

Board of Fire Engineers
Tuesday, August 13, 2013

Present:

Chief Peter Shemeth
Deputy Chief Alex Schaeffer
Richard Kelly
Charlie Smith
Geoff Freeman
Larry Thomas

Meeting started at 4:00p.m.

Read and approved meeting minutes from 5/14 (no meetings in June & July)

OLD BUSINESS

Medical Exams - 5 people have not taken the exams. Chief to speak with them.

Chief said that it had been agreed that the pickup truck needed to be sent off Island to get some transmission work done. Once over there, the mechanics said the front end was messed up. It was approved to do the work by Scott. We tried to cancel when we found out how much it was going to be but it was too late. The Board agreed that we need to put some restrictions up. Anything over \$1,000 needs the Chief's approval. In this case, we spent \$4,200 on a vehicle that is only worth \$6500, which is a waste of our vehicle maintenance budget. Also, it was decided that anything over \$100, we need to get three quotes. There are many web sites that offer discounts rather than paying a premium through companies like Greenwood.

The Carolina Skiff was used a few weeks ago to rescue 13 people. Everything worked out but we had some issues with the engine. The Chief, Alex and Scott talked about a jet drive outboard that would be a better option.

NEW BUSINESS

The OB Fireworks are this Friday. Hopefully the Police/Fire boat will be there and a few of our trucks will go over.

Engine 2 is outside. The door was backed into on Sunday. Overhead Door is coming tomorrow. There is an issue since the doors we have are no longer available. We will have to put one new one in and put an article in to get the rest of the doors replaced. It will probably be about \$2,000 to upgrade to the newer model.

As a result of the radio issue on the 4th of July, we are working on getting antennas on the water tower. Meeting with Doug Bardwell next week.

Charlie Smith talked about a Department T-shirt. A couple of his guys asked about getting T-shirts that are only for members. All agreed this is a good idea. Charlie said he would spear head coming up with a design.

The Police Department will be getting their new cars on Thursday and then we will get one of their older cars to replace the off Island car.

The Chief talked to the Trustees and other Departments regarding the need for a jet ski. Everyone agrees that we do need one to help in rescues down by the opening. When it closes we really will not have a way to rescue people on the south shore.

Alex said that due to the fact that we've had to replace doors so often, we need a policy to help prevent this. He suggested that once people drive out of the building, they put the door down and then press the button to put the door up and then they will know they have 90 seconds to get under the beam. People agreed this would be a good policy.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm