

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

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 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 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 22, 2010 meeting were read. Questions or comments? None. The minutes were unanimously accepted without change.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

## **EXPENSES:**

Vouchers totalling \$86,386.81 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 of Reu, Hiers, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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

**Chief Craig Flannigan** reported 101 activities for the month. Mutual Aid was given once and received twelve times.(storm) Average member response was 17; average response time was :06:34; total man hours was 653.7. He reported favorably on attending FDIC and thanked the Board for allowing him to attend FDIC.

**Assistant Chief E. Alexander** thanked the Board for allowing him to attend FDIC; good information obtained. Hopes that FDIC attendance will continue in the future.

**FD Captain J. Morrow** thanked the Board for allowing him to attend FDIC; good classes. He reported that Sean Donohue has been appointed as Engineer on Engine 175.

**FD Lt. C. Sorrentino** reported FD Fit Test on Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

**FAS Captain S. Green** has no report.

**Fire Marshal Smith** reported 168 Inspections, including 2 State Registered Establishments, revealing 38 Violations, were conducted during the month. Seven CO calls were followed-up; 4 Public Education Sessions were held with 92 people attending. 89 Smoke/CO Detector Inspections were conducted and \$3,477.00 in fees were collected. He reported that the new pagers have been received. They can now program one pager to receive both FD and FAS tones; seems to be working ok so far. He advised that in 2013 the new Radio Split Bank requirement will become effective; it will require some new radios. He thanked all of those who attended his Monmouth County Fire Marshal Retirement Dinner.

**Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat** thanked the Board for allowing him to attend FDIC. The Township will be holding a CERT Drill on Wednesday. They have received approval from Hidden Meadows for Hydrant Markers; They will purchase, we will install.

**Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino** thanked the Board for allowing him to attend FDIC. The new Fire Hose has been received. UL Testing of the Ladder Truck will be done on Tuesday.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hiers** - At the April 5, 2010 Work Session Meeting, the Board Introduced and Passed as a first reading an "Appointment Resolution-Fire Inspector", appointing part-time Assistant Fire Inspector Craig Flannigan to the full-time position of Fire Inspector. This Resolution was published in full in the Coaster on April 15, 2010, and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse, on April 13, 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 "Appointment Resolution-Fire Inspector" as previously Introduced, Published and Posted. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Reu** - At the April 5, 2010 Work Session Meeting, the Board Introduced and Passed as a first reading a "Resolution to Establish the Part-time, Paid Position of Assistant Fire District Administrator and To Appoint an Assistant Fire District Administrator", appointing David Hiers to this position. This Resolution was published in full in the Coaster on April 15, 2010, and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse, on April 13, 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 "Resolution to Establish the Part-time, Paid Position of Assistant Fire District Administrator and To Appoint an Assistant Fire District Administrator" as previously Introduced, Published and Posted. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. James Hiers recused himself from voting on this issue. Roll call vote of Reu, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The Administrator was asked to publish these second readings and final passage as required.

**Reu** - UL will be here tomorrow to complete testing of 37-1-90.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Hiers** - Knox Box Vehicle Decoders for Chief Cars, reference to Tim's Memo. Hiers motioned to purchase two Knox Box Vehicle Decoders for cars 166 and 168, for a total cost of \$1,473.00. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Palmisano** - Firehouse Expo, Baltimore: July 21 - 24. Need to know who will be attending by May 24 Board Meeting. Anyone attending any Pre-conference training session should be signing up now.

**Reu** - Price quote received from Bellavia & Miele to replace damaged gutters on Station No. 2 for \$885.00. Covered by Insurance with a \$500.00 deductible. Reu motioned to approve. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Fire Marshal Smith** advised that Pump Testing will be performed on all pumpers on May 18.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Equipment and Supplies - FD..... Hiers**
- New Chief's Car due in any day.
- 5" Hose received.
- Rope and Rope Bags received.

-37-1-66 AED has been recalled. A new replacement unit was received today.

**Equipment and Supplies - Fire Bureau..... Nelson**

-131 AED new battery & new Pedi Electrodes (Pedi expires May)

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

-Breathing Air Quarterly Air Analysis taken and sent out. Ok.

-Ladder 37-1-90 repairs made at NJEV and Boom Serviced. UL to complete Inspection on

Tuesday, April 27.

-Engine 174 Preventive Maintenance/Service and new Batteries; Bennett.

-Engine 174 new belts; leaking fuel injectors replaced; Campbell Supply

-Engine 178 Preventive Maintenance/Service; Bennett

-Ladder 37-1-90 Preventive Maintenance/Service; Bennett

-Chief Vehicles 166 & 167 Preventive Maintenance/Service; Bennett. 167 NJ Insp.; Mike

-Ambulance 157 repairs at PL Custom. New Batteries; Mike

-Car 137 repaired and serviced at Sansone Ford.

-Caprice Preventive Maintenance/Service; Bennett

-37-1-31 Preventive Maintenance/Service; Bennett

-37-1-38 Rear Serviced; Bennett

**Station Maintenance:**

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

-Termite Inspection performed; Ok.

-Emergency Standby Generator checked out by EMR.

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

-Termite Inspection performed; Ok.

-Wall leaks repaired.

-Emergency Standby Generator checked out by EMR.

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

-FDIC attended last week. Thank you to those who attended.

-Purchased Ball Game Tickets for those attending Baltimore Firehouse Expo.(Friday night)

-Firehouse Expo, Baltimore:(July 21)Need to know who will be attending by May 24th Bd. Meeting.

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

-Insurance Review with Chris Labrecque at 7:00 pm, May 24 Meeting night.?

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

-Quarterly Tax Receipt Check received.

-Questions or Comments ?

**Nelson** - FAS member Karen Dougherty told IamResponding that Art should have filed a contract with them already for the Squad. IamResponding said that the Squad's "Trial Period" expired in March, and they have already reluctantly extended it. Art spoke with them at FDIC and also received a phone message

from them. Art does not know anything about this. The Squad Officers said that they did not know anything about this. They will speak with Karen and get back to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.  
Fire District Administrator

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