

**Burton Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
October 26th, 2022
Station 81 – 1800**

PRESENT: Commissioner Gary Bright
Commissioner Stan Ganshow
Commissioner Herbert Burnes
Commissioner Thomas Peeples

Chief Rountree
Dep. Chief Webb
BC Maichel

Members of the Commission were given a tour of the two new engines that were delivered earlier in the month.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bright @ 16:30.

Commissioner Peeples motioned to accept the agenda. With confirmation of a need for executive session.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote unanimous. Motion approved.

Minutes

Commissioner Burnes motioned to accept the August 31st, 2022 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion approved.

Financials

Commissioner Peeples motioned to accept the August & September 2022 financials.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Vote unanimous. Motion Approved.

Executive Session

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Commissioner Burnes seconded.

Entered @ 18:32

Exited @ 18:50

Discussion only. No action taken or needed at this time.

Old Business

New Trucks – Have arrived and loose equipment is being delivered tomorrow. The truck committee will mount the equipment and get them put in service asap.

50th Anniversary – The celebration has been moved to Friday, February 17th.

Hargray – The building being installed at Burton Hill is progressing. Everything is framed and ready for the concrete.

Floor quotes/Cap. Improvements – We have received quotes for flooring for St. 81 and St. 83 from the same company who installed the floors at St. 84.

Flooring for upstairs and downstairs at Burton Hill would be \$23,900. The price includes taking up the old flooring, fill and level the floors and install the LVT flooring. \$4,980 to replace the stairs and put in non-skid tread. \$32,900 to fix the downstairs bathroom and showers. Retile and fix the membranes. Grand total \$61,780. One floor would be done at a time and we would repaint all the walls in house before the flooring is installed.

The quote for station 83 is \$18,925 which would include removal of all carpet & current flooring.

Commissioner Bright motioned to allow the Chiefs to move forward with the quotes, not to exceed a total cost of \$85,000 without coming back to the board for approval.

Commissioner Ganshow seconded.

Vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

New Business

Personnel – Batt. Chief Carnevale retired this month. The testing process for the opening has begun. Lieutenant will also be testing for a Captain's spot. Engineer Madden will promote to Lieutenant.

We have hired FF Parker. He recently graduated from the academy and he will be enrolled in EMT asap.

Substance Abuse Policy – Capt. Kenyon has updated the substance abuse policy which also now includes a CBD policy. It is signed by the fire chief and will take effect Nov. 1st.

ISO – Inspector will be here November 14th or 15th for an inspection.

New engine – (Discussion) Production time for a new engine to be built has recently increased to 30-36 months due to demand. Engine 85 in 3 years would be 14 years old and is the next in line to be replaced. In February 2021 we paid \$713,673 per truck with our pre-payment discount. Today's estimate is \$905,686 for the same specs with an increase coming November 1st. With the increase, the contract price would be an estimated \$959,703 (good until Jan 31st).

If we were to lock in a price now, we could plan to make pre-payments over the next couple of budgets to decrease the amount financed. Our next loan to mature is the Grays Hill station loan, in January 2025. A contract now (or soon) would simply get us in the production line.

After discussion, the commission felt securing a contract before the January 31st increase is scheduled to occur, is a more realistic goal than the November 1st deadline. This would allow

Chief Rountree to ask the financial auditor some questions and for everyone to have more time to consider the financial obligations.

Chief's Report

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Ganshow motioned to adjourn.

Commissioner Bright seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:40.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: November 30th, 2022