

# Unapproved

Berkshire Fire District  
February 24, 2010

Members Present: C. Case, R. Ceurter, P. Davis, D. Liddington, and D. R. Liddington

Others present: D. Callahan, D. Belden, D. Connery, C&C Ceurter, A. Hepp, B. Morris, C. Rupert, R. Russell, J. Simmons, C. Turk, F. Williams, and B. Welch

R. Ceurter called the monthly meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**Public Comment** – J. Simmons commented on the meeting postings and wanted to know where they were publicized. M. Case responded with, a notice was sent to Tioga County Courier, posted at the post office, and The Family Hair Salon.

F. Williams – Presented the drawings on the west wing project. They're waiting to hear on two grants. F. Williams presented the board with a letter in regards to changing the fire insurance payment (attached).

**P. Davis made the motion to accept the change on insurance from BCA. D. R. Liddington seconded it passed unanimously 5-0.**

**Minutes – D. R. Liddington made the motion to accept Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10, and Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> minutes. D. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

## **Communications –**

- Federal Safety advertisement
- Worker's Compensation letter on Andrew Hanson
- Insurance Proposal
- Application to use the voting machine

A discussion was held on voting machine and it was decided that it would be more work than its worth.

**Chief Report** – 11 EMS calls the ambulance has answered 9 of them. 1 fire MUA to Richford.

PESH has been around to other agencies and they have been fining departments on the rope rescue. B. Welch is looking into and might not need the harness. He's working on a Workplace Violence policy. Rope bags cost about \$700 full harness systems are more. OSHA training had about 16 members (including 1 commissioner and 4 chiefs) two will be held in March on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM and the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 10 PM. If members are planning on responding to fires than OSHA training is needed.

A discussion was held on the dry hydrant National Pipe donated 100' of pipe and 5 - 45 degree angles. This project will be at no cost to the district as D. Liddington has offered to dig the hole.

**Squad** – C. Ceurter reported that the ambulance is up and running. We're getting applications for new members. A fund raiser was held and it went well.

201 – Was adjusted, and it was out of alignment a little, and the tow was adjusted.

Scott pack's were all tested and passed.

Lights on 201 are now working

A discussion was held on getting a cell phone for the ambulance; C. Ceurter will take care of getting one.

M. Case received the check from the town.

A discussion was held on extrication suits they run about \$250. **P. Davis made the motion to purchase 3 suits. D. R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

**RFP Truck Maintenance** – The quotes that were received were reviewed. **D. R. Liddington made the motion to have Crispell's do the maintenance on the trucks and Federal Safety do the maintenance on the pumps. P. Davis seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

**Insurance Proposal - D. Liddington made the motion to accept the insurance proposal D. R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

**Applications** – Amber Cornell - EMT, and Robert Shaver. **D. R. Liddington made the motion to accept the applicants. C. Case seconded it passed unanimously 5-0.**

April 10<sup>th</sup> there will be an EVOC course through the insurance company.

**Building Drawing** – A draft of the building was handed out. Discussions were held on the following:

- Tax impact
- Demolition of current station
- Heating
- Lighting, flooring – interior finish
- Kitchen
- Metal room
- Siren

J. Simmons would like to sit in on when the guy from Morton Finance Advisor comes.

There will be an information meeting on the building March 10<sup>th</sup> and 7:00 p.m.

**C. Case made the motion to pay the bills. D. Liddington seconded passed unanimously 5-0.**

**P. Davis made the motion to adjourn. D. R. Liddington seconded it passed unanimously 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Case, Secretary