QUINCY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



Board of Commissioners Minutes of Special Meeting October 21, 2019 505 Lawrence Street Conference Room

- I. Chairman Taborski called the meeting to order at 7:30 am., with Vice Chairman Leonhardt, Treasure Andrew Ryback, Chief Cassou, District Secretary White present.
- II. Public Comment-None
- III. Chairman Taborski, made a motion to approve the September 12, 2019 meeting minutes, Treasure Andrew Ryback second the motion, motion passed.
- IV. Financial Reports Treasure Andrew Ryback
 - a. September Financials reviewed and approved.
 - b. Claims we reviewed and signed.
- V. Fire Chief Report (Chief Cassou)
 - a. Ladder Truck 8161 is still out of service (over 3 months) due to an accident that happened at Burtons fire while replacing the water waste seals, and hydraulic hoses, due to the incident.
 - **b.** Chief Cassou is having a third party to inspect this Friday November 1, 2019 in considering the ongoing liability issues that need to resolve.
 - **c.** Chief Cassou brought to the board's attention the cost of the repairs has increased to \$16,000.00 and up due to the ongoing investigation what caused the failure to occur and repairs.
 - **d.** Chief Cassou has concerns that due to the age of 8161 passing and has been researching the price to replace as on option.
 - e. Chief Cassou and the Board members discussed the liability concerns on the Ladder Truck incident, Chief Cassou instructed the board that after the third party investigates, he will follow up on.

VI. Other Business

a. Discussion of hiring and possible actions of Fire Prevention Officer

Chairman Taborski opened the floor to the discussion of authorizing a Fire Prevention officer to handle the annual compliance inspections of Hotels, Duplexes, Public and Private Schools that is mandated by SB1205.

Chief Cassou handed the board of commissioners the Request to hire a part-time Fire Prevention Officer proposal for the board to review, after ensuing a lengthy discussion.

Chairman Taborski, questioned if the Fire Chief Association could put together a long-term program to resolve this issue county wide. Chief Cassou will follow-up at next Fire Chiefs Association meeting.

Chief Cassou projected the funding necessary to complete the project to be capped at \$20,000 fiscal yr. 2019-20 to include the workman's comp and liability insurance.

Steve Fowler to be compensated at \$50.00 an hr. for inspection related services with and additional \$25.00 and hr. for travel time.

Treasure Ryback made a motion to hire Steve Fowler, to waive health insurance, compensation to be capped at \$20,000.00 to include workman's compensation and liability insurance. Vice Chairman Leonhardt second the motion, motion passed.

b. Long Term Building Plans and discussions and possible actions.

Chief Cassou received a quote from Lazzarino Construction to do the backstairs, wooden deck and concrete at \$72,000.00, 32,00000 of which is the backstairs the quote given was for a wooden staircase.

After reviewing the plans with Board Members, Chief Cassou noted to meet code requirements the staircase would have to be metal.

Chief Cassou is questioning the price as it will go up for steel vs. a wooden one. Chief Cassou noted that the rest is for Wilcox construction to do the wooden deck on top that would cover the top, Bertocchi Masonry to do the concrete work underneath.

Chief Cassou informed the board that Lazzarino Construction is the only bid we received to do the staircase in metal, with Wilcox Construction being the general contractor, he is looking into prefab kits for the stairs to reduce the high cost and the possibility of other bids on the staircase.

Chairman Taborski and Vice Chairman Leonhardt, recognizes the District does not have enough data for the cost and need to put on hold the staircase and search out other bids in other areas due to the high quote received from Lazzarino Construction.

VIII. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Taborski at 8:00 a.m.

Submitted:

Vice Chairman Chuck Leonhardt

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