

McConnellsville Fire District
Commissioners Meeting
December 16, 2024

Attendees: Secretary: Peggy Darling

Treasurer:

Commissioners: Peggy Darling, Karen Edwards, Trisha Finen,

Representatives from Fire Department: Chief Finen

Absent: Martin Handler, Katrina Reed

Public Attendees:

Guest:

Meeting: called to order at 18:32 by Secretary

Treasurer: Secretary made monthly report and presented bills/invoices to be signed that were submitted by the treasurer. Treasurer was ill and was absent from the meeting.

Correspondence: AFDSNY annual renewal.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A bid request will be submitted to the Queen Central to have the exterior of the Department painted

i. This will be tabled until a treasurer is hired.

ii. This will be tabled until spring of 2025

2. Chief Finen presented quotes for new turn out gear to the Board. He will reach out to each distributor and see if a demo set can be obtained before deciding on the manufacturer. The decision will be tabled until next month.

**i. Chief will continue to reach out to distributors
and report in September on this matter.**

ii. Chief has not heard back from JPB in regard to demo set. Will move forward in October as Chief will submit an itemized list of what is needed.

lii. A bid will be advertised in the paper to request bids.

iii. Bids were placed in the paper- JPB was awarded bid

iv. Chief Finen has been fitted for a set of gear

3. Discussion of physicals coming due in November 2024.

Secretary Darling will reach out to Access and obtain some dates. An EKG will be completed on all interior, exterior, personnel over the age of 70 years, and anyone who Access recommends.

i. Physicals have been completed and a letter has been mailed to those who failed to attend scheduled sessions. The letter informed the individuals on what needs to be completed in order for them to remain an active member.

ii. One of the members completed their physicals

4. An application for a new member has been received, Joe Gillbert. The Department voted him in at their monthly meeting. A LENS report needs to be completed. Motion made by Commissioner Finen to approve Mr. Gillbert's membership –pending a LENS clearance. Commissioner Edwards 2nd the motion. Commissioners polled. Commissioner Finen- Aye, Commissioner Edwards-Aye, Commissioner Handler-Aye, Commissioner Darling –Aye

i A LENS report will be completed by 11/24 meeting

ii. A letter will be sent to Mr. Gilbert in regard to this

iii. No letter necessary as license was reinstated .

5. Discussion that a generator is needed to power the building when service is interrupted as the Department is a shelter in place. Motion made by Commissioner Edwards to advertise bid in paper in regard to specs and cost. Commissioner Handler 2nd the motion. Commissioners polled- Commissioner Darling-Aye, Commissioner Edwards-Aye, Commissioner Handler-Aye. All in favor motion carried.

i. clarification was needed on this-bid will run in paper for two weeks and will be opened at next meeting

ii. See new business

6. Ron Engles has expressed interest in being Chairman of Electors for the December 10, 2024, elections. He will be obtaining two more electors. Compensation will remain the same at \$70. Motion made by Commissioner Darling to accept Ron Engles. Commissioner Handler 2nd motion.

Commissioners polled. Commissioner Darling-Aye, Commissioner Edwards-Aye, Commissioner Handler-Aye. All in favor motion carried.

i. Two electors have been named, and a meeting has been scheduled for November 22, 2024

8. Chief presented a new member Rob Sankey. Rob is a lifetime member that has been out of the area for quite a while. The Department has approved his reinstatement pending a LENS clearance and background check.

i. LENS Needs to be obtained

9. Laptop purchased and received. Office Suite on order with blank envelopes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer report was read. It will be tabled until next month to accept as Commissioner Darling will not be voting on the report.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards to accept Draft minutes dated 11/18/2024 as final minutes with revisions proposed. 2nd by Commissioner Finen-Commissioners polled- Commissioner Edwards-Aye, Commissioner Finen-Aye, Commissioner Darling-Aye. All in favor-motion carried.
3. There were no bids received for the generator. Secretary will email suppliers and see if there is a response.
4. Elections for Commissioners were held on December 10, 2024. Martin Handler has won the seat 1/1/2025 -12/31/2027. Peggy Darling has won the seat 1/1/2025-12/31/2029.
5. Commissioner Finen made a motion to pay the annual membership for AFDSNY. Commissioner Edwards 2nd the motion. Commissioners polled - Finen -AYE, Edwards-AYE, Darling-AYE.
6. A motion was made to have January 2025 meeting on January 20th at 18:30. by Commissioner Darling. 2nd by Commissioner Finen. Commissioner polled- Darling -AYE, Finen- AYE, Edwards-AYE. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Line officers were elected at Decembers' Department Meeting:
Chief- Carl Finen, 1st assistant- Corey Finen, 2nd assistant- Matt Smith, 3rd assistant- Carl Miller, Captain-Monica Eckhard.
8. Motion mad, by Commissioner Edwards, to pay for Commissioner training for Trisha Finen, Martin Handler, and Peggy Darling. All three will be going in person to Mattydale in March for this. 2nd by Trisha Finen. Commissioners

polled. Commissioner Edwards-Aye, Commissioner Finen-Aye, Commissioner Darling-Aye. All in favor motion carried.

9. Motion was made to send letters out on December 31, 2024 to the two members that have not completed physicals and inform them that they are inactive and can not respond to any calls or drill until a completed physical is obtained. If proof of a completed physical is obtained before December 31, 2024 a letter will not be sent

Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Edwards to adjourn at 18:56

Minutes Submitted

Peggy Darling

Secretary

December 27, 2024