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Fire District # 1
Marlboro Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District # 1, Marlboro Township, was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairman MacDonald at 8 PM as per the Open Public Meeting Act, all rose to salute the flag.

ROLL CALL: John Borden : Present
 Douglas Tilton : Present
 Paul Elkin : Present
 Charles VanCuren : Present
 Michael MacDonald : Present

Chairman MacDonald suspended the normal order of business to have Dick Cottrell of WCPS talk to the Commissioners about the changes that will take place with the radios.

- Narrow banding will be the law and unavoidable effective 1/1/2013.
- There will be a \$10,000 fine per unit that is on the air.
- Transmitting on anything other than narrow banding will be against the law.
- Transmitting not receiving.
- Radios purchased from 1998 on will be okay.
- We need a new FCC license (\$300 per call sign) reflecting narrow banding and then we must reprogram everything. We have two different call signs and two different frequencies.
- We need to do an inventory to see if what we have is capable of narrow banding.
- We must pick a target date to have this done and it must be completed in one day.
- We do not have to go digital.
- Coverage will not go quite as far as it does currently.
- Marlboro Police switched over to UHF last year.
- The County will be switching to narrow band and it will be coordinated with us.
- The County has purchased a \$23 million digital UHF digital radio system.
- The County is in the beginning stages and sites have been chosen.
- Some departments are buying multi-band radios which can do both digital and UHF in the future. They are not being put in all the rigs, they are very expensive, and with the discount they are still \$7,400.
- The system is ordered and being manufactured and will probably be installed in March.
- We will probably do the Sheriff's Office first.
- Tinton Falls budgeted approximately \$3,000.
- The license takes a few months to do and it is coordinated through A.C.P.O.
- If we could coordinate it with Robertsville we will be way ahead of the game.

Commissioner Borden made a motion (75) to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Tilton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
Douglas Tilton : Yes
Paul Elkin : Yes
Charles VanCuren : Yes
Michael MacDonald : Yes

Correspondence: Correspondence was handled during new business.

Legal Report: Mr. Brodsky indicated there was nothing to report it has been a quite month.
quiet.

Audit Report: Ron Petrics gave his report.

- Budget forms are posted on the DCA website.
- At the end of this meeting or our meeting next month transfers must be made.

Chief's Report: Chief Chaplinski gave the Chief's report.

- On October 20, 2011 there was an accident involving 1-75 and 1-90.
- Spent three hours with Fire Apparatus regarding the Arial and also spent two hours with First Priority. Chief was satisfied with what they had to say. First Priority agrees that there were problems with it and the PPG Salesman, Scott Pierson came out and feels it is a detailing issue. On a positive note it does not have to be painted again and he has the people to detail it.
- Fire extinguishers were inspected
- Need batteries for this week for the Scott Packs
- The Scott Packs will cost \$44 per to check.
- Bottles need to be replaced after the 15th year. There are a handful that are from 1997 which would bring us to next year.
- Training for the Fire Company needs to be revamped. Working on pricing and topics and will have something by the year end.
- Physicals are scheduled for next month.

.Commissioner Reports:

VanCuren:

- Money Market - \$355,134.84
- Checking Account - \$38,507.03
- All our radios except one meet the requirement for the radios and Commissioner VanCuren will have the ballpark numbers by the budget meeting.

Tilton: Nothing to report.

Borden:

- Adjusters were here to look at both trucks and the checks were received today.
- First Priority is aware and we are waiting for them to have the space
- The Pumper goes to be fixed first.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business:

MacDonald:

- We are going to be ordering new checks for our Operating and Transfer Account.

VanCuren:

- 10 pagers price is \$5,232 that is the State Contract at a 20% discount.

Commissioner VanCuren made a motion (76) to purchase 10 pagers for \$5,232, seconded by Commissioner Tilton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
 Douglas Tilton : Yes
 Paul Elkin : Yes
 Charles VanCuren : Yes
 Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner Borden made a motion (77) to have flow tests done on the Scott Packs at \$44 each, seconded by Commissioner VanCuren.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
 Douglas Tilton : Yes
 Paul Elkin : Yes
 Charles VanCuren : Yes
 Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner Borden made a motion (78) to move \$500 from the Travel budget line item to the Advertising line item, seconded by Commissioner VanCuren.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
 Douglas Tilton : Yes
 Paul Elkin : Yes
 Charles VanCuren : Yes
 Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner Tilton made a motion (79) to purchase a portable heater for the office up to a maximum of \$200 seconded by Commissioner Borden.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
Douglas Tilton : Yes
Paul Elkin : Yes
Charles VanCuren : Yes
Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner VanCuren made a motion (80) to adjourn pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Elkin.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
Douglas Tilton : Yes
Paul Elkin : Yes
Charles VanCuren : Yes
Michael MacDonald : Yes

Commissioner VanCuren made a motion (81) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00, seconded by Commissioner Elkin.

ROLL CALL VOTE: John Borden : Yes
Douglas Tilton : Yes
Paul Elkin : Yes
Charles VanCuren : Yes
Michael MacDonald : Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah A. Kruer
Clerk