

West Shore Bureau of Fire Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018

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

Dennis McGee, Warren Stumpf, Jon Powers, Joe Deklinski

Dan Green was not present.

Tim Mulhollan, Fire Chief & Jim Sprecker, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Administrator were also present.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the May 14, 2018 meeting. Joe Deklinski made a motion to approve the minutes. Warren Stumpf seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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

The third item of business was the presentation of the financial reports and payment of bills. Jon Powers read the May financial report and made a motion to accept the report and file it with the accountant. Joe Deklinski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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

1. The new fire house is running behind schedule. The contractor working on the outside Dry-Vit finish system has been behind schedule for several months and Pyramid has been doing everything possible to get them moving. Including withholding payment to their parent company and meeting with the owners. This seems to finally been resolved and is now moving forward fairly rapidly. Another delay is because the concrete contractor made a mistake while pouring the center section of the apparatus ramp in front of the fire house and it was determined it needed to be removed and redone. The contractor has accepted full responsibility and will be paying 100% for the replacement. This is scheduled to be poured this week. Because of the delays, the expected building dedication and new Squad housing will be postponed to a later date, possibly towards the end of July. Chief Mulhollan indicated that he hopes to be operational in the new station on or around July 4, 2018.
2. The apparatus bay overhead garage door was damaged at the Wormleysburg station. The door apparently malfunctioned and began to close while one of our engines was backing in to the station. The garage door company feels it may have been a malfunctioning transmitter and it was replaced. We have received a cost to repair the door for approximately \$2635. The door is currently functioning and I think a 2nd quote is necessary before we make any decisions. Can I move forward with an additional Quote? (Commissioner Shadle was instructed to get a second quote).
3. The new Squad sustained damage to the driver's side rear of the vehicle. This was an accident that occurred while the vehicle was backing up from a dispatched incident, prior to responding to a 2nd fire call. The estimate to repair this vehicle is around \$4500 total. This incident will be a claim to our insurance carrier. They were contacted and have approved the quote. We will have a deductible cost of \$500. Due to this accident new policies have been put into place by the Fire Chief to hopefully eliminate an accident like this occurring in the future. (Chief Mulhollan elaborated that he now requires a back-up person to guide the driver when moving apparatus in a reverse direction).
4. Commission Shadle is currently watching our budget with the new building soft costs, but most importantly the general operating budget mainly due to the repairs of the old Squad and maintenance of our vehicles in general. We continue to operate under budget, but this will be monitored very closely for the remainder of the year.

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The fifth item of business was a discussion on the new building. Brad Swidler, Realtor, attended the meeting and reported that the buyer for the 326 Herman Avenue Property and Grace United Methodist Church are working out the terms of a prescriptive easement that would allow the buyer to use the church property for access to the rear of 326 Herman Avenue. Brad is in contact with both parties and is guiding them to consensus. The property remains on the market however Brad feels that the buyer is motivated and that the sale will occur.

The next item of business was Commission member comments. Joe Deklinski met with Mike Serluco who indicated that he will provide a donation for the new station. Joe also confirmed that the bay door at the Wormleysburg station has been fixed from the opener malfunction described above.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Jon Powers
Secretary/Treasurer