

Berkshire Fire District  
January 27, 2010

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

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

R. Ceurter called the monthly meeting to order at 7:05 PM. R. Ceurter stated that community members will talk during the public comment, but no interruptions during the meeting.

Public Comment – J. Simmons commented on the building project and the proposal from Finger Lakes, stated that a post gram might not meet NYS code, he brought up building a building through a real estate developer and lease back.

M. Simmons – had a copier he bought and brought to the station and it was thrown out. Cost \$161. He feels that no interaction with the public gives a bad perception.

F. Williams – Drawings are coming soon. They've submitted a grant to USDA for the work on the west wing, town newsletter coming out soon if any information is ready on the building. The group would like to propose that instead of paying the fire insurance, they use that money for maintenance on the building, and get renters insurance to cover their contents.

**Minutes – D. Liddington made the motion to accept Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> minutes. P. Davis seconded it passed unanimously 5-0.**

**Chief Report** – 2 fires; 1 co 1 MVA and 4 CFR calls. 151 calls for the year of 2009.

Ambulance is ready for inspection by the Health Department. Ambulance will be going to Crispell's for inspection and oil change. The ambulance is going to need a cell phone. A dispatch memo was created and all parties have signed it. 201 could use an alignment, a possible garage that does this Car Quest in Vestal. A discussion was held send the RFP's out for maintenance. SCBA flow test is due next month and the fire extinguisher inspection will also be done at the same time. Cascade will be hydro tested. The pager claim was submitted, and a check will be coming. B. Welch inquired about a credit card to make purchases. 202 now has air like 221. Still working on lights for 201. C. Rupert working on driver certification list. B. Welch wanted to know what the consequences would be if rules are violated. A discussion was held on setting a policy for all vehicles. D. Liddington and D.R. Liddington will be on the committee with the chiefs. They will be Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**P. Davis made the motion to pay M. Simmons \$161 back for the copier. D. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

But let this be a lesson to others, and not bring personal items to the station for use.

B. Welch stated that the copier/printer in office is in bad shape and should be replaced.

**D. R. Liddington made the motion to purchase a new copier/scanner/fax/printer. P. Davis seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

A discussion was held on the insurance proposal F. Williams presented. **P. Davis stated that the Community building group needs to pay the 2009 premium of \$642 and continue with the lease as it's written. D. R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

**D. Liddington made the motion to take 201 to Crispell's for alignment. D. R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

**D. Liddington made the motion to look into getting a credit card for the chief with a \$500 limit. D. R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 5-0.**

D. Liddington distributed the proposal from MAS Engineering for \$55,000 for a \$800,000 building. A special meeting will be held Wed., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm on the building.

B. Welch is still working on the inventory

D. Liddington stated that he thought that everyone did a good job at the fire, and the mutual aid worked out well. Chris Luszczyk has offered to have a dry hydrant at his pond on Ford hill. We would need to buy the pipe. Speedsville has offered strainer and a connector. B. Welch will check into seeing if the pipe could be donated.

M. Case inquired about the check from the town to M. Simmons, he stated that he needed a voucher.

J. Simmons brought up that while the fireman were doing some cleaning at the station that maybe some of the items could have been listed as surplus equipment. B. Welch stated that they have some equipment set aside as surplus equipment.

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

Applications – Ron Sharp, Kelli Sharp, and Bill Thompson. **D. R. Liddington made the motion to accept the applicants. D. Liddington seconded it passed unanimously 5-0.**

**D. Liddington made the motion to go into executive session regarding a personnel matter. P. Davis seconded passed unanimously 5-0. 8:52 p.m.**

**P. Davis made the motion to come out of executive session. D. Liddington seconded passed unanimously 5-0. 9:22 p.m.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Case, Secretary