

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Vice President Hiers at 8:03 p.m. Vice President Hiers announced that the meeting is being held in compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act". Public Notice of this meeting was mailed to the Clerk of the Township of Ocean and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse on November 9, 2009, and advertised in The Coaster on November 12, 2009, and advertised in the Atlanticville on November 19, 2009.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was observed.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, James Hiers and Anthony Palmisano. Fire District Administrator Arthur Schenck, Fire Marshal Timothy Smith, Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino and the First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Commissioners Nelson and Williams, and the Fire Department Officers were with the Fire Department at a Mutual Aid Working Fire in Wanamassa.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 23, 2009 meeting were read. Questions or comments? None. The minutes were unanimously accepted without change.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

EXPENSES:

Vouchers totalling \$47,117.14 were read and presented by Commissioner Reu for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Palmisano seconded. Questions or comments on the bills.? There were none. Roll call vote of Reu, Palmisano and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the motion.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat reported on attending a Twp. OEM meeting. The OEM Twp. Plan is to be reviewed next year. He highlighted some of the topics from the Minutes of the meeting relating to Snow Operations, Evacuation Routes,

Haz Mat Drill, Active Shooter Drill, Poplar Village pending relocation Grant, CERT Team, H1N1 Vaccine and NIMS. (See copy of OEM Minutes attached)

Fire Marshal Smith reported 132 Inspections, including 52 State Registered Establishments, revealing 40 Violations, and 3 Investigations were conducted during the month. Two CO calls were followed-up, 57 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted, and \$2,050.00 in fees were collected. In 2009, 68 Public Education Sessions were held, with 2,419 people attending. He advised that he has winterized his FP Trailers.

FAS Lt. D. Willms thanked the FD for their help during the recent Snow Standby. He reported 104 calls for the month of November. Average Response Time was 7 minutes; average time out on each call was 1 hr. 14 mins. Average Crew Size was 3. 273.39 manhours were experienced. Mutual Aid: 7 in; 3 out. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

FAS Sgt. L. Degurski reported that the squad had a good crew on standby during the snow storm. 9 calls were responded to during the standby. She thanked the FD for their help, with special thanks given to Craig Flannigan for his assistance.

Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino is in class this evening. We would like to thank Mike for the nice job done over the weekend on the snow removal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Palmisano - Price quotes have been obtained for the EMS supplies requested by the FAS Officers. Quotes received are:

Bound Tree Medical \$1,963.47 + Shipping
V. E. Ralph & Son \$1,343.99 Free Shipping

Palmisano motioned to purchase from V. E. Ralph for the quoted price of \$1,343.99. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Palmisano and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Also, did the Officers get the information from Art on the proper assembly of the compact suction unit tubing , elbow and filter? Please instruct all members on the proper assembly of the parts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reu - Motion to have the Administrator make the necessary 2009 Budget, Year End, Line Item transfers to off-set any overbudget accounts. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Palmisano and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Palmisano - Mike has requested the installation of Heated Mirrors on 138; would be most helpful when plowing snow. He has obtained a price quote from Sansone Ford: Total cost installed: \$1,221.32. Palmisano motioned to approve. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Reu noted that the quote states "Estimated Labor", so actual cost could be a little different. Roll call vote of Reu, Palmisano and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hiers - January 4, 2010 is the next Work Session Meeting of the Board and the Public Hearing on the Fire District's 2010 Budget.

Fire Marshal Smith noted the benefit of the hydrant markers during the recent snow storm. Perhaps it might be helpful to add markers to more hydrants. All agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers

- Thermal Image Camera ordered, received and installed in 37-1-78.
- 174 Multi Gas Monitor; O2 sensor replaced. Calibrated Ok. 178

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Equipment and Supplies - FAS..... Palmisano, Reu

- Needed supplies ordered and received.
- Full order of supplies was sent out for quote and received back.

OPTICOM..... Reu, FM Smith

- W. Park and Cindy Lane back in service.
- Control box door replaced at Rt. 35 & W. Park.

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Reu, Schenck

- SCBA Quarterly Air Samples taken and sent for analysis.
- Vehilce Wash soap restocked.
- Chief's Vehicles 166 & 167 serviced.
- Engine 172 fuel pump replaced.
- Engine 172 serviced.
- Engine 175 Shore Line Air Pump installed.
- Engine 173 serviced. Bennet looking into an RPM Gov.
- Recall service done on Ambulances 157 and 159.

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

- Game Room Satellite Receiver replaced.
- Station Generator serviced.
- Elevator Repair has been ordered, Re: State Inspection in October.
(Just received notice)

Station No. 2:..... Hiers

- Game Room Satellite Receiver replaced.
- Station Generator serviced.

Conventions and Seminars..... Palmisano

-Firehouse Expo, Baltimore: Room Rate lowered for 2010 from \$189 to \$159/night.

-FD Officers should decide right after the first of the year if anyone else will attend FDIC.

Liaison to Township of Ocean..... Nelson

-Checks for 4th Quarter Taxes and Supplemental Fire Service Program Grant received.

-Questions or Comments ?

First Aider A. Meistrich commented on the great job done by Mike during the snow storm, even plowing the street so the ambulance could get through to calls. FD help was good also.

Hiers - On behalf of the entire Board, thank you to the FAS for invite to your Holiday Dinner.

Hiers - Thank you to all of the volunteers and employees of the Fire District for all of your hard work and dedication during the past year.

Hiers - The Board invites everyone to join us after the meeting for some holiday refreshments. Thank you to Janice Hiers for arranging for tonights refreshments for us.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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