

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

WORK SESSION SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners is called to order at 7:32 pm.

This 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.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, 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.

BUSINESS:

Nelson - On Tuesday morning, August 25, an Investigator from PEOSHA showed up at Station No. 2 to investigate a complaint filed by an "employee" of Fire District #1, relating to the roof leaking and a supposedly "heavy odor of mold". (The original complaint was filed with Federal OSHA, who has no jurisdiction over us, so it was passed on to the State PEOSHA.)

Our first comment to him was is he sure he has the right Firehouse, since no one expressed any such concern to us, (the roof situation was common knowledge) and the fact that everyone knew that replacement of the roof was in the works for several months. It takes time to budget, spec, quote, and this year work around the rainy weather.

After just over two hours of meeting, which included their routine review of health and safety information and services, (they do alot more than just investigate the complaint when they come out) review, discussion and completion of a "Fire Station Inspection Checklist", which focused on our Respiratory Protection Program and Practices, random inspection of Scott SCBA Cylinders to check Hydro Dates, at which time we explained the records kept and showed him the cylinder listing we maintain (good comments on same), no negative comments were received.

We explained the situation with the roof, he could visibly see how ceiling tiles have been replaced, and there was no sign of any mold. No problem!

He asked us to fax him a copy of our 2008 OSHA Form 300A, (Summary of Work Related Injuries and Illnesses) which has been done.

We recognize that it is anyone's right to file a complaint such as this, but it is very disappointing that if an individual is so concerned that he/she couldn't talk to a Commissioner first to express this concern. It is hoped that if such a concern arises in the future, the individual would first talk to the Board.

Williams - We came across a used trailer that is exactly what is needed to transport and store our Maintenance equipment, that has been stored in the FD's trailer, requiring that this equipment be removed each time the FD needs to use their trailer. This 2007 trailer has had very little use, and sells new for \$2,700-\$3,000. The owner, a District resident, was asking \$2,000 for the trailer, but offered it to us for \$1,800.00. We thought this was a good opportunity to get a trailer like this, so we "jumped on it".

To make this purchase official, it is motioned to purchase this 2007, Pace American, 6'x12', Trailer, for \$1,800.00 for our M/R Tech to use to transport and store our Maintenance Equipment. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Palmisano - 12 Stiffneck collars have been purchased for the FAS; requested by Captain Green. Pop Warner Football would like to talk to the First Aid Squad about covering their games on Sundays; they're willing to make a donation to the Squad.

Reu - The "IAmResponding" system, one year subscription agreement has been completed, filed and acknowledged.

Nelson - In reference to Fire Marshal Smith's memo on needed Camera Equipment for the Deputy Fire Marshal, as requested and provided for in the 2009 Fire District Budget, it is motioned to approve the purchase of this equipment. Tim notes that this camera equipment is considered professional use equipment and that the only vendor in the area that sells this equipment is The Photo Center Camera Shop, in Bricktown, NJ. The quoted price for the Camera and related equipment is \$1,964.00. Williams seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Nelson - Twice in the recent past we have sent a letter to then Monmouth County Freeholder Director Lillian G. Burry expressing the Board's displeasure with the proposed creation of a new Dispatching Fee for Fire and EMS dispatching services, and requesting a copy of the Monmouth County Resolution establishing this fee and the related Fee Schedule. To date we have had no response from her.

We have just received an Invoice from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department for 2009 Dispatching Fees in the amount of \$12,811.56. It is motioned that no action be taken on this Invoice at this time, and that another letter be sent to current Freeholder Director Barbara J. McMorrow, with copies sent to each Monmouth County Freeholder, Monmouth County Sheriff Gaudagno, Undersheriff Golden and to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 2, with copies of all correspondence to date, asking for a response and the information requested. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Reu - Expense Vouchers presented for payment totaling \$3,186.07. Reu motioned to pay. Williams seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote: Reu, Williams and Palmisano voted in favor of the motion. Nelson abstained from voting on the voucher payable to himself, voting in favor of paying all others. All vouchers were approved for payment. Reu present a voucher to Transfer \$30,500.00 to Payroll Account. Reu motioned to approve. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Williams - Motion Sensors have been installed on the Engine Room lights at Station No. 2. There will be an override switch installed in the Radio Room.

FD Chief Donohue reported that the I Am Responding system is running good; good comments from all.

OFAS Officers; nothing to report.

FM Smith; nothing to report.

Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat reported that there has been a lot of college rentals. Busy with inspections.

M/R Tech Fiorentino thanked the Board for his new Trailer.

Questions or comments?

Nelson noted the following:

-S1 Engine Room Floor, meeting with Engineer again this week. Progress.

-Art will be taking vacation days on Friday, Sept. 11 and Friday, Sept. 25.

-3 Fire Helmets ordered for FD.

-Next week is the NJ State Firemen's Convention in Wildwood.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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