WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 21ST AT WESTERN ENTERPRISE, HOSTED BY ENGINE 1.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BOB MONCRIEF. THOSE COMPANIES NOT PRESENT WERE HANCOCK FIRE AND FAIRPLAY. ALL OFFICERS EXCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAPLAIN BOWER LED THE PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH A CORRECTION . . . . INSURANCE POLICY WILL MIMIC A GUARANTEED REPLACEMENT POLICY IF THE VEHICLE IS 10 YEARS OLD OR NEWER.. MIMIC HAD NOT BEEN STATED IN THE ORIGINAL WRITING.

GUESTS…

1. JEFF KLINE REMINDED US OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COUNTY BUDGET AT HCC THIS COMING TUESDAY AT 6:20. HE ENCOURAGED THAT EACH COMPANY HAVE SOMEONE ATTEND.

2. TIM GANLEY SPOKE ABOUT THE AVAILABILITIES OF MONIES

3. EMILY KELLER FROM THE CITY COUNCIL . PLEASE CONTACT HER IF SHE CAN HELP IN ANY WAY.

4. TODD DYKE SHARED THAT A PILOT EMT CLASS IS STARTING THIS SUNDAY. HE MENTIONED OTHER CLASSES THAT ARE BEING ADDED AND THAT FALL CLASS REQUESTS ARE DUE. A SPECIAL AWARD AND RECOGNITION WENT TO KAYLA SMUTHERS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN HER CLASSES. SHE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED THE PLAQUE AT THIS MEETING.

TREASURER’S REPORT…….. IS IN THE PACKET PAGES 3-4-5.

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT ………CHAPLAIN BOWER IS COLLECTING TRAINING FOR CHAPLAINS. HE WANTS TO WORK WITH FIRE CHIEFS COMMITTEE TO GET THE CHAPLAINS OUT WHEN NEEDED. LEONARD REPORTED THAT ERNIE TRUAX IS HOME AND WOULD LOVE COMPANY AND THAT DENNIS HUFFER IS RECOVERING AT HOME. SEE PAGES 10-13 IN THE PACKET.

CHIEF OFFICER…..NONE

CAREER TECH…….NONE
STANDARDS        BRIAN LOHMANN REPORTED THAT EMS STANDARDS WILL BE CHANGED TO EMS POLICIES BY APRIL 1ST. OFFICERS STANDARDS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15TH. HE REQUESTS THAT NO GEAR BE WORN INSIDE THE REHAB UNIT.

FIRE PREVENTION       IN THE PACKET

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION  135 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED AND HAVE BEEN NARROWED DOWN TO 10. FAILURE TO REPORT TO INTERVIEW REQUIRE REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

DAVE HAYS HAD HANDOUTS FOR THE EXPLANATION OF THE PHASE II FIRE PLAN. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S MEETING ON FEBRUARY 3RD. HE STATED THAT THERE IS A TON OF THINGS THAT HAS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THE SAFER GRANT WILL BE EXERCISED BUT THIS IS ONLY FOR 3 YEARS AND THEN WE ARE ON OUR OWN. WHERE WE GO THEN HAS TO BE DETERMINED. HE ALSO REMINDED HOW THE SENATOR AMOS FUNDING WORKS.

OLD BUSINESS       NONE

NEW BUSINESS...

JIM SPRECHER REPRESENTED ANTIETAM FIRE COMPANY IN ASKING PERMISSION THAT THEY COULD GO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO REQUEST MORE MONEY. FUNKSTOWN MADE THE MOTION TO HAVE THEM DO SO, COMPANY 26 SECONDED THE MOTION......MOTION CARRIED.

CHIEF BARNHART FROM HANCOCK SPOKE ABOUT EMS SUBSIDY. HE ASKED APPROVAL FOR DAVE HAYS TO GO TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR ADDED SUPPORT. HE HAD 3 ITEMS THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT BACK FROM THE CHIEFS COMMITTEE MEETING THAT THEY WISHED TO HAVE PRESENTED. THEY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. CHIEF 49 ERIC RAMACCOTTI WAS IN SUPPORT OF A TAX FOR EMS.

2. CHIEF RAMACCOTTI WAS IN FAVOR OF PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION/COMPANY 49
3. ASKING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONSOLIDATION OF BILLING COMPANIES AND THAT EMS COULD BUY EMS SUPPLIES AND HOUSE SUPPLIES ALL ON ONE COUNTY PURCHASING PLAN.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FUNKSTOWN, SECONDED BY COMPANY 59 TO SUPPORT THE EMS SUBSIDY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. MOTION PASSED.

THERE WAS ADDITION DISCUSSION REGARDING LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW HOW DESPERATE THE SITUATION HAS BECOME. THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES IS ESSENTIAL.

NEXT MEETING IS AT BOONESBORO FIRE.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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