

**JOINT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019 – 6:00 PM**  
**Bertschinger Center – Hwy 42 Egg Harbor**

**1. Call meeting to order.**

Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Bill Edwards, Ulla Walser, William Miller, Rick Malkemus, Chief Steve Schopf, Paula Cashin and Lynn Ohnesorge. Clarence Scherer and Deborah Wiegand were absent. Also in attendance was Dan Kiehnau.

**2. Adopt agenda.**

Malkemus moved to adopt the agenda, second by Miller, motion carried.

**3. Open session – Ten minutes.**

**4. Review and approve minutes of January 17, 2019 meeting.**

Miller moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting with corrections, second by Walser, motion carried.

**5. Fire Chief / First Responder report.**

- 3 Fire calls for January
  - ✓ An ice rescue for a dog. The dog was saved.
  - ✓ A mutual aid call for a house fire in Gibraltar.
  - ✓ A false alarm on East Shore Dr.
- 8 First Responder calls for January
- The Fire Association fund raiser has come to an end.
- The officers voted to purchase a command vehicle. This will speed up the response time. It will have lights, siren, fire extinguisher, defibrillator and first aid kit. The cost would be around \$45,000 - \$50,000. The Fire Association would pay for this.
- Ladder 21 froze up and broke a valve with the subzero weather. It is fixed. Cost was around \$30.
- In subzero weather tender 5 and 7 will go out first because they have a bigger heater. They will also try to release trucks sooner.
- A group is working on having an Easter egg hunt in the Harbor View Park in the Village of Egg Harbor.
- The department is half way through taking a wild fire class.
- The department is moving forward with taking a confined space class.
- Doctor George Gorchynsky came to a first responders meeting. He is the EMS protocol doctor and the EMS licenses fall under his direction. The doctor didn't realize they don't care epi pens. The doctor said they should be carrying these. The reasons they don't carry them is the expensive cost and they expire quickly. The doctor will look at the possibility of a vial of epi at a cost of \$5.00/vial. A gel air way is a new item, which closes off the esophagus when doing an air way.

**6. Department WEB Site development.**

**7. Fire Commission meeting schedule.**

- The Fire Commission normally meets ever third Thursday of the month.
- Should the date of the Fire Commission meeting be movable or a set date?
- With a set date people can plan for it.
- Having it in the evening more people can attend.
- Consensus of the Fire Commission members is to keep it on the third Thursday of every month in the evening.

**8. Approval of bills for month.**

- The total of the bills for the month is \$9,980.88.
- Chief Schopf hasn't received a price for the six tires needed for #21.
- The other fire departments are reimbursing the Egg Harbor fire department for the confined space class.

Malkemus moved to approve the bills for the month, second by Walser, motion carried.

**9. Set time, location and agenda items for next meeting.**

The next meeting is March 21, 2019 at Bertschinger center at 6:00 p.m.

- William Miller will be absent for the March meeting.
- Clarence Scherer will be absent for March meeting.

**10. Adjourn**

Walser moved to adjourn, second by Malkemus, motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lynn Ohnesorge  
Village of Egg Harbor  
Clerk-Treasurer*