

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

MINUTES OF
APRIL 27, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:01 p.m. President Nelson 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 February 25, 2009, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 5, 2009.

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

EXPENSES:

Vouchers totalling \$79,197.85 were read and presented by Commissioner Reu for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Heirs seconded. Questions or comments on the bills? There were none. Roll call vote: Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson voted in favor of the motion. Reu abstained from voting on the voucher payable to Shawn Reu, voting in favor of paying all others. All vouchers were approved for payment.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

FD Lt. J. Morrow reported 47 activities for the month. Mutual Aid was given 3 times. Average Manpower Response was 13; average response time was :06; total man hours were 623. He advised the FD will be holding their second "stuffing" for their Fund Drive on Wednesday.

Fire Marshal Smith reported 111 Inspections, including 4 State Registered Establishments, revealing 24 Violations, and 3 Investigations were conducted during the month. Three CO calls were followed up, 43 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted, and \$1,592.00 in fees were collected. He reported on attending a Twp. OEM meeting and other meetings during the month. A new procedure is in place concerning Grills on balconies of apartment buildings. Pump testing has been completed on all pumpers. New rules have been established for food vendors at events. He noted that the balcony area here at station #1 needs to be cleared around the Electrical Panels.

President Nelson asked each organization to take a look at the balcony area and clear away their “stuff”.

Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat thanked the Board for FDIC; good info was obtained. The conference continues to grow.

FAS Lt. S. Green said that their report was not available, but will be provided. She reported that the Squad is purchasing two new “Power Cots”. She thanked the Commissioners who attended their annual dinner.

FAS Lt. D. Willms reported that he will be assuming the role of Retention Officer, and FAS Sgt. L. Degurski will be their Recruitment Officer.

Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino thanked the Board for FDIC. He thanked Art and Chris for making all of the arrangements for FDIC. The conference was great, well organized, and attended by 32,000 firefighters from all around the world. The HOT classes are a full day of work! He advised that Hose Testing will be done on Friday, May 1. He will be activating the lawn sprinklers at both Stations. He thanked the FAS for the invite to their Annual Dinner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nelson - Thank you Sean, Chris, Mike and Art for attending FDIC. We know the benefits of attending this conference and we are pleased to see you take the time, and make the effort, to train with, and learn from, the best in the fire service. Please share your experience with others.

Reu - UL Ladder Test; The Ladder Truck Jack Drift problem has been corrected, along with a few other minor repairs. A Welder is expected here Thursday to repair the couple of cracks found. Three ground ladders were noted with minor “defects”. Art has communicated with Alco-Lite Ladder Co., and he spoke with them at FDIC, to see what our options are concerning these ladders; Repair, Replace, or use them as they are?

Hiers - The Auditor has performed the Annual Audit of the Fire District, and we are awaiting the Audit Report.

Palmisano - Firehouse Expo, Baltimore; Anyone attending preconference classes should be registered ASAP. We need to know who will be attending by our May meeting on May 26. We need to preregister and confirm rooming.

Williams - We need the FD Snow Standby Receipt Page from March 1-2 storm.

Reu - ENGINE 173 is progressing. The new engine is installed. Expect completion soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiers - An Expense Reimbursement Check has been received from Monmouth County in the amount of \$2,262.00, relating to the Warren Grove Forest Fire last year. Thank you to Monouth County Fire Marshal Tim Smith for following through with all of the paperwork required on behalf of all of the fire departments concerned.

Nelson - Thank you FAS for invite to your Annual Dinner.

Williams - Hose Testing will be done on Friday, May 1, starting at 8:30 am, at Seaview Square Mall.

Reu - Mike will be taking care of the Lawn Sprinkler Systems this season, thus saving the District the couple of thousand dollars usually paid for this service.

Nelson - Car 167's Engine is bad and needs to be replaced. We are researching a replacement engine and will be having the engine replaced ASAP. Brian Penta and Dave Enny may be able to help.

Schenck - 1st Quarter YTD Financials prepared and given to each Commissioner. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers

- Globe Fire Gear Demo purchased for J. Kruse
- Leather Boots requested by FD are on order. A couple of pair have been received.

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Reu, Schenck

- Ambulance 159 Preventive Maintenance/Service performed. New front brakes.
- Engine 174; Replaced Air Cleaner Restriction Indicator (Mike)
- Engine 175; Tank to pump pipe was leaking. Replaced. (Mike) Maxwell donated pipe. Thank you sent.
- Ladder 190 UL discrepancies being addressed.

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

- Carpets cleaned on April 18.
- Emergency Standby Generator serviced.
- State Elevator Inspector was here today. Ok.
- A/C system serviced.

Station No. 2:..... Hiers

- Emergency Standby Generator serviced.
- A/C system serviced.

Conventions and Seminars.....Palmisano

- Firehouse Expo; July 22-25. Who is going?
- IAFC; Anyone going? Not this year.
- Fire Marshal Smith advised that he will be attending the NY Chiefs Convention in June.

-Questions or Comments ?

Hiers - Thank you to all for all of the work being done.

Nelson - Asked FD Officers to remind all drivers to be sure to check their equipment is back in place after calls.

Fiorentino - Mike Maxwell was nice enough to give us the pipe needed to repair the pump on Engine 175.

Palmisano - The FAS Portable Suction Unit has been repaired. We purchased the correct replacement parts for these units. All members should be instructed on the proper use and care.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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