



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 10, 2013

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Durkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

- **Committee members present:** Chairman Durkin, Councilman Boutcher, Councilman Bunker, Councilman Conners, Councilwoman Farrell, and Councilwoman Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** Councilwoman Pancoe, Mayor Foley, Chief DiValentino, Interim Manager Locke, Assistant Manager Bashore, Pioneer Chief Gary Bachmann, and John Townsend (Second Alarmers).

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this time.

REPORTS

1. **Police Department:** A written report was provided in the monthly meeting materials.
2. **Second Alarmers:** A written report was provided in the monthly meeting materials.
3. **Pioneer Fire Company:** Chief Bachmann reported that Pioneer Fire Company recently received a grant in the amount of \$13,169, which will be used for the purchase of three (3) air packs.
4. **Independent Fire Company:** A written report was provided in the monthly meeting materials.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Fire Commission Meeting:** Chairman Durkin directed Assistant Manager Bashore to circulate possible meeting dates with Independent and Pioneer Fire Companies for the week of April 15.
2. **Pension Board Meeting:** Chairman Durkin directed Assistant Manager Bashore to circulate possible meeting dates of the Police and Non-uniform Pension Boards.
3. **March 26 - Beaver Hill management safety coordination meeting:** Interim Manager Locke stated that he, Peter LaRosa (Manager, Beaver Hill), Fire Chief Lynch, and representatives from

the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad met to discuss safety issues. Interim Manager Locke reported that Beaver Hill will install a new Knox box and enhance their notification to Second Alarmers for the south and west buildings.

- 4. Commercial fire inspection status update:** Interim Manager Locke stated that 80 commercial properties are now in compliance and certain assembly use buildings have additional items to address before they are deemed compliant. Chairman Durkin asked about the smoke detector distribution program. Interim Manager Locke stated that he has spoken with the Fire Marshal for Cheltenham Township, who provided the contact information.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. The Chelsea Fire Safety/Evacuation Plan:** Interim Manager Locke stated that a meeting was held with representatives from the Chelsea, noting that a new fire safety plan is being developed. The new plan will require that individuals on the floor with the fire call will be required to be sheltered in the stairwell. Interim Manager Locke stated that the Chelsea's fire safety expert noted that the responding Fire Chief may order relocation of residents if necessary. Councilman Boutcher noted that one stairwell will remain open in order to allow firefighters to have clear access to the fire area. Councilman Conners asked if there was adequate access to the stairwells. Councilman Boutcher stated that there was.
- 2. Second Alarmers Agreement:** Assistant Manager Bashore stated that a meeting was held with representatives of the Second Alarmers on April 9, 2013 in order to discuss the proposed agreement. Chairman Durkin asked about proposed funding and how the firefighters are charged if they are treated on the scene of a fire. Interim Manager Locke stated that Borough employees, including firefighters, are not charged and insurance is not billed for service if injured on the job. Chairman Durkin stated that an annual contribution may be the best approach beginning in 2014 with an annual cost of living increase. The Committee concurred.

Assistant Manager Bashore noted that a redlined version was provided by the Second Alarmers. The Committee directed Assistant Manager Bashore to provide the redlined version to the Borough Solicitor to review. This matter will be discussed at the May meeting.

- 3. Proposed Ordinance #2013-6: Workers Compensation Coverage for Fire Police:** A draft ordinance for workers compensation insurance coverage for the Fire Police was reviewed by the Committee. Comments were provided by Dennis Cline. The Committee directed Assistant Manager Bashore to provide the comments to the Borough Solicitor for review and possible amendment of the proposed ordinance.
- 4. Pioneer Fire Company - Request to use funds for truck repairs:** Pioneer Chief Bachmann stated that Pioneer Fire Company is seeking to replace the air conditioning system and light bar on one of the fire engines. Three (3) written quotes have been obtained. Chief Bachmann noted that this will assist in prolonging the life of the engine. It was noted that two (2) of the quotes recommended the removal of seats and installation of the condenser unit in the vehicle; East Penn Fire & Emergency, Inc. has proposed a roof mounted system in order to avoid the removal of seats in the apparatus.

ACTION: On motion of Councilman Conners, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell, the motion to recommend approval of the proposal of East Penn Fire & Emergency, Inc. for the installation of a new air conditioning system and light bar for the fire apparatus in the amount of \$18,122.40 passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman Conners, seconded by Councilwoman Soltysiak, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

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Action Items

<p>Chris Bashore, Assistant Manager</p>	<p>Fire Commission meeting - Circulate possible dates for a meeting</p> <p>Pension Board meeting - Circulate possible dates for a meeting</p> <p>Second Alarmers agreement - Forward redlined version of draft to Borough Solicitor for review</p> <p>Ord. #2013-6 - Forward comments of the Fire Police to the Borough Solicitor</p> <p>Fire Truck repairs - Place on agenda for full Council</p>
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