

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

**WORK SESSION**  
June 7, 2010

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was 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 23, 2010, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 4, 2010.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, James Hiers, Scott Nelson, Russell Williams and Anthony Palmisano. Fire District Administrator Arthur Schenck, Assistant Fire District Administrator J. David Hiers, Fire Marshal Timothy Smith, Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, Fire Inspector Craig Flannigan, Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present.

## **BUSINESS:**

**Hiers** - Fire District No. 1 Fire Marshal Tim Smith is retiring as of June 30, 2010. We need to fill the position of Fire Marshal as of July 1, to avoid any vacancy in this position. To accomplish this goal, the following Resolution, believed to be self explanatory, is proposed:

### **RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ACTING FIRE MARSHAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Ocean Fire District No. 1, Monmouth County, has in existence, among others, the full-time, paid position of Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Fire Marshal is retiring as of June 30, 2010, creating the need to fill the position of Fire Marshal as of July 1, 2010, to avoid any vacancy in this position; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Ordinance #1312 of the Township of Ocean, the Fire Marshal is the Fire Official in charge of the Local Enforcing Agency, the Fire District, as required under the New Jersey Uniform Fire Prevention Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Marshal is required to be a Certified Fire Official by the New Jersey State Division of Fire Safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby appoint/promote Deputy Fire Marshal Christopher Pujat to the position of Acting Fire Marshal, commencing July 1, 2010, and contingent upon the final passage of the second reading of this resolution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners that the position of Deputy Fire Marshal be left vacant for the time being.

**FURTHERMORE**, the second reading and final passage of this resolution will be considered on June 28, 2010, at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., at the Oakhurst Firehouse, 72 Larkin Place, Oakhurst, N. J.

Hiers motioned to adopt this resolution. Reu seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Palmisano** - EMSAR will be here tomorrow morning to service all of the FAS cots, chairs, etc.

**Palmisano** - Cardiac Science has issued a software program update "recall" that applies to six of our AED's. Three Model 9390A (167, 174, 178) have been updated by Team Life. We are waiting for the availability of the program for the three Model 9300E (157, 158, 159), expected this month. Thank Chris for helping with this program update.

**Williams** - Hurst Tool Annual Service has been rescheduled for June 22.

**Reu** - UL needs to come here and verify the repairs made before issuing their Certification. Scheduling.

**Nelson** - Re: Life Insurance Incentive Program. Of the two firefighters and six first aiders who qualified to be enrolled in the Life Insurance Program, only one first aider returned the application for enrollment.

Of the six firefighters notified to inquire about their desire to change the beneficiary on their Life Insurance Policy, four have returned the necessary form.

**Hiers** - Thank you to Tim, Mike, Chris and Craig for performing the Pump Test on all of our pumpers. (Tim can comment on the tests)

**Reu** - Vouchers totaling \$10,455.30 were presented for payment. Reu motioned to pay all bills. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Nelson** - The Board will be Meeting with District #2 Commissioners Thursday, June 10, here, to review and discuss each others' plans and ideas.

**Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino** congratulated Chris Pujat on his appointment as Acting Fire Marshal.

**FAS Lt. Degurski** reported that they are having trouble getting splints back from the hospital.

**FD Captain Morrow** reported that the FD will be going to the Monmouth County Smoke House on Wednesday.

**FD Lt. Nelson** requested new Accountability Tags for FF Miguel Guarda.

**Fire Marshal Smith** reported that all pump tests were completed.

**Deputy Fire Marshal Pujat** thanked the Board for his appointment as Acting Fire Marshal. He reminded everyone that the soccer tournament is this weekend; Twp. fireworks are on July 3; a fire prevention program will be held at Hollywood Golf Club; and OT Festival fireworks will be on August 13.

#### **Questions or comments?**

**Nelson** - FAS Drivers Training and Testing Reports; please be sure that the Board gets copies as we agreed on in the past. Please give us a list of your Driver Trainers and Testers.

**FM Smith** noted that a State Trooper was recently killed on Rt. 195, hit by a car. We all should be aware when working on highways.

**Nelson** - Commented that his daughter was hurt recently playing sports at OTHS. The FAS and FD response was great. He thanked both organizations on behalf of himself and his family. Again, great job! Both organizations worked good together. He also noted that multiple calls were in work at the same time, and all were handled.

**First Aider Andy Berringer** thanked the Squad for their support by recently paying for a FAS Course. He was able to apply what he learned at the recent FAS call for Scott's daughter.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.

Fire District Administrator

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