

BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
January 29, 2013
BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP HALL

PRESENT: Booth, Mitchell, Palmer, Mundt, Avery, Fire Chief Kelly Smith, 8 firefighters

Meeting called to order 6:10 p.m.

Primary reason for meeting – A firefighter with no driver's license reported to a fire with lights and siren. Policy states if no driver's license, no lights and sirens can be used. Our liability begins the minute a firefighter is toned out. The firefighter followed policy by reporting the loss of his driver's license, but the Fire Chief didn't follow thru with his responsibilities by advising him neither he nor an alternate driver could use the lights and siren. Board members questioned the Chief about when the policy was last reviewed during a training session. Chief's recommendation is to put an additional line in the policy to say any policy violations should be reported by the Chief to the Board. Info should be put in firefighter's personnel file to indicate he doesn't have a driver's license.

Palmer/Avery – To write a letter of reprimand to Chief RE: knowingly allowing a Fire Fighter to violate Luzerne Volunteer Fire Dept. policies. Letter to be written by Avery. All ayes.

Discussion regarding annual record check as provided in policy. Sheriff's Dept. only runs driving records for Fire Dept. upon hire of new employee. Booth will contact the Sheriff regarding this. No other firefighters have reported any driving/license violations in the past year.

Re: Budget request for new tanker. The new truck will be ready to roll except for removing some existing equipment, adding a dump gate (to be contracted), and moving tool boxes from old truck. Old truck belongs to DNR and must be returned, tank owned by Twp. Lights and siren need to be replaced. Bids will be taken on cost to add the dump gate and for new lights and siren. Parts (tires, batteries, etc.) will be scavenged from the old truck before turning it in.

Title III money - Fire dept. needs a new well as output from old well is less than 3 gal. Per minute, and cost will be approx. \$38,000. The new well would provide water into the building as well as an outdoor hydrant to fill trucks both in and out of the hall. Title III grant will be applied for which cover entire will cost of a new well.

Firefighter I & II training – Smarr, Schuller, Casterline, Stadelmeyer, and Barker. Cost will be \$1000 to \$1200 each. Will also request all new applicants to fire dept. attend the Board meeting when their application is being considered.

An engineer will be inspecting the Fire Hall for structural integrity and will make recommendations for repairs/improvements. His proposals should be available for February meeting.

Mileage on the ATV charges – should be 26 miles per trip.

SCBA – can be recertified. Repairable equipment can be updated for \$500-600 ea. Chief will get bids and let us know for the Feb. meeting what expected costs will be so budgeted amounts can be updated.

Meeting adjourned 7:32 p.m.

Rhonda Mundt, Clerk