

Prince George's County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 3rd, 2024

Tonight's meeting was held in-person at FSB with approximately 45 participants, was gaveled to order by Chair Bolden at 7:33 pm.

Chaplain– Opened the meeting with an invocation prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Chaplain's Corps Provided the Champlain's report.

Volunteer Services Office –Assistant Chief White

- Sending out the end of Quarter 2 VSE Forms, they are due next Saturday.
- MFRI Posted Fire Officer 1 class, please sign-up members who need it.
- Provided an overview of the General Orders that will be released.

Commissioner Hegwood (Lisa)- Excused Absence.

Commissioner Snyder (Kyle)–

- **Made a motion for the approval of the December 6th, 2023, Commission Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion for an expenditure request in the amount of \$7,500 for Banquet expenses for Company 1. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion for an expenditure request in the amount of \$7,500 for Banquet expenses, and \$2,606.83 for GasBoy expenses for Company 9. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion for an expenditure request on behalf of Commissioner Hegwood in the amount of \$3,435.25 for insurance payment for Company 10. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Chandler (Michelle)–

- **Made a motion for an expenditure request in the amount of \$5,190.75 for Insurance for Company 27. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Surles, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion for an expenditure request 3rd Quarter Insurance Payment Hilb Group \$6,427.75 for Company 27. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Commissioner Holbert (Antwan) – No report

Commissioner Bell (Gloria) – No report.

Commissioner Selmon- No report.

Commissioner Schaible- Excused Absence.

Commissioner/Vice Chair Surles (Vanessa)-

- **Made a motion for the approval for LOSAP Reports FY23 Greenbelt FY 23 Hyattsville, FY22 West Lanham, FY23 Chillum. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- **Made a motion for the approval for LOSAP Award Gregory Gigliotti Co. 35, Author Emery Co.34, Patric Eubanks Co. 28, Sandra Lutz Co. 18, Edward Stoner Co. 28. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Holbert, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- Advised the Fire Commission just completed an audit by the County on LOSAP.
- Will be awarding an additional award for FY23 5, 11, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 36, 55, 57, and 34 and 35, and 1 with retroactive payment of \$56 (\$8/ month)
- **Made a motion for the approval for LOSAP Report FY23 For Co. 37 The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Snyder, with all in favor the motion passed.**

Chair Bolden-

- 508 Funds have been delayed should be deposited today or tomorrow, or by the end of the week per County Office of Finance.
- **Made a motion to accept equivalency for Brandon Nahan Co.9 , Ethan Station 33, Iantor Station 33. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- While working through the process with Company 8, the Chair coordinated with MIEMSS to notify them that station 8, 45, 44, 41, 47, 22, Old Station 6, old Station 2, and 4 that are no longer volunteer corporations working independently.
- There is a draft for rules and procedures for Commissioners that was sent out just tonight for review.
- **Asked the Commission for a motion to appoint a member from Company 49, Rajah Rose, on a temporary basis to assist the Commission Chair with the additional workload of the new training standards paperwork. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Bell, with all in favor the motion passed.**
- As everyone is aware, the County Council established the Volunteer training review Board which will consist of Co. 14 Chief Ben Ross, Co. 35 Chief Tommy Ray, Office of the Fire Chief, Lee Havens & Mike White, Chaired by the Fire Commission.
- Updates on the process of this review board will be provided on a routine basis at Fire Commission meetings. There will be additional classes set up with MFRI to ensure members have the chance to take any needed classes.

Recruiter Update:

- Launching applicant tracking system Thursday February 1st, she will be providing details and instructions the week prior.
- May 18th is the scheduled volunteer show-case event, asked the Commissioners to get involved to help rally their districts.
- Advised reporting stats for 2023 will be provided the first Commission meeting in February.

President of the Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association—President Lee Lutz

- Doug Peters passes away, he was an honorary member of Glenn Dale and former County Council Member and State Senator.

- Sent a letter to the Fire Chief, County Executive, and Chair of the County Council, on the Association's opposition to General Order 05-19. Also believes it is illegal as Staand conflicts with State laws.
- Advised that at a recent break in at a 7-11 in Anne Arundle County utilized a battery-powered Hurst tool.
- Next meeting is next Wednesday night at Capitol Heights.
- Insurance Update: Insurance 101 class being held online on Wednesday January 24th, 2024, from 7pm to 8:30pm virtually. Hosted by the Hilb Group.

Ladies Auxiliary:

- Feb 15th due date for scholarship applications
- Next meeting is tomorrow at Forestville Co. 23.

Questions from the floor:

- Asked if there were any updates on Capitol Improvements. Chair advised that Facilities Management was supposed to be at the meeting but is not. Items tied up at the office of Central Services. Should be on at the next meeting.
- Asked if there is any position from the Chair or the Fire Commission regarding the changes to the Ambulance Billing process. The Chair advised that the Commission is always open to supporting the volunteers and has not had a chance to meet with the Association President on this. Also asked about some of the spreadsheets he was interested in, the Chair advised that they could discuss tonight after the meeting.
- A question was asked about Ambulance Billing and how it comes out of the County Government funds.
- Reiterated the remarks on the increase of break-ins using fire equipment.

Chaplain providing a closing benediction.

Chairman Bolden adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Minutes were recorded and typed by Commissioner *Kyle Snyder*, Secretary.