

West Shore Bureau of Fire Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2016

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President Dennis McGee called the monthly meeting of the West Shore Bureau of Fire Commission to order at 6:00pm. The following members were present:

Dennis McGee  
Jon Powers  
Dave Beasley  
Joe Deklinski

Also present were:

Todd Shadle, Fire Chief  
Jim Sprecker, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Administrator

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting. Joe Deklinski made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave Beasley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The next item of business was Firefighters and Visitors. No audience member spoke.

The third item of business was the presentation of the financial reports and payment of bills. Jon Powers made a motion to pay the bills and accept the financial report and file same with the accountant. Joe Deklinski seconded the motion.

The next item of business was the Chief's report as follows:

1. The bank information and the PEMA loan paperwork for the new Squad financing has been sent in and this project is moving forward.
2. Chief Shadle reported that the Treasurer has prepared a check from the Capital Fund in the amount of \$115,000.00 for a down payment on the new Squad.
3. The new chief's car was delivered and it is out for lettering/stripping and lights/radios.
4. HB 1683 has been passed and signed by Governor Wolf. This bill authorizes municipalities to offer property tax credits to 1<sup>st</sup> responders. A discussion ensued regarding offering credits to WSBF members who do not live in either borough. Joe Deklinski will seek guidance on this. Joe indicated that the Commission should discuss guidelines at its January meeting to present to the respective borough councils. A summary of this bill is attached and made a part of these minutes.
5. Chief Shadle met with Mike Klinepeter of Pyramid Construction regarding fund raising for the new fire station. Mr. Klinepeter recommends seeking donors for \$150,000 and initiating a capital fund raising campaign for the other \$150,000. The Commission will meet with Mr. Klinepeter to discuss the matter in further detail in January.

The fifth item of business was a discussion on the new building. Joe Deklinski provided Resolution 2016-01 "Reimbursement for Project Costs" and made a motion for the adoption of same. This resolution provides coverage for the Commission to recover costs associated with the construction of the new fire station. We cannot recover costs already incurred. Dave Beasley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 and the resolution was adopted. A copy of Resolution 2016-01 is attached and made a part of these minutes. Joe also indicated that First National Bank is willing to loan \$2.8 million for the new fire station with a municipal guarantee of \$2.5 million with the Commission being responsible for the extra. In January Joe will have the final paperwork that the boroughs need to guarantee the loan. Both boroughs will need to approve the resolutions at a joint public hearing and must provide three (3) years of audited financial statements.

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The final item of business was Commission member comments. Joe Deklinski thanked the fire company for attending the tree lighting and for taking Santa around town to various events. Joe also inquired about the status of Lemoyne's Automatic Fire Alarm Ordinance. Dave Beasley indicated that the Solicitor was reviewing it and he anticipated adoption in January. Dave will forward a copy to Joe. Dave Beasley indicated that West Shore Regional Police Department Officers Conroy and Winston, as well as Officer Conroy's wife, have sought donations to help a local family in need and requested an engine to bring Santa to the family's home to present the gifts. Members agreed to provide an engine for this event

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully submitted:



Jon Powers  
Secretary/Treasurer