

FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

The Clermont Fire Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, September 17, 2007 at the Town Hall. Those Commissioners present were Chairman Ronald Rifenburg, Commissioner Ray Bauer and Commissioner Charles Larsen. Commissioner's Brandon Seymour and Harry Harned were absent. Others present were Treasurer Denise Fiore, Chief Laurence Saulpaugh and Assistant Chief Ron Seymour.

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

A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The secretary reported that the paperwork was sent out to LOSAP from last months meeting.

Commissioner Larsen reported that John Owen is nearing completion of roof work on Station #1.

COMMITTEES:

- ◆ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Commissioners Larsen and Seymour
The door is in and there is one piece of trim to be put up at Station #1. Chief Saulpaugh checked the fuel tank at Station #2 and there is three inches of fuel, no water. He does not want to put diesel in, not knowing how much fuel is in the tank. It can be pumped out for about \$100. Chairman Rifenburg will contact Main Care about pumping the tank. Will need keys and new locks for each truck, a box with a pad of paper or drivers log book in each truck so that fuel can be logged in. For now, can still get gas from Highway Garage.
- ◆ INSURANCE: Commissioners Larsen and Bauer
No Report.
- ◆ FIRE EQUIPMENT: Commissioners Seymour and Bauer
No Report
- ◆ LOSAP: Commissioner Harned
Chairman Rifenburg reported that there are a few bills to be paid.
- ◆ LAWS & POLICIES:
Chairman Rifenburg – The EVOC course and driver's list will be reviewed. Garrett Rifenburgs physical is on file and Christina Saulpaugh will be getting her physical in October.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Chairman Rifenburg will talk to Ralph Torchia about credit for lettering. We have a repair bill for \$230.07.
- ◆ Discussed the microphone for Truck #603. It was decided that Chief Saulpaugh will put in another microphone on the passenger side.

- ◆ Assistant Chief Seymour reported that the speaker is not working on Truck #604.
- ◆ Clutch on #602 is slipping but it picks back up. It should be done before winter. Chief to get prices on clutch from Jake, Ralph, Pat Meehan, (J & P Repairs).

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Rifenburg would like the call phones tested at both stations once a month. The call phone at Station #2 has to be moved. The Chief will call John Blaz to move it.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- ◆ Chief will purchase 5 or 6 jumpsuits at about \$275 a piece which is covered by grant from DEC.
- ◆ Air tanks have been tested, lost eight tanks, still have 26, ten bottles and a total of four packs.
- ◆ Received pager back from Bill Banks. No gear yet. Dennis Palazzo may have gear. Wes Werner's gear has been turned in.
- ◆ SCBA have been tested and serviced.
- ◆ Need small masks for those who took the class.
- ◆ Deck gun and fittings are ordered but will take six to eight weeks.
- ◆ If we are not going to remain at scene during power outages, we may need more signs. We should get prices on them.

CALLS FOR AUGUST:

1. AAPI – Clermont State Park
2. Smoke investigation – Route 9
3. Helicopter landing zone at C&M Orchards for medical emergency.

Bills To Be Paid:

Selective Insurance	\$1,623.00 DO NOT PAY
Penflex	\$ 290.00
Penflex	\$2400.00
Ralphs Automotive	\$ 230.07 HOLD
GTC	\$ 129.16
National Grid	\$ 62.37
Clermont Fire Company	\$2000.00

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

BUDGET:

Items discussed to be included in 2008 budget:

Filling of diesel tank – approximately \$2000.

Fire alarm system reprogramming - \$1500

Repairs to building - \$6000 for painting floor, another out building.

Although the budget seems high, looking at other town budgets, we are low and we have had a lot of development in town. We have a new fire truck to pay for and must keep money in reserve.

Total appropriations proposed are \$170,075.00. Estimated revenues are \$2500 and estimated unexpended balance is \$5000. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$162,575.00 a 19% increase. A motion was to accept the budget as proposed by Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner Bauer. All in favor. So carried.

Assistant Chief Seymour requested two gear racks, one for each station. Chairman Rifenburgh will get a price from VRS. Also, requested steel shelving for Station #2.

Assistant Chief Seymour has gauges for water traps on compressor but they have to be hooked up. Reminded not to service truck #601 until after the first of the year and to check the carburetor on Truck #602.

Chief Saulpaugh to get prices for any of this work.

Hoses should be tested.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Bauer, seconded by Commissioner Larsen at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helen Shannon
Fire District Secretary