

West Shore Bureau of Fire Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016

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 October 10, 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 motion passed 4-0. Jon Powers also presented a 2017 budget and made a motion to adopt the budget as presented (this budget reflected no increase over the 2016 budget). Joe Deklinski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. A copy of the 2017 budget is attached and made a part of these minutes. Chief Shadle indicated that he would like to increase the apparatus contributions by \$2000.00 in 2018 and then again every two years so as to lessen the request for more funding in 2026 when the next purchase is anticipated. This strategy will spread the increase out over time. Joe Deklinski agreed and indicated the he would present the proposal to the Wormleysburg Borough Manager.

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

1. Recently the House and Senate passed a bill that would authorize local municipalities to offer up to 20% off of taxes to volunteer emergency responders. The Governor is anticipated to sign it into law and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner has been tasked with drawing up guidelines. Chief Shadle encourages Lemoyne and Wormleysburg to adopt a tax break for the fire company personnel. Dennis McGee stated that he would research it for Lemoyne and Joe Deklinski stated that Wormleysburg would discuss it in December. Both Boroughs agreed to coordinate their policies.
2. The federal grant is ready for submission. We are requesting a Micro Grant in the amount of \$25,000-\$28,000 to purchase gear washer/extractors and new gear racks.
3. Chief Shadle met with Stacy Gromlich and Mike Klinepeter. They are testing the waters for a renewed capital fund drive. Chief Shadle awaits their input.
4. Chief Shadle presented a proposal to fund the new apparatus purchase of a 2017 Pierce rescue pumper. The total acquisition cost, less discounts, is \$720,266.00. Through a combination of a PEMA loan of \$200,000.00 and conventional loan of \$405,266.00 with a net interest rate of 2.80% the annual payment will be \$70,054.58. Joe Deklinski made a motion to purchase the 2017 Pierce pumper and authorize Volunteer's Financial Services (VFS) to arrange the financing. Dave Beasley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0. A copy of the proposal is attached and made a part of these minutes.

The fifth item of business was a discussion on the new building. Members agreed that we should get financing at the offered interest rates before they go up. Joe Deklinski made a motion to authorize counsel to initiate the financing process with First National Bank. Dave Beasley seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

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The final item of business was Commission member comments. Joe Deklinski indicated that Wormleysburg has approved their preliminary budget, he anticipates the final adoption of the budget, with Fire Company related funding, to be at their December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm

Respectfully submitted:



Jon Powers
Secretary/Treasurer