

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

MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 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 23, 2010, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 4, 2010. 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 February 22, 2010 meeting were read. Questions or comments? None. The minutes were unanimously accepted without change.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items of correspondence were read for information:

Incoming from:

Norwood Agency; Re: Merger with Smith, Gatta, Gelok Insurance and Surety Solutions.

EXPENSES:

Vouchers totalling \$43,282.88 were read and presented by Commissioner Reu for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Williams seconded. Questions or comments on the bills? There were none. Roll call vote: Reu, Hiers, 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.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Chief Craig Flannigan reported 58 activities for the month. One Drill was conducted. Mutual Aid was given once and received once. Total member response was 658, averaging 11 per incident, with an average response time of :05:06, and a total of 700.25 manhours. He reported that the new Chief Vehicle

is expected to ship from the factory to the dealer on March 29. We could see it the week of April 12. He commented on a meeting held with the Ocean Township Police Department.

FD Lt. C. Sorrentino reported on a planned drill on Wednesday at Station No. 1. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on Sunday.

FAS Captain S. Green reported 165 activities for the month. Average Response Time was 6 minutes. Average time out on each call was 1 hour, 14 minutes. Average crew size was 3. She thanked the FD for the invitation to their annual dinner. She thanked the FD for their help at a Motor Vehicle Accident on Sunday.

FAS Sgt. L. Zimmerman thanked the FD for their help all the time, no matter what is asked.

Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino reported that Ladder 190 is out of service for repairs. He advised that the State Boiler Inspector was here. He wants the valve installed where last year's Inspector said to install it, relocated to a different location. This will be done. The Station Maintenance Air Compressor has no provision for a tank water drain; will need to be replaced in three years. The new hydrant markers are in. He thanked the FD for the invitation to their Annual Dinner.

Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat reported 142 Inspections, including 4 State Registered Establishments, revealing 32 Violations were conducted during the month. Three CO calls were followed-up and \$2,617.00 in fees were collected. He noted his attendance at the OTPD meeting with the Fire Chief. He advised that the OPTICOM at West Park and Whalepond is out of service, waiting on the State to repair their system. He will be attending a Twp. OEM meeting on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reu - At the March 1, 2010 Work Session Meeting, the Board Introduced and Passed as a first reading a "Salary Resolution", adjusting the salary range for some of the paid positions of the Fire District. This Resolution was published in full in the Coaster on March 11, 2010, and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse, on March 15, 2010, as required.

We would now like to accomplish the second reading and final passage of this Resolution, which can be by title. To do so, it is now motioned to approve as the second reading the Resolution entitled "Salary Resolution" as previously Introduced, Published and Posted. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Administrator is asked to publish this final passage as required.

Williams - New Chief's Vehicle: Tahoe is due to ship from the factory on March 29; we could see it the week of April 12. Much of the equipment has already been received. PL Custom has been advised to schedule us in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nelson - We would like to thank the Fire Department for the invitation to your annual dinner. It was a nice affair.

Reu - After the Wanamassa fire, where the ladder truck experienced a tilt and twist, after the outrigger and jacks sank in the ground, it was noticed that the windshield had shifted. We had it repositioned and resealed. We had some concern that maybe some unseen damage might have occurred, so, to be safe, we scheduled UL testing of the ladder truck. We are due for annual testing and certification anyway. UL was here last Thursday and performed a majority of the testing, including checking of the frame, etc., which checked out ok, some minor items were noted as usual. The front jacks are drifting and must be repaired before the remainder of the testing can be done.

Williams - Tim has obtained price quotes for us on Motorola V - SV Pagers. We have budgeted for ten(10) pagers. The price quotes received are:

M & W Communications	\$430.00 ea.	\$4,300.00
AR Communications	\$405.00 ea.	\$4,050.00
FYI: (NJ State Contract Price is \$427.20)		

Williams motioned to purchase from AR Communications for a total of \$4,050.00. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Palmisano - The Annual Audit of the Fire District was conducted over the past two weeks. We are awaiting the Audit Report. No problems were noted.

Reu - Price quotes were solicited for the purchase of 600' of 5" Hose, and 250' of 1 3/4" hose. The price quotes received are:

Continental Fire & Safety	Total Price	\$3,675.50
NJ Fire Equipment	Total Price	\$4,452.50
TASC Fire Apparatus	Total Price	\$6,504.50

Reu motioned to purchase this hose from Continental Fire & Safety for the price of \$3,675.50. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Nelson - We would like to acknowledge and commend Mike Fiorentino on the completion of his Fire Inspector's Course, including his successful testing and

certification as a Fire Inspector. This "Cross Training" greatly aids the Fire District by having another individual on staff capable of assisting with Fire Inspections should the need arise. It is motioned that we amend the Job Description of Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino to include the function of Fire Inspector, to assist the Fire Bureau as the need arises, and time permits. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers

- Hydrant Markers ordered and received.
- Quotes on fire hose were solicited and received.
- Quotes on utility rope and bags have been solicited.
- Purchased 10 pair of gloves requested by Officers.
- Officers to schedule measuring and order of 5 sets of turn-out gear requested.

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Reu, Schenck

- Preventive Maintenance/Service performed by Carl Bennett on:
 - 138, 157, 158, 159, 199, 100(Caprice)
- Brake job on Chevy Caprice by Bennett
- Ladder 190 windshield had to be repositioned and resealed.(Re: Truck tilt/twist)
- Ladder 190; Had UL come and perform the annual testing of the truck, just to be sure there was not any unseen damage.
- 166 Expedition repaired at Sansone Ford. (Starting problem, and wiper recall.)
- 137 Expedition being repaired at Sansone Ford. (ABS light and Rear Wiper; found gaskets leaking)

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

- Elevator Hyd Hose replaced
- State Boiler Inspector was here.

Station No. 2:..... Hiers

- Mike repaired cable on flag pole.

Conventions and Seminars..... Palmisano

- Let's start planning who will be attending Baltimore in July. Officers and 2 guests from each organization, preferably future officer prospects.

Fire District Safety/NFPA/OSHA..... Hiers, Palmisano

- UL Testing and Certification being performed on Ladder Truck. (NFPA: Annually)

-Questions or Comments ?

First Aider Addie Meistrich commented that she found the recent FD Drill very interesting; they don't usually get to see what the FD does so up close.

Firefighter Aaron Green thanked the Board for his new fire gear.

Nelson - 2010 Lawn Care Service Quote requests are out. We will have for the Work Session on April 5.

Nelson - We are looking into Saturday, July 16, for retirement party for Tim Smith.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.
Fire District Administrator

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