

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

WORK SESSION  
September 7, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners is called to order at 7:39 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: James Hiers, Scott Nelson, Russell Williams and Anthony Palmisano. Fire District Administrator Arthur Schenck, Assistant Fire District Administrator David Hiers, Acting 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:**

**Palmisano** - All Defib Electrodes that expired at the end of August have been replaced. While replacing these electrodes it was discovered that the Defib on Ambulance 159 only had one set of Adult Electrodes. Does anyone know why? What happened to the spare set? If they had been used, why wasn't something said so they could be replaced? A spare set of Adult Electrodes that we have had on hand was put in the Defib Case on 159. All Defibs are maintained with two sets of Adult Electrodes and one set of Pedi Electrodes. Please let us know if they get used so they can be replaced right away.

**Nelson** - Dave and I met with Monmouth County Sheriff's Office Business Administrator Jeffrey Sauter last Monday in Freehold to discuss the billing for dispatching services. A productive meeting, but he didn't have any answers. He promised to respond to us within 30 days.

**Hiers** - Chris Pujat was appointed Acting Fire Marshal as of July 1, 2010. The Board would like to increase the salary of the Acting Fire Marshal, within the Salary Range previously established, to the annual salary level of \$60,900.00, retroactive to July 1. Hiers motioned. Williams seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Williams** - Engine 178's Water and Foam Level Indicators have given us trouble for some time now. The Water Level probe has been cleaned several times and even replaced once, but is still unreliable. NJ Emergency Vehicles advises that they have had very good experience with the FRC tank vision LED tank level indicator with pressure transducer sensor. We have obtained a price quote from NJEV to change the Water Level Indicator for a cost of \$1,128.00; or all three (Water, Foam A and Foam B) Level Indicators for a cost of \$2,944.00. Williams motioned to replace all three Level Indicators for a cost of \$2,944.00. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Nelson** - The Multi Gas Monitor off 178 was acting up; sent for repair. Came back; acted up differently. Sent back out for repair. Should see back any day.

**Williams** - Vouchers totaling \$6,238.86 were presented for payment. Williams motioned to pay all bills. Hiers seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Williams presented a voucher to transfer \$33,000.00 to the payroll account. Williams motioned to approve. Palmisano seconded. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Hiers, Williams, Palmisano and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Hiers** - The Board would like to have each organizations 2011 Equipment Budget Request by the September 27 Board Meeting.

**Nelson** - Acknowledged the letter received thanking the Fire Marshal for his fire safety presentation, and the resulting donation to the fire department.

**OFAS Lt. Willms** - reported 132 calls; 439 manhours; average response time of :07:48; average crew of 3. He thanked the Board for the AED updates and new Electrodes.

**Fire Marshal Pujat** - Reported that the OTPD is now operating on their new radios and we can no longer monitor the PD. September 25 is the Twp Fall Festival. There is going to be allot of road work being done around town. Due to the dry conditions, there is a high fire hazard warning in effect. All schools now have second security doors that must be "buzzed" to open. The new GPS and Knox Box Keys have been installed in the chief's vehicles. The Old Knox Box Encoder, with a key lock installed, has been installed in the Station No. 1 Radio Room. During the recent storm the County EMS Radio went down and we were able to dispatch District 1 & 2 EMS from our radio room.

**OFD Asst. Chief Skinner** advised that the Chief had to go home for a minor emergency.

**OFD Captain Morrow** thanked the Board for the new trailer tires. He thanked the Fire Marshal for the good communications being shared with the FD.

**OFD Lt. Sorrentino** - Thanked Chris for running the FOC during the recent storm.

**Questions or comments?**

Nelson - Art taking a vacation day on Friday, September 10.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Schenck, Jr.  
Fire District Administrator

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