

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

MINUTES OF
JANUARY 25, 2010

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: James Hiers, Scott Nelson, 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 December 21, 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:

Twp of Ocean PD; Re: Reimbursement for 1/2 share of OPTICOM expenses for 2009

Mon Cty Bd of Freeholders; Re: 9-1-1 Dispatching Fee follow-up request for information

Incoming From:

Mon Cty Freeholders; Re: 2010 9-1-1 Dispatching Fee Estimate

EXPENSES:

Vouchers totalling \$60,890.71 were read and presented by Commissioner Hiers for payment. Hiers motioned to pay all bills. Palmisano seconded. Questions or comments on the bills? There were none. Roll call vote of Hiers, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Chief Craig Flannigan reported 55 activities for the month. Mutual Aid was given twice and received 3 times. Average Response Time was :05:11, with a total of 845 member responses, for a total of 903.97 manhours experienced.

FAS Captain S. Green reported a total of 76 activities for the month. Average Response Time was 6 minutes. Total time out on calls was 70 hrs. 34 mins. Total manhours were 184.36. Mutual Aid was received 17 times and given 7 times.

FAS Lt. D. Willms reported that FF Larry Campbell will be driving for them, Sean Donohue is joining the Squad, and 2 new members are in EMT Class now.

Fire Marshal Smith reported 114 Inspections, including 4 State Registered Establishments, revealing 23 Violations, and 4 Investigations were conducted during the month. Eight CO calls were followed-up, 47 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted and \$1,905.00 in fees were collected. FOC was manned during the snow storm. Had the radios in the Radio Room checked out and repaired. He advised that he has learned of other Boards questioning the 9-1-1 Dispatching Fee; they are writing letters to the Freeholders also. Seems that some Districts are not being charged at all. He asked that the FD and FAS Officers send him a memo if a member is in need of a pager upgrade.

Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat reported H1N1 vaccine being given now at OTIS and on February 8, 6:00-7:30 at District #2. He is planning a meeting of the FOC Committee to update and reactivate the Committee.

Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino reported 199 right side mirror replacement is on order. Engine 172 fuel check valve is on order. 178 wiper repair part ordered. He will be attending a Twp. OEM class on Thursday, 8:00-12:00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nelson - We did finally receive NJ DCA Certification of our Introduced and Approved 2010 Fire District Budget. We are now awaiting their Certification of our Adopted 2010 Budget. (They received it Jan. 7; they are supposed to return it to us within 7 days.)

Hiers - We purchase our Gas and Diesel Fuels under the Monmouth County Co-Op Program. They again changed supplier without telling us. We have signed up with the new company, Riggins, Inc., and have already received a delivery of gas and diesel.

Palmisano - We still need the FAS 2009 Calendar Year Activity Percentage record.

Hiers - We did receive a copy of the FD's qualified members list faxed to the Twp. for the Twp's Incentive Program for 2010; Thank you. Has the FAS faxed their list yet? No. Will do and give a copy of the list and the Fax receipt to the Board.

Nelson - Our annual Board/Officers/Employees dinner get-together is this Thursday, January 28, 6:00 pm at Palumbo's.

Nelson - The Annual Fire District Election is Saturday, February 20, 2:00 - 9:00 pm, here. Please remind all members and their families to come out and vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiers - Tim has spec'd-out a new Fire Chief's Vehicle for us; a 2010 Chevy Tahoe, available under NJ State Contract. We need to review the spec's so we are ready to order the new vehicle after the Fire District 2010 Budget is approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers

-Turn-out Gear ordered for five firefighters

-Replacement name panel received for K. Finkelstein. (Was R. Tillis' Gear)

-SCBA Quarterly Air Sample Analysis; Ok.

-174 Multi Gas Monitor sent for repair. Appears to be loose connection on O2 sensor.

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

-All requested supplies have been received.

OPTICOM..... Reu, FM Smith

-Bill sent to the Twp of Ocean for share of 2009 Maintenance Expenses.

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Reu, Schenck

-New Tires installed on FD Tahoe; now 167.

-New Battery installed in Chevy Caprice.

-New Batteries in 131.

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

-Elevator; Hyd line needs to be replaced due to age. In work by CESCO. See Quote.

Station No. 2:..... Hiers

Conventions and Seminars..... Palmisano

-FDIC: Six personnel attending this year.

-Firehouse Expo, Baltimore, in July; It's not too early to plan on attending

Insurance and Legal Liaison..... Nelson

-Several Injury Claims filed. Everyone seems to be Ok.

-Questions or Comments ?

Nelson - Happy Birthday to Commissioner Tony Palmisano.

Nelson - Congratulations to Art who has completed 20 years as Fire District Administrator. The Board presented Art with an award and invited everyone to share in some cake and coffee after the meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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