

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP FIRE EQUIPMENT WORKSHOP

February 13, 2017

Present – Supervisors Jay Swanson, Brad Schumacher, Tom Rush and Larry Handshoe. Supervisor Jeff Holm absent.

Call to Order – The February 13, 2017 Baldwin Township Fire Equipment Workshop was called to order by Chairman Brad Schumacher at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discuss Fire Equipment Needs – Fire Chief Scott Case informed the Town Board that the Equipment Committee was present and turned over the presentation to Captain Brian Torborg. Tenders: Captain Torborg stated that, in regards to the tenders, Darley and Pierce never met in person. Heiman drove in and met with them for 4 hours. They used those specifications to give to the other companies so it is somewhat apples to apples. The Heiman tender was the committee's and chief's number one pick. They seemed to work with us. If a part was not needed they would take it off. The other companies would not take stuff off. Heiman is a part of General Rosenbauer and both of our engines are made by General Rosenbauer. All of the maintenance could be done out of Wyoming, MN. Chief Case stated that the older tender is getting stress cracks around the flange in the back and is scheduled to be switched out last year. Discussion on warranty. Chief Case stated that they were not able to find recently used tenders as nobody gets rid of them that fast. This tender will last 20 plus years. Captain Torborg stated that it would take about one year until delivery with a down payment up front and final payment at delivery. The company will stay 2 days to train everybody on the department or whatever time the department needs.

Wildland Truck: Captain Torborg stated that we will get up to a \$5,000 DNR matching grant for the slide-in unit. That grant has to be submitted by June 30 that we have paid for it. They will match back \$2,500. Torborg stated that they like the Midway Ford Truck for \$89,417.61 with a 6 month timeline. Each vendor for this truck will be paid separately. The department does have the tools needed for the truck except maybe bladder bags. The rig the department would be replacing is a 1990 rig. The rig would be expected to last 15-20 years. Piecing the truck together is about \$20,000 cheaper. Chief Case stated that the committee did a lot of legwork and put in a lot of time. The Town Board agreed that they did a great job. All wildland trucks listed are on state contract; however, the tenders are not. \$47,500 would be the down payment for the Midway Ford wildland truck.

Discuss Swimming Pool Fill-Ups for 2017 Season – Chief Case that the department is fine in continuing for 2017 as it gives the firefighters a chance to practice pumping in a non-stressful situation. He would prefer to only fill up pools in Baldwin but it is up to the Town Board. Rush asked if they were still fine with the \$75 and \$105 fees. Chief Case stated that they will keep it at that this year and review the charges next year.

The cancellation fee will remain the same at \$50. Swanson asked if they could talk to the neighboring departments and find out which ones fill and which ones don't. Chief Case will check with neighboring chief's first and find out how far they go. His comfort level is a 4 minute response from a scene to anywhere back in the township. He will have an answer by the March 6th meeting.

Discussion on the down payment on one of the trucks.

Discuss Fee Schedule – Chief Case stated that the department explored this a few years ago. The insurance companies will pay a set amount. Princeton charges \$500 for a structure fire; \$250 for a chimney fire; \$250 for a grass fire; \$250 for a vehicle fire; \$400 for a motor vehicle collision. He will explore talking to North Ambulance as they may be able to get a \$50 kickback for providing manpower. He was told that the department used to get a stipend from the cell tower rent. We would need to hire a billing company or do it ourselves. A billing company has more resources to make sure it was paid. Discussion regarding Livonia Township's ordinance regarding service charges for emergency response. The item will be added to the March 6th regular meeting agenda.

Discussion regarding the use of the front end loader for fire department calls. The clerk had contacted Eric Heidke from MAT but has not heard back from him. Schumacher stated that not all township staff are experienced under pressure like at a fire scene. As long as the insurance agenda agrees, the fire staff should be trained to use the loader. Chief Case stated that he was fine with that as some firefighters are familiar with that type of equipment and the front end loader would be used to strictly mitigate the fire. For that type of equipment the department has 2 choices: the township loader or use a private contractor. It still needs to come out of his budget. This is about fire safety. What is the board's direction if he needs a piece of equipment like that again? Private contractor or township equipment? Schumacher stated that we are covered by insurance but more pointed questions have not yet been answered. Captain Torborg stated that, in the past, Terry Carlile had gone through incident management training put on by the fire department. Discussion on damage that could be caused by the front end loader. Discussion on management of large fire scenes. Swanson stated that regardless of whom the operator is the department always needs to go through maintenance. Chief Case stated that he can't give up firefighters to put them in a piece of equipment.

Rush stated that he would prefer to wait until after April 3rd on a decision on the vehicles as the town will have a new board member. There will be open discussion on March 6th on the trucks. Rush stated that the new elected official should have some input.

Adjourn - Swanson/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Cathy Stevens
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Clerk/Treasurer
Baldwin Township

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Approved By: (s/) Brad Schumacher
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township

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Date

Attendees: Kimberly Good, Terry Carlile, Scott Case, Phillip Fadden, Shari Velaquez,
Brian Torborg, Phil Holland, Lance Soderholm, Andy Walker