

Egg Harbor Joint Fire Commission Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022- 6:00 PM
Bertschinger Center
7860 State Hwy. 42, Egg Harbor

James Petersen, President
Pat Gilday, Commissioner
Mack Bonk, Commissioner

Jeremy Schopf, Vice President
Clarence Scherer, Secretary
Bill Edwards, Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Schopf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Jeremy Schopf, Clarence Scherer, Pat Gilday, Mack Bonk, and Bill Edwards

Commissioners absent: Jim Petersen

Staff present: Dale Wiegand, Jason Staats, Justin MacDonald, and Lynn Ohnesorge

Municipal representatives present: Steve Schopf and John Heller

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Review and Approve Minutes from January 20, 2022.

Bonk moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2022, second by Gilday, motion carried.

5. Open Session- 10 minutes

- **Bonk:** Asked about a news report that he saw that mentioned a carcinogen in some firefighting foams that can get into fire gear, and it doesn't come out. Do you use this kind of foam?
- **Wiegand:** We don't use the foam with that chemical. Our foam is issued by the DNR, so it is safe.
- **Scherer:** Has truck #5 been in for repairs.
- **Staats:** He will talk about truck #5 repairs in his report.
- **Scherer:** Is the Fire Association planning to donate any more money to the Egg Harbor Fire Department? What are they going to do with the \$50,000 they have?
- **Staats:** They are looking at getting new EMR bags and they will be asking the Fire Association for money to purchase the bags. The Fire Association should have about \$48,000 left after they gave half for the DNR grant for the turn out gear and bought 5 gas detectors. They are also looking at getting new thermal imaging cameras. The cameras the department currently has are at least ten years old. The technology has improved, and the price has come down. Two to three thermal imaging cameras would cost around \$20,000. They would ask the Fire Association for the money to purchase the cameras.
- **Scherer:** Do all the EMR's carry Defibrillators?
- **Staats:** Yes, they all have defibrillators. The department has extra defibrillators. It is an issue getting batteries for the defibrillators. The Door County Fire Chiefs Association received a grant for \$75,000. There are also matching grants. The Egg Harbor Fire Department has enough defibrillators. The grant money is going to fire, EMS, law enforcement and then places of congregation.
- **Gilday:** Do all the EMR's have defibrillators in their private cars.
- **Staats:** Yes.
- **Bonk:** Did you figure out the issues with the radios?

- **Staats:** We have some David Clark Radio systems in some trucks that have some issues. Red Diesel gave him a place in the fox valley to get them fixed. When they get all the trucks home they will try and get the company to come up here to fix the radios in the trucks. The portable radios have been pretty good. The County is switching the whole county wide radio system in 2028. This date keeps getting moved up. The County will require all new radios at that time, so the department is only getting radios as they need them until the County switch.
- **Schopf:** When the County upgrades the county wide system there will there be a hefty cost to the department to replace all the radios. We will need to start thinking about this for the future.
- **Staats:** Don't know the cost yet. None of the county radios will work with the new county system. You will need to replace all the truck mounted radios plus your portable radios.
- **Edwards:** Why are the radios so garbled. Cell phones are crystal clear.
- **Staats:** Part of the problem is operator error. The bluff is an issue.
- **Steve Schopf:** We are surrounded by water and the land across the bay is too close and the radio wave interfere. When you figure the distance with the water it is ok but when you take the water out then we are too close.

6. Review of Bills from January, 2022.

- Schopf asked if there are any bills to share with the commission?
- **Staats:** There were bills for Cellcom and batteries.
- **Heller:** The Village Trustees discussed this issue, and they would like to see a summary of the monthly bills.
- **Wiegand:** Pam can E-mail a summary of the bills to Lynn to include in each monthly meeting.

7. Fire Chief Report

- There were 5 fire calls,
 - 1 was a MABAS call to Jacksonport but was cancelled enroute
 - 2 accident calls, 1 was two vehicles on monument road the other accident was a snowmobile accident. The night before this accident they had a meeting and did snowmobile tabletop scenarios.
 - 1 fire alarm at Meadow Ridge that was a furnace that burned up.
 - 1 call to assist EMS with forceable entrance.
- They added one new member Caitlin and Matt Bader rejoined the department. This brings the number of active fire fighters up to 24.
- Caitlin along with his son Jasper will be starting entry level fire fighter class in Baileys Harbor on Tuesday. After this class Caitlin who is 18 years old will be able to do all firefighting operations and Jasper who is 16 years old will be restricted to fire ground and not be able to access any burning buildings.
- **Bonk:** Does someone from NWTC come to Baileys Harbor to train the class?
- **Staats:** Yes.
- There is talk of an entry-level driver operator class in April.
- He will need to order turnout gear for Caitlin. They are checking to see if Baileys Harbor has a set of turn-out gear to borrow for Caitlin for class.
- **Bonk:** Do you believe in using out-of-date gear for training?
- **Staats:** They do keep some to do this.
- Steve Schopf: They can't have torn gear since for the class they will need to go into a burn tower.
- **Staats:** The new turn-out gear that was ordered for everyone should arrive by next week.
- Engine #6 went to Red Power Diesel in December for repair and \$5,600 was paid in last year's budget. Engine #6 came back and the items that were fixed were the majority of the things wrong, but this truck is due to get replaced in 2024. The radiator was pulled and repaired. The

truck has a lot of rust on it. He met with Red Power diesel to get specs on a truck to replace engine #6. If you ordered the truck today it would be 3 years before you would get a truck. This is across the board with all manufacturers. He is in the process of moving ahead and getting the specs and a quote to bring to the Joint Board meeting. He is looking at a custom build chassis. The cab would be a bit longer. It would be a side-mounted 2,000 gallon/minute pump. With a cat force suspension. No generator. Everything is LED so you don't need a generator. All of the portable lights are battery powered so they don't have the big cord reels to pull. No generator is a \$16,000 savings. There would be a power inverter on the truck to run the shoreline and a bank for radios. They come with built-in USB's. Most of the chargers are USBs. He wanted a hose reel because they run an air chisel for extrication. The suppressed air form system can support the air chisel. He received the specs back yesterday without a price to look over at the officer's meeting. Once we get something built, we can put it out for bids and go from there. We have to get the ball moving. We have pushed the replacement of engine #6 back already. He would like to go to the Joint Board meeting with a rough estimate to let them know this is coming up and we need to add this in future budgets. They are specing the new truck to be hot dipped galvanized rails as opposed to powder coated rails.

- Ladder truck #21 went down to Red Power Diesel for a few minor repairs that turned out to be more significant things. They had to pull the radiator and repair it which was about \$2,100. The rams were adjusted and replaced 4 cartridges because the ladder was lifting crooked. The cartridges were \$250 each. Rust inhibitor was sprayed on it since this truck needs to be here for a while yet before it is replaced. Starting this year Red Power Diesel will be able to spray the rust inhibitor in house. We are starting to get rust on the undercarriage of the truck, so the rust inhibitor is needed. The check valve between the calf system and the discharge needed to be replaced at \$1,600. He is anticipating about \$12,000 in repairs on ladder truck #21.
- Last year they bought a deluge to mount on the front bumper of tender #5. They are getting it installed now. All the parts were in so when ladder truck #21 came back tender #5 went down to Red Power Diesel. He received an E-mail from Red Power Diesel that they took the parts for tender #5 and used them on another fire department's truck to get it back into service. Now our new parts won't be here until the end of the month. Staats called Dave the owner of Red Power Diesel and asked him what makes the other fire department's truck better than our truck because ours is out of service too. Dave wasn't aware of this. Dave asked if we wanted to leave the truck with Red Power Diesel or did we want to come and get it? Staats stated if that is the case he would like it delivered yet today and Red Power Diesel pays for fuel and delivers it. Then Red Power Diesel found another dealer had the parts and they would pick up the parts and have it done by the weekend. Staats stated it would have been about \$300 in labor and \$600 in fuel to pick up tender #5 and that wasn't coming out of our pockets.
- The County is changing the apparatus number to 3 digits for all the vehicles. The reason this is being done is because of MABAS. It is confusing for dispatch since a lot of the departments have the same numbers. Sturgeon Bay and Sister Bay fire departments have already implemented this. BUG is hoping to do this in March. Staats's goal is April 1, 2022. Egg Harbor apparatus numbers will start with 3. This will identify the apparatus is from Egg Harbor. Some departments have decided to wait until they replace their trucks. It could be 20 years from now that you need to buy a truck. The command apparatus numbers after the municipal number are 0-5. The Tahoe would become 301. The engines numbers are 6-10. Special trucks are 20 and up, like the ladder truck #21 will change to 321. Tender #7 will change to 314 and tender #5 will change to 313.
- Bobby Mueller is a member of the fire department, and he will do the numbering on the trucks since he does vinyl lettering. Bobby Mueller is also doing Ephraim's letters for the trucks. Justin has ordered a label to go on the dash of the apparatus to show what number it is when you are in the truck.
- The fire department did training at the Egg Harbor Marina dock in the water. They did lots of

scenarios of getting people out of the water in suites with ice picks and hoisting with a rescue collar. It worked perfectly by the docks with the bubblers. They had some thin ice to get some good training on. They used the gear dryers to dry the suits instead of air drying.

- **Scherer:** How many participated in this training.
- **Staats:** About a dozen.
- **Schopf:** Did the air conditioning get fixed on truck #21.
- **Staats:** Yes, air conditioning is all brand new on truck #21. It was cheaper to get brand new than to get used. The guide for stowing the ladder was bent and was fixed.

8. EMR Report

- There were 5 EMR calls.
- There was one EMR meeting. They discussed new rules adopted by the State which include the use of C-spine collars. Collars are being ordered to be included in each EMR's bag. Not using oral airways since this skill has changed.
- At the next EMR meeting, they would like to have tours of each resort so that EMR's see where to go. They would like to get into Landmark, Newport, and Ashbrooke. The EMR's have had some difficulty finding where the people are that need help.
- There is one new EMR that just got fitted with all the gear. She is also interested in joining the Fire Department too, but this class didn't work out timewise for her.
- There was also 1 more person wanting to join the fire department, but he had a family emergency, so he asked to wait to join.
- **Gilday:** Are the 2 newly trained EMR's working now?
- **Staats:** Yes, they are.
- Sevastapol is borrowing one of the Egg Harbor fire department's defibrillators to outfit a new member.

9. Correspondence

10. Recommend motion to MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION per State Statute 19.85 (l)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation, and then to RETURN TO OPEN SESSION to take further action or to adjourn the meeting

Schopf Moved to go into closed session per State Statute 19.85 (l)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation, and then to RETURN TO OPEN SESSION to take further action or to adjourn the meeting, second by Bonk ; roll call vote, Schopf – aye, Gilday – aye, Scherer – aye, Bonk – aye and Edwards – aye, motion carried.

Scherer moved to go back into open session, second by Edwards; roll call vote, Schopf – aye, Gilday – aye, Scherer – aye, Bonk – aye and Edwards – aye, motion carried.

11. Open Session - 10 minutes

Scherer handed out a list of question used at previous Chief job interview.

Scherer: Wiegand was going to contact Joel Kitchens. Did he do this?

12. Set Date, Time, Location and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Bertschinger Center

13. Adjourn

Edwards moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m., second by Scherer, motion carried.

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

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