



Fire and Emergency Management Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2013



Attendance: F. Bell, M. Mc Carthy, S. Siegel
R. Potter, K. Decker, G. Belcher, R. Ritchie, Chief Rhoades, Chief Cicalese,
FI Reilly, R. Waizenegger

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01pm by Chairman Siegel

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Report:

1. **PJFD & Company By laws** - Working on those now that parade has passed.
2. **Membership Category committee** - Working on those in conjunction with By Laws.

Fire Department:

Old business:

1. **EVR assessment** - Phase 1 is complete and report was issued. The Chiefs will review the report and get back to us with their recommendations. It may take some times since they want to the review properly and concisely.
2. **Box Alarms Plan** - Still awaiting them to be typed up, by Jim Rohner, so that the plan can be reviewed and possibly revised.

New business

1. **Entry Ramp at Hooks** – There is a need to replace the sinking ramp at Hooks to accommodate the new and heavier Ladder Truck when it arrives. The Chief presented a proposal with an estimated cost of \$9,550.00, per side. After a discussion, it was decided that we request a proposal from Vince Lopez, at the DPW meeting, with the city doing some of the work. (Note: On 7/16/13, V Lopez forwarded a proposal of \$4,800.00 per side).

Other comments:

None

Truck Maintenance Report:

Old business:

1. **Truck 7:** Is out of service awaiting a diverter part. Receipt is expected to take 5 days or so.
2. **Engine 1** was back in service, before the parade, from compressor replacement

New business:

None

Other comments:

1. Kelly Decker reported that Jim Roach indicated that he would write a Firefighter Assistances Grant for us. There was some discussion and Kelly will speak to Mr. Roach again.

Emergency Management Report:

Old business:

1. Performed river monitoring during both rain events, June 28 & 29 and July 2 & 3. Eagle River (Rio Dam) kept him informed of their situation during both storms.
2. He attended a mock drill in his office with O&R on June 19th. All went well.
3. He attended an informal session on their response procedures for municipalities on July 11th, with O&R President John McAvoy.

New business:

1. On August 1st at 7:00pm, O&R will be putting on an "Emergency Response" presentation for all Emergency Responders of our area, at the Matamoras Fire Hall.

Other comments:

Fire Inspectors Report:

Old Business:

1. **Bon Secours Hospital Evacuation Plan:** Mike received a 2nd and 3rd draft. It is about 75% ready.
2. **Hillside Terrace:** Their June meeting was cancelled. They discussed several locations and all were troublesome. Working on possible multiple locations, a map and "buddies" for those with limited mobility.

3. **Saint Joseph's Sprinkler system:** Complete and in service. Working on a short "punch list".
4. **Taste of Sicily:** Now at 50 Front St. They still have no permits and are waiting plans.
5. **Mad Dog Liquor:** They are hoping to submit plans by the end of this week.
6. **Burger King:** They had alarm problems which are resolved now.
7. **Mi Casita:** They had problems with ADT, resolved now, and they are able to open.
8. **Rite Aid project:** Mike has been in contact with Engineer Tim O'Brien and will review before Planning Board Meeting.
9. **Fire Lane behind Front street:** New barriers, and signage installed. Seems to working out fine.

New Business:

1. **9-1-1 boxes:** Orange 911 has been busy, boxes will be tested this week.
2. **Cell Phone replacements:** The F&EM personnel have Sprint service which is problematic, since a local cell tower went down and it appears that it will not be replaced. They are looking to change to Verizon, with Smartphone capability, which has more reliable service. The Verizon deal is \$50.00 for 400 minutes and unlimited text and data. There is a concern over the fact that a new contract has recently been signed with Sprint. Mrs. Waizenegger will look into the possibility of getting out of the Sprint contract due to service problems.

Other comments:

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment: 6:37pm

** Next Meeting: August 19, 2013 **