

JOINT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Bertschinger Center – Hwy 42 Egg Harbor

1. Call meeting to order.

Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance are Bill Edwards, Ulla Walser, Rick Malkemus, Clarence Scherer, Deborah Wiegand, William Miller, Chief Steve Schopf, John Heller and Lynn Ohnesorge. Also in attendance are Dan Kiehnau, Andy Staats and Ashley Bitorf.

2. Adopt agenda.

Scherer moved to approve the agenda, second by Miller, motion carried.

3. Open session – Ten minutes.

- The Shipwrecked fire pushed this year's budget close to if not over the budget in wages
- We don't have to reimburse any fire department that came to help with the Shipwrecked fire because of MABAS.
- Malkemus wanted to thank first responders for helping his mother.

4. Review and approve minutes of August 16, 2017 meeting.

Miller moved to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2017, second by Wiegand, motion carried.

5. Fire Chief / First Responder report.

- 14 Fire calls for August
 - ✓ Smoke detector on Bluff Ledge Road was a false alarm
 - ✓ False alarm on Monument Bluff Pass 2 different times
 - ✓ Vehicle accident on Bayshore Drive
 - ✓ False alarm on Eastshore Drive
 - ✓ Vehicle accident on Hwy. 42
 - ✓ County Road E dispatched and cancelled en route
 - ✓ Hillside Road dispatched and cancelled en route 2 different times
 - ✓ Shipwrecked fire at 7791 Hwy. 42

Shipwreck Fire

8/20/2017

Paged at 11:07 first fire fighter on scene 11:10 first engine on scene 11:13 cleared at 18:51

Called back 20:59 on scene at 21:01 cleared at 01:41

We had the Highway and county G closed to all traffic. I request WPS to shut down the power to the building and the power transmission lines running down both sides of the building.

We started with an interior attack and had up to 3 teams inside and had the major part of the fire knocked down and were trying to get to the fire in the walls and crawl spaces when we were informed that the floor was beginning to get spongy. I ordered all personnel to evacuate the building, they had to leave 2 hose lines behind as they caught in the building and it was taking too much time to try and get them loose. We proceeded to an exterior attack repositioning our ladder truck to better use the ladder. We used 35 gallons of foam @ \$700.00 and an estimated 300,000 gallons of water. Water was supplied to scene by (2) 5" LDH lines and a water shuttle.

We had 21 Egg Harbor personnel on the call for a total of 321.22 hrs. @ 21.5 = \$6,906.23 we also had an additional 513.75 hrs. @ 21.50 = \$11,045.63 of cleanup restocking trucks after the fire. There were a total of approximately 90 fire fighters on scene plus about 20 more back filling stations. Approximately 80 fire fighters were treated in Rehab, 10 fire fighters were transported to Door County Medical Center.

MABAS card 3-1-2 was opened while in en route to 1st box level and then up graded to the 2nd box as reports came in from personnel on scene. After all our personnel and apparatus were on scene the card was upgraded to 3rd box. Shortly after this I asked Sturgeon Bay Fire chief Dietman to start back filling stations in Door County. He upgraded the card to box 4 and 5 for personnel and equipment. In total we had 9 departments from Door County and department from Kewanee and Brown County.

For the call back Egg Harbor and Sister Bay responded for the aerial ladder trucks.

Rehab was established soon into the fire and set up in the Park. Approximately 35 EMR personnel were on scene with I believe 10 ambulances. Egg Harbor businesses where supplying food and drink for the fire fighters

Equipment lost or destroyed at the fire include: 1 pager, 1 radio, 2 nozzles, 4 lengths of 1 ¾" hose and 1 SCBA face piece. Put a claim into insurance company for the loss in the amount of \$4,539.00.

- ✓ Carbon monoxide on West Cortland Circle was a false alarm
 - ✓ False alarm on Hwy. 42
 - ✓ Vehicle accident on Bayshore Drive
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- 23 First Responder calls for August
 - The Fire Association donations have slowed down.
 - Chief Schopf ordered a jaws unit that we received a grant for.
 - Chief Schopf hasn't heard anything on the DNR grant.
 - The hose and pump testing has been completed.
 - Chief Schopf would like to advertise engine #5 for sale. It is being used as a backup. This truck needs to be gone before the new truck comes. There is no place to store both trucks. Can't lock up trucks. Chief Schopf would like this item put on next month's agenda.
 - Chief Schopf has an offer to buy the tender truck from the Washington Island fire department.
 - Hose testing was done by the same company as last year. The hoses were really wet on the trucks after the test. The firemen pulled the hoses off the trucks to dry them out. This cost them \$1000 extra in wages to do this.

- The company reported that 9 hoses failed, but only 2 hoses were pulled to the side with tags. The same hose number is on 3 or 4 times with different results and it is a brand new hose.
- Chief Schopf came to the conclusion that he can't trust the hose test. They will need to retest the hoses.
- It looks like the company used last year's report and just copied it to this years report. The bill for the hose test was a bit over \$4000. Schopf is not paying the bill.
- Chief Chris Heicht said hose testing wasn't up to past years testing. The hose testing company forgot some departments and only tested half of Baileys Harbor hoses and then took all their nozzles with them.
- Chief Schopf stated that they may go back to doing hose testing in house.
- From a liability stand point the hoses will need to be retested.
- Water Ways, the hose testing company is certified and are based in Illinois.
- None of the hoses have the same numbers.
- The Fire Department took part in the island party and the sunshine house corn festival.

6. Replacement truck progress.

- The blueprints for the new fire truck have been signed with some changes made and they have been sent back to the company.
- There is an issue with the paint color and they are working on resolving it.

7. Department Web Site development.

- Chief Schopf is waiting for a call back from the company that the Village uses to build it's website for a quote.
- Chief Schopf has a quote from company the town uses to build it's website.

8. Approval of proposed 2018 Department budget.

- The labor costs for next year's budget will be the same as last years.
- This year's budget will be close to last years.
- There is reserve money for one bad fire.
- Maintenance equipment will be increasing by \$2600 for doing a complete radio reprogramming at \$50/radio or pager
- Insurance is the same amount as last year.
- Reduced office expense by \$500 since they will no longer be printing the SOG. They will switch to having them on a website.
- Moved the \$500 from office expense to IT for the new website.
- The total increase for public safety is \$2600.
- The capital expenses will be decreased by \$100.
- The 2018 budget is increased \$2500 from last year.
- The 2018 budget was approved by the officers at the last meeting.
- The county is doing the reprogramming of the radios.

Wiegand made a motion to approve the 2018 budget, second by Malkemus, motion carried.

9. Approval of bills for month.

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

10. Set time, location and agenda items for next meeting.

The next meeting is on October 19, 2017 in Carlsville at 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

Edwards moved to adjourn, second by Miller, motion carried.

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