

CALEDONIA FIRE DISTRICT
March 11, 2020

MINUTES

Present: Fire Commissioners Don Cook, Mark Schroeder, Mike Beavers and Ron Beach Jr.

Excused: Fire Commissioner Jim Dutton

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sue Carson, Chief RJ Kantowski, Mike Knutowicz, Bill Lysko, Attorney Ray DiRaddo, Andrew Carpino, Chris Beach, Kevin Hammond and Sara Menke

The meeting was called to order by Co - Chairman Mike Beavers in Jim Dutton's absence at 6:30 p.m. All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sara Menke joined the meeting briefly to introduce herself as a new member of the Fire Department and left immediately afterwards.

Motion #031-2020

Mr. Beach made motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved to accept the February meeting minutes.

Bill Lysko provided an update on the Babysitters course. He left the meeting at 6:45 pm. The following were noted:

- 22 students attended the training this year
- The class visited the 911 Center last week
- Banquet will be held on April 1 at 6:30 pm. The Boards invitations were also distributed at this time
- Pizza was purchased for the last class. A PO will be coming from Pizzaland.

Motion #032-2020

Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved payment of babysitter's course expenses, including annual banquet and awards not to exceed \$2,500.

Ray DiRaddo joined the meeting briefly to discuss the Covid 19 pandemic and the option to conduct a video conference if necessary, for any meetings. He left the meeting at 7 pm.

Chris Beach and Kevin Hammond presented a brief update on the building committee progress. They left the meeting at approximately 7:30 pm.

Chief Kantowski's Report:

- Chief Kantowski presented the fuel report for February. The fire report was not available and will be provided at the April meeting.
- The wireless winch purchase was tabled until pricing could be obtained from Grainger. Purchase of this equipment on-line could have sales tax implications.
- Top Ten Awards were discussed and referred back to the Department for funding of any purchases.
- The approved list of fire fighters who can have access to fuel at CMCS is still being worked on.
- The portable pond and low band radios have been received.
- Skyway Communications will require the trucks be driven to them for the mobile radio installations.
- Heather Hogle's Fire Police radio has not been returned to the District. The Chief will follow up with her.
- Mike Knutowicz updated the Board on the refurbishment of #116. He noted the pond rack quote from Churchville was incorrect due to quoting the wrong type of rack. A \$4,000 increase is expected. An updated quote will be presented at the April meeting. Mike also stated all pricing may have increased due to quotes based upon 2019 pricing.
- Captain Knutowicz also noted the aerial on #118 will receive it's 5- year test on 4/8 at an approximate cost of \$2,000.

Motion #033-2020

- Mr. Cook made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder and all approved the purchase of 15 pairs of boots at the Harrisburg Chief's show in May not to exceed \$2,000. Estimates \$129 per pair of boots.
- The District will send #118 to the elementary school for the preschooler's Easter Egg Hunt on 4/7.

Motion #034-2020

- Mr. Beach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved sending the following trucks to training events at Hampton's Corners:

- March 24 - #118
- March 28 - #116
- April 21 - #114

Motion #034-2020

- Mr. Beavers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved the purchase of building materials not to exceed \$150 for the doll house model as part of the Fire Prevention Open House.

Motion #035-2020

- A motion was made by Mr. Beach and seconded by Mr. Cook; all approved the J.W. Jones Hall fundraiser activities as listed below with all active fire fighters eligible to participate.

March – FR- Front room; BR- Back room

1 – Birthday party (BR)

7 – Party (FR)

12 – Lions Club Sr. Corn Beef Dinner

13 – Foodlink (FR)

21 - Stampin (BR)

22 – Birthday party(BR)

28 – St Agnes 10 trip raffle (FR)

Fire Commissioner’s Reports

- Mr. Schroeder questioned if Mumford had responded to the offer of Tim Quinlan’s gear for \$1,000. The Chief will follow up.

Secretary Treasurer’s Report

Motion #036-2020

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved the 2020 Selective insurance policy package presented by Tompkins Insurance in the amount of \$28,268.80, including taking \$1,327.40 from the contingency line to cover the budget line shortfall and with the contingency the Department reimburses the District for their premium of \$8,283.40.

Motion #037-2020

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved to amend motion #107-2019 to reflect the price increase of the revolution intake valve in the amount of \$129.15, changing price from \$1,599 to \$1,728.15.

Motion #038-2020

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cook and all approved the Treasurer's Report and payment of vouchers #33-45 totaling \$54,560.61. Voucher #46 payable to the Caledonia Fire Department in the amount of \$126.30 was not approved for payment based upon guidance received from Attorney DiRaddo regarding limitations on Fire District spending.

Motion #039-2020

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beach and all approved adjourning the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Carson
Secretary/ Treasurer