

EAST GLENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #3
SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2016

Present: Commissioner Beth Larson
Commissioner Suzanne Pohl
Commissioner Gerald Cullen
District Treasurer Jeffrey Prescott
District Secretary Elaine Erckman
Chief Andrew Pohl
2nd Assistant Chief Rich Carr

The special meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board Gerald Cullen at 7:05 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A quote was submitted and a discussion followed regarding the body work necessary for the 2011 Ford Expedition (237). A quote was received from Frank & Sons to repair bubbling paint on the lift gate in the amount of \$1,369.26. This cost did not require the replacement of the lift gate. The repair would take approximately two days. A quote was received from Morris Ford in 2015 for approximately \$2,000 which included replacement of the lift gate and lettering.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Pohl and unanimously passed to approve the necessary repairs to the 2011 Ford Expedition (237) by Frank & Sons in the amount of \$1,369.26 to be taken from account A3410.422 Truck Repair/Maintenance.

The next item on the agenda was approval to reimburse the costs associated with the CFR Course for firefighters John Jewell and Hollie Abel. The cost of the books for the course is \$96.25 each with an additional administration fee of \$130 each. John Jewell purchased both books with his personal account, therefore Hollie will have to reimburse him \$96.25. The individuals need to be reimbursed by the district and the State will reimburse the district.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pohl, seconded by Commissioner Larson and unanimously passed to approve the reimbursement of \$322.50 to John Jewell which includes the purchase of two CFR books and the administration fee of \$130 and reimburse Hollie Abel \$130 for the administration fee for the CFR class to be taken from account A3410.441 Seminars & Membership.

The Accident Review Board led by Commissioner Larson met twice to review two incidents involving EGFD firefighters and EGFD apparatus. The Accident Review Board consisted of Commissioner Beth Larson, 2nd Assistant Chief Rich Carr and firefighter Wayne Bunn.

The first incident occurred on February 23, 2016 involving Engine 235 versus a resident's mailbox. The driver involved was firefighter Jack Erckman. All written reports were received by the Board for their review. The guidelines of the Accident Review Board were followed and it was determined that this accident fell into category three: driver totally at fault. An indefinite suspension from driving privileges of EGFD apparatus was recommended due to the fact that Firefighter Erckman had multiple offenses during the previous 24 months. Those previous offenses occurred on May 21, 2015, July 13, 2015 and July 30, 2015.

These incidents involved excessive speed on two occasions, passing a vehicle on the right and placing E231 on an unstable shoulder despite officer's direction to park on the pavement. Firefighter Erckman was placed on 90 day probation with a 15 day suspension and required to take Driver Safety Training which was successfully completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pohl, seconded by Commissioner Larson and unanimously passed to approve the recommendations of the Accident Review Board involving firefighter Jack Erckman and an incident which occurred on February 23, 2016 while he was driving Engine 231. The final decision of the Board is indefinite suspension from driving privileges of EGFD apparatus.

An incident occurred on April 7, 2016 involving Engine 231. The driver involved was firefighter Al Martin. All written reports were received by the Board for their review. The guidelines of the Accident Review Board were followed and it was determined that this accident fell into category three: driver totally at fault. It was the recommendation of the Board that disciplinary action will consist of a written reprimand that will include a 30 day retroactive suspension that started on April 7, 2016. The reprimand will include a 180 day probation which will begin May 7, 2016 and end November 3, 2016. If during the 180 day probationary period there are any additional infractions, it will result in further disciplinary action, up to and including removal of all driving privileges of all district owned apparatus. The third part of the reprimand will be the assignment of on-line courses dealing with driver refresher courses, via Target Solutions. These courses need to be completed within 90 days of assignment. Additional driver training will take place during the annual spring pump operator refresher to further reinforce safe driving and handling of apparatus.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pohl, seconded by Commissioner Larson and unanimously passed to approve the recommendations of the Accident Review Board involving firefighter Al Martin for incident which occurred on April 7, 2016 and Engine 231. The reprimand includes 30 day retroactive suspension starting April 7, 2016; 180 day probation which begins May 7, 2016 and ends November 3, 2016 and assignment of on-line courses with driver refresher to be completed within 90 days of assignment. Additional driver training to be completed at annual spring pump operator refresher.

It was the decision of the Board of Commissioners that Commissioner Larson notify the two firefighters involved in these incidents by email.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pohl, seconded by Commissioner Larson and unanimously passed to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Erckman
District Secretary