

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

MINUTES OF
October 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:04 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 March 2, 2011, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 10, 2011.

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. Commissioner Williams attended the work session prior to the meeting then had to leave before the start of the regular meeting to go to work. Fire District Administrator J. David Hiers, 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.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting were read. There were no questions or comments. The minutes were unanimously accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items of correspondence were read for information:

Incoming from: A letter from MONAC, thanking us for the use of our building for a 2-day class on Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS).

EXPENSES:

The Bills this evening were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting and found to be OK. Copies of the bills were on the table for anyone to review. A Resolution to pay the Bills totaling \$ 71,058.80 was presented by Commissioner **Reu**. It was seconded **Hiers**. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Palmisano, Reu, Hiers and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Chief D. Skinner did not have a chief's report due to computer problems. A report will follow for August and September. The chief turned in the Standby Sheet with the signatures for receipt of the allotment given to them for the Hurricane Irene standby. It was reported that Josh Shamosh passed the driver's test for truck 37-1-85 with flying colors.

1st Assistant Chief E. Alexander

2nd Assistant Chief J. Morrow stated in detail about the up and coming joint drill with W. Long Branch, Eatontown and us on Nov. 6th. On Nov. 2nd there will be a lecture at our firehouse on the drill plan with all parties. Morrow also went over the importance of the SCBA forms that were created by District Mechanic Fiorentino. Morrow pointed out that everyone has to take better care and be responsible for his or her equipment because his or her safety depends on the equipment.

Captain Nelson

FD Lt. C. Sorrentino

FD LT. D. Schenck pointed out that at the upcoming drill, that there will be equipment in operation for our company to observe, especially the truck committee. He also stated that Sutphen will have a demo for us to go over on Nov. 1 at Station 2 at 6:30 PM.

FAS Captain L. Degurski reported 170 total activities for the month, which included 131 Emergency calls. Average response time was 7.04 minutes. A total of 639 Emergency Call Man Hours were experienced. Mutual aid received 3 times and given was 11 times. The Captain said that the FAS's Christmas Meeting with a dinner to follow will be on December 12th.

1st Lt. K. Dougherty said that Career Day was held at the High School with the cadets taking a big part of the program. It was commented how well the Cadets preformed at the training exercise. The squad should realized some good first aiders in the near future.

2nd Lt. Beringer thanked the Board for the flu shots that were given to the members and their spouses. He stated that there is still an odor on 37-1-58. DM Fiorentino is trying to get this resolved. He thanked the fire dept. and all who helped with the major 3-car accident that the squad encountered with 7 injuries. He again mentioned the beneficial use of 37-1-00.

Fire Marshal Pujat - reported 126 inspections, including 14 State Registered Establishments, revealing 109 Violations, and 0 Investigations were conducted during the month. Fees collected for the month totaled \$ 2,810. The FM thanked everyone who helped with the various Fire Prevention details. The new fire prevention ordinance will be in effect January 1, 2012. The OEM meeting was held last Thursday and a full report will be given at the Commissioner's workshop. The intersection at W. Park & Monmouth Rd. is being worked on and the Opticom is out of service. FM Pujat said that the Fire Bureau computer system along with ESP inspection software is up and running on the new server. The FM recommended that anyone who dealt with the elements

during the storm, if they had not had Tetanus shot recently, they should get one. The Health Department will be giving them free to First Responders through a grant. A head count is needed. It was asked that the fire department if interested submit a list to the FM as soon as possible. It was noted that the Board is due to provide these shots next year since it has been 10 years since they were given to the membership which they pay for. This gives us the opportunity to get these shots free.

Fire Inspector Flannigan reported that he recently completed the Arson Class he was attending with thanks to the Board.

Maintenance/Repair Technician Fiorentino reported that the SCBA fit testing is finally squared away with everything straightened out. He asked that if anyone has any problems with their equipment to please contact him so it can be taken care of. Mike stated that 37-1-68 was taken to Monmouth Diagnostics to have front end work done. The roof at station 1 was tarred. It was reported that a broken latch on 58 was welded by J.F. Kiely. The ambulance was taken there by Tony Schaible, whose influenced had the matter taken care of quickly and free of charge. The Board thanked Tony for doing that and asked the FDA to send a letter of appreciation to J.F. Kiely. Mike also reported that the elevator failed inspection and needs minor repairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Equipment and Supplies - FD..... J.Hiers

Two 5" intake valves are on order. Finalizing an order for 5" hose.

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

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

The supplies requested have been received

OPTICOM..... FM Pujat

Hydrants..... FM Pujat

Maintenance of Apparatus..... Fiorentino

A broken latch on 58 was repaired. The water/foam indicator for 74 should arrive here on 11/7.

Station Maintenance:

Station No. 1:..... Williams

The roof was tarred.

Station No. 2:..... J.Hiers

Conventions and Seminars..... Palmisano

Insurance and Legal Liaison..... Nelson

Claims have been filed: 1) Hurricane damage, 2) JCP&I field electrical problem causing damage to fire house equipment.

Liaison to Township of Ocean..... Nelson

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

The FDA & the Distric Mechanic attended an OSHA seminar.

Liaison to Fire District No. 2..... Nelson, D.Hiers

Liaison to Fire Department..... D.Hiers

Liaison to First Aid Squad..... D.Hiers
Liaison to Fire Marshal..... D.Hiers
Liaison to Police Department..... D.Hiers
Human Resources..... Reu, Palmisano

Under questions or comments, **Commissioner Hiers** moved to accept Josh Shamosh as a driver on 37-1-85. **Hiers** also thanked the First Aid Squad for attending to his wife and children due to their minor fender bender. Everybody is fine. **Hiers** also noted that the glass top on the small table was broken in the recreation room. Pieces of glass were found on the floor and on the pool table. Also a broken light switch plate was replaced. None of this was reported and should have been. **President Nelson** stated that the Board is going to be looking into a new security system so to limit access to non-members. The FDA was asked to research. A new security system hopefully will deter any uncalled actions at either Fire Station. A question arose about an ice machine. The Board will take care of that in the near future. Tom Donohue asked if the Board is getting a tarp for 37-1-74. **Nelson** said nothing was ordered as of yet but will be after the 5" hose is ordered.

The meeting adjourned 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Hiers
 Fire District Administrator

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