund amount of \$904.00. Commissioners would like to scrutinize the repair bills from Ralph if the refund is in the form of a credit. The Chief mentioned that Commissioners wanted to get price quotes from other mechanics. Trucks are scheduled to be serviced at the beginning of the year, with the exception of #601, which can be cycled in with the next servicing.
- Sign for Station #1 is not yet complete.
- The question was asked if hose tests were done.
- Physicals – Chairman Rifenburgh will meet with Commissioner Seymour. Could not locate the form, so it was never reviewed. The Chairman requested a one month extension to review form. Chief Saulpaugh noted that the name needs to be removed from form. All members to use the same form whether or not they use their own doctor or company doctor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussed #603 radio inside mount – should microphone be on the other side, leave radio as it is, add second microphone for passenger. The passenger should be communicator, not the driver. Chairman Rifenburgh said it is easier to add another microphone rather than move radio.
- Budget Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 P.M. The treasurer will let the Board know how much is left in the reserve after truck purchase less \$25,000. Budget based on town growth, should have money in reserve for major items, ie: air packs, etc. Suggested carrying over approximately 10% from previous budget. We will need to budget for an auditor.
- Discussion on plan to purchase a new truck when #601 is retired or traded. Also need a rescue truck.

CHIEFS REPORT:

There were three calls for July. The drill was held at Stickles in Livingston.

- Equipment Request:
 - Three pagers
 - Deck Gun costs \$1385.00 with accessory piece at \$46.00 included.
- Conservation Matching Grant – Received \$1000 grant from DEC. Chief Saulpaugh would like to purchase coveralls. Must spend a total of \$2000 to receive the \$1000 from DEC.
- SCBA's – all approved.

- Truck #602 – Master cylinder needs a new clutch. Chairman Rifenburgh to get quotes from Jake Fingar, Ralph Torchia, Ben Funk and Joe Palumbo.

- Pagers and Gear should be returned:
Floyd Moore – pager, no gear
Bill Banks – pager, gear
Dennis Palazzo
Scott Dow

A motion was made by Chairman Rifenburgh, seconded by Commissioner Larsen for the Chief to purchase what he needs minus the pagers. All in favor. So carried.
Chief Saulpaugh should order the deck gear with fittings.

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

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. on a motion made by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer.

Respectfully submitted by

Denise Fiore
In absence of Secretary