

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

MINUTES OF  
JUNE 22, 2009

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:00 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 MAY 26, 2009 meeting were read. Questions or comments? None. The minutes were unanimously accepted without change.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following items of correspondence were read for information:

### **Outgoing to:**

Brian Penta; Re: Thank you for painting the Engine Compartment on 173.

## **EXPENSES:**

Vouchers totalling \$51,408.02 were read and presented by Commissioner Reu for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Hiers seconded. Questions or comments on the bills? There were none. Roll call vote: Hiers, 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. Williams, not having reviewed the bills prior to the meeting, abstained from voting on all vouchers. All voucher were approved for payment.

Reu motioned to approve the transfer of \$70,000.00 to the Money Market Account. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Nelson, Williams and Palmisano was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:**

**Assistant Chief D. Skinner** reported 43 activities for the month of May. Mutual Aid was given 3 times and received once. Average Response Time was :05:41; total members responding was 682 for a total of 317.62 manhours.

**FD Lt. J. Morrow** reported that Raymond Roussell, Sr.'s wife, Doris Roussell passed away. 37-2-90 will be covering for us while 37-1-90 is out for repairs. The township fireworks will be July 3.

**Fire Marshal Smith** reported 252 Inspections, including 12 State Registered Establishments, revealing 24 Violations, and 2 Investigations were conducted during the month. Three CO calls were followed-up, 1 Pub Ed session was held, 111 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted, and \$4,530.00 in fees were collected. He installed new wheels and tires on the BFP Golf Cart. The smoke trailer roof vent was broken by a softball. It has been replaced and covers were installed on all vents to protect them. He reported on attending the NY State Fire Chiefs Conference. There were less exhibits than we used to see there, but more educational programs. He thanked the Board for allowing him to attend. He advised that the Township fireworks will be on July 3, with a July 5 rain date. He noted some new businesses in the District. The Twp OEM meeting was cancelled. He advised that the County is working on the Map updates.

**Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat** thanked the Board for the invite to Firehouse Expo, but he cannot attend.

**FAS Lt. D. Willms** reported 98 calls for the month. Mutual Aid was received 3 times and given once. Average Response Time was :07:04, for 83.25 manhours. The Squad's Friday and Saturday evening standbys continue. Wanamassa will be doing the same.

**FAS Sgt. L. Degurski** thanked Mike Fiorentino for helping on a recent CPR call.

**First Aider/Ex-Captain Leah Zimmerman** reported that the 16th District of the State First Aid Council will be holding an Ambulance Inspection at Station No. 2 on Saturday, 9-10:30am.

**Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino** reported that UL was here to complete/reinspect the Ladder Truck. The repairs made were ok, but now the right front jack was drifting up. 190 is out of service having this jack repaired. He noted that kids have been throwing rocks from the fields into the parking lot.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hiers** - Another follow-up letter has been sent to NJAWC, with a copy to the Board of Public Utilities, in reference to the Fire Hyds that do not drain.

**Palmisano** - All Firehouse Expo Registrations and Reservations are made and confirmed. 13 members will be attending.

**Hiers** - Price quote requests are out for the repair of the roof at Station No. 2; due back by June 30. Hopefully we can take action at the next Work Session to proceed with this work.

**Reu** - UL showed up last week to complete the testing of Ladder 190. All is ok except now the right front jack is drifting. The truck is at PL Custom and should be back by the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hiers** - The Township of Ocean Clerk's office called in reference to the Township's Volunteer Incentive Program, looking for the FD and FAS Membership Lists. Have the officers sent the annual updated lists to the township? Should be done the beginning of each year. Please try to do this automatically the first of each year.

**Williams** - Mike cut out and repaired a "Sink Hole" by Gas/Diesel Pumps. Tony Schaible provided the contact with Keilly Construction, who provided the fill for the hole. The Twp DPW provided the Blacktop Patch.

The Board thanked Tony Schaible for his assistance, and Mike for repairing the hole. Mike commented that the Twp DPW was very cooperative.

**Palmisano** - Ambulance 157 is at PL Custom for Air Ride Repair; hope to have back Tuesday.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

-Replacement Auto BP cuffs purchased.

-EMSAR was here and replaced the seat back on one of the stair chairs that was found cracked during their recent annual preventive maintenance check.

**Maintenance of Apparatus**..... Reu, Schenck

-Ambulance 157 preventive maintenance performed. New Batts installed.

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-Annual Maintenance/Service performed on SCBA Compressor.

-SCBA Quarterly Air Samples taken and sent for analysis.

-Engine 178 Cab Temperature Control Knob replaced.

-Fire Police Van 199 inspected.

**Station Maintenance:**

**Station No. 1:**..... Williams

- Annual Kitchen Hood cleaning performed.
- Kitchen Hood Fire System inspected.
- Floors waxed.
- Annual Fire Alarm Testing Completed.
- Mike Power Washed the gas/diesel tank in preparation for painting.

**Station No. 2:**..... Hiers

- Some replacement letters purchased for the sign.
- Annual Fire Alarm Testing Completed.

**Conventions and Seminars**..... Palmisano

- Firehouse Expo Registrations and Reservations made and confirmed.

**Insurance and Legal Liaison**..... Nelson

- Claim Filed for FAS A. Green.
- Life Insurance Incentive Program updates submitted to the Insurance Co.

Beneficiary changes also.

- Key Person Insurance renewal paperwork and medical filed.
- Certificate of Insurance obtained for FD; Re: Festival
- Followed-up again on getting remainder of Insurance Claim on the

Engine 174 MVA from Dec.

**Liaison to Township of Ocean**..... Nelson

- 2Qtr Tax Check Received.

-Questions or Comments ?

The Board commented that it is good to see those in attendance.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.  
Fire District Administrator

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