

## **February 26, 2007 Town of Peshtigo Fire Commission**

Chairman Bill Johnson called the meeting of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Present: Alex Dudka, Bill Johnson, Tim Kodric, Roberta Kowalski, and Don Wahl.

Also attending were Pat Ravet, Grace Pennings, Clarence Coble, Mike Folgert, Herman Pottratz, and Steve Floriano.

A motion was made by Kowalski and seconded by Dudka to approve the agenda as printed. The motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Kowalski and seconded by Wahl to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting as printed. The motion carried with all in favor.

Fire Chief Clarence Coble reviewed with everyone the proposed plans for the fire station project. He then reviewed the list of bids prepared by Enterprise Engineering. He explained that the Town Board decided to get bids for three alternative plans up front.

Some subcontractor bids came in and Enterprise Engineering will handle those bids. There is an error on listing the bid from Stodola-Maas Construction. Currently the low bid comes from IEI General Contractors, Inc. out of DePere.

Not listed in the bids is the cost of a septic mound system that will be needed to bring the project up to code. Enterprising Engineering gave an estimated cost of \$20,000 regardless of how many bays would be added to the station.

Enterprise Engineering will meet with the Town Board on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to review all bids. The Fire Commission and Fire Department members are welcome to attend.

Mike Folgert explained additional room is needed not for more equipment but caring for the equipment properly and having safer working conditions. He suggested putting money to upgrade the current station and for right now putting talk of a satellite station on hold.

The Town does currently have money for the project in their reserve funds.

A motion was made by Wahl and seconded by Kowalski to recommend to the Town Board to proceed with Alternate #2 for the addition and remodeling project for the fire station. The motion carried with all in favor.

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Fire Chief Coble reported that the Town Board gave approval to purchase cold water rescue equipment for a cost of \$5,600. Combined with DNR grants and the sale of the tanker truck for \$1,200 the new equipment could be purchased with no additional money to the Town residents. There was a cold water rescue training and all the equipment has been received by the Fire Department except for a banana boat which was been ordered.

Mike Folgert reported that he attended a Chief's 101 seminar. He received a lot of information and will be looking at writing a policy and procedure handbook with some guidelines for the Fire Department.

The Fire Department and the Town Board have been discussing medical physicals for department members. Currently the NFPA recommends a guideline for physicals but there are no laws requiring members to have physicals.

They are currently looking at two options. One would be getting a physical through an occupational health institution at approximately \$1,000. With this option they are discussing a two tier structure which could include a base physical and then a more extensive physical after the member completes a probation period.

The second option would include recommending members to obtain a CDL from the Department of Transportation which would require physicals. Currently emergency rescue vehicle operators are exempt from having a CDL.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dudka to allow the Town Board to make any decisions regarding Fire Department member's physicals. The motion carried with all in favor.

Brian Peth is still working on the purchase of the new engine and is weighing which equipment is necessary.

No future meeting was scheduled.

A motion was made by Dudka and seconded by Kowalski to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hagert