

Board of Fire Engineers  
Tuesday, November 12, 2013

Present:

Chief Peter Shemeth, Deputy Chief Alex Schaffer, Sr. Captain Charlie Smith, Captain Geoff Freeman & Retired Captain Dick Kelly

Also in attendance: Captain Peter Wells, Mike Klimek, Jen O'Hanlon & Kate Conde

Meeting started at 4:03pm

Read & approved meeting minutes from 10/8/13

Reviewed & signed bills

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Chief invited Capt. Wells to the meeting since he is reviewing the **5 year plan** with the Capital Programs Committee.
  - 2015: Air packs (28 total) to be replaced in; some will have replacements for tanks only or tanks & masks. There is a combination of several things to upgrade on all packs. The older ones are being phased out & parts will not be available.
  - 2016: Replace E3
  - 2017: Replace the ambulance (2005)
  - 2018: Nothing planned
  - 2019: Replace E4
- The Chief asked Capt. Wells how he feels about replacing E3 with a pumper....Does he have the man power to operate?
- Capt. Wells states he has more interested young people coming along but has recently had 3 senior members retire. Capt. Wells will retire in 3.5 years. Capt. Wells sees his station as a night time/storm department and the need for equipment on the Chappy side.
- 211 mentioned his concern to replace the pickup truck and the lack of involvement on Chappy has him worried about spending money on a piece that may just sit there. 211 suggest we could have more than just a pickup truck on this side that Chappy personnel could respond with the apparatus from here. 211 commended Capt. Wells on the effort he has put in at his station.

4:34 pm Capt. Geoff Freeman left

4:40 pm Capt. Peter Wells left

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget FY15:
  - FF1 is being set up by WTFD- need to add \$3000 for training.
  - Add \$2600.00 for insurance
- The Chief will work with FinCom to raise payroll for FF
- Capt. Kelly mentions that current building is too small; looking for a long term plan for station.
  - 211 agreed but said the department first needs a clear direction as to where it is going.
- Capt. Smith asked about OverHead Door: Chief said they will be here any day now.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm