**Board of Fire Commissioners, District II**

**December 10, 2018**

Chairman Ron Sutton Jr.called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The flag was saluted and Lord’s Prayer was recited.

**Members Present:**

President, Ron Sutton Jr.

Cliff Sharp

Les Berry

Bill Horseman

**Absent:**

Fred Hundt

**Minutes**

The minutes of the November 5th meeting were read by the Board President Ron Sutton in the absence of the Secretary. Motion was made by Les Berry to accept and seconded by Cliff Sharp.

**Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurers report was presented to the Board by Treasurer Les Berry. Reports of the month of transactions were handed out. The beginning balance was $131.982.75. Bills for the month totaled $8251.30.There was $37.19 in interest applied. The month ending balance was $ 123,768.64. Cliff Sharp made motion to accept the Treasurer report which was seconded by Bill Horseman. All bills were approved for payment by all members.

**Old Business:**

At the November meeting the Commission approved looking into an air compressor, air tools and hand tools using surplus from the 2018 budget and not just putting any surplus into capital.

The floor was turned over to Chief Don Hundt for a report on the addition or an air compressor for building air and discussions pertaining to the purchasing of equipment.

The compressor plan that was approved at the last Commission meeting was changed do to the cost of what the Fire Company originally wanted. The quotes came in excess of $13,000. So instead an 80 gallon air compression with all hookups was purchased. Unit came with a 5 HP motor. Everything that was needed came in at about $4000.

It was decided to add an on board compressor to 1202 which when plugged in will keep the air pressure up on 1202. Vineland Auto Electric will install this in the next couple of weeks for $1400.

Chief Hundt reported that he purchased Air tools, Impact, saws all, glass cutter, battery packs for the tools, 10 new LED hand lights, hand tools and rope. These items came in below what was allocated and there was enough left in budget to purchase a Holmatro Battery operated Combi tool.

Don will run all the wiring on 1221 to the battery packs for installation.

Mark Sheppard discussed the progress of new stand pipes being installed in Haleyville.

The original site located in the sand plant was deemed too far away for truck access. Chief Hundt, Mark Sheppard and the sand plant representative decided to install one on the East side of Spring Garden Rd close to the Haleyville and Dividing Creek road. After some complications during the backfilling operations the pipe is now in working order.

They were also told that the plant has put moneys in next year’s budget to install yet another stand pipe across from the Haleyville school.These stand pipes are a valued addition to the water supply of the district and the Township.

**New Business:**

The Commission was presented with copies of the 2019 Fire District Budget for review and approval from Colavita’s office. Originals will be in the mail this week and they will require original signatures before sending them to Trenton.

The total on the budget for 2019 was $204,819. This budget will need to be adopted at the January meeting. The advertisement for the budget and the meeting as already been advertised in the news paper.

Motion was made to vote on Resolution 12-19-01 for the 2019 Prepared Budget.

Ron Sutton Jr Yes

Les Berry Yes

Cliff Sharp Yes

Bill Horseman Yes

Fred Hundt Absent

Final transfers for 2018 will need to be done at this December meeting. Zack has suggested that we give his office our intentions of the transfers of funds. He will then make all the changes in the 2018 final budget line items.

President Sutton questioned the need soon for spare air pack bottles. Chief Hundt said that they are included in this year’s grant application along with 10 air packs. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we are awarded a grant this year.

The discussion continued on were the funds would come from if the grant was denied. We have sufficient funds in Capital. A question would have to be placed on the ballot to spend Capital. This could easily be done in the prior year that the bottles become obsolete.

The Commission will not need a public meeting on the budget and the budget can be approved at the January meeting instead of having a special meeting to approve it.

Colavita’s office advised that we could appoint someone to fill the Treasurers position for the first three months of the year as Les will be stepping down and in Florida for the winter.

The Board appointed Mark Sheppard to fill this position from January 1st until the March meeting. All members voted yes.

Mark Sheppard has taken a petition for Fire Commission and will be on the ballot in February.

President Sutton has suggested that insead of reading the minutes aloud each month that the be sent to all the members of the Board and also be made available at the meeting. This would make it a lot easier for the Board Secretary to type the minutes of the meetings without having to listen to the minutes being reread and listened too. The Board agreed to try this. The Secretary will be notified of this change.

Both Mark and Don Hundt expressed Fred’s feelings on typing taped minutes with all the secondary discussions going on during the meeting and that there is way too much expended discussions on issues and items that have absolutely nothing to do with any “Official Business”. He is hoping to curtain some of this. Fred stated it sometimes it takes 45 minutes to an hour to listen and re listen to the minutes while retyping.

**Chief Report:**

The Chief reported that we have an oil leak on 1202. Kevin at Mauricetown Truck and Auto has suggested that we take the truck to someone else as he was winding down this kind of work. Chief Hundt will get Cruzans in Alloway for possible repairs.

The on going Township drills will be held in the Mauricetown Station on the next Monday night.

There was nothing else added at this point as all his report was on the purchasing of a compressor and tools.

**Public Portion:**

The meeting was opened to the public and there were no comments from anyone from the public.

No other business the meeting was adjourned.

Fred Hundt,

Board Secretary