

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

WORK SESSION
May 2, 2011

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 March 2, 2011, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 10, 2011.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, James Hiers, and Scott Nelson. Russell Williams is working and Anthony Palmisano is tending to a family medical matter. Fire District Administrator David Hiers, Fire Inspector Craig Flannigan, and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Maintenance/Repair Technician Michael Fiorentino is on vacation. Fire Marshal Chris Pujat is attending an Arson Convention.

BUSINESS:

Nelson – Both Fire Marshals, Dist. 1 & 2 have been working with Dist. 2's attorney in amending and supplementing the Township code regarding Fire Prevention. The Board received the final draft and to the best of their findings, things looked in order and they would like to pass the following resolution:

Resolution to Amend the Township Code of the Township of Ocean.

WHEREAS, the Fire District has proposed various amendments to various existing Township Ordinances concerning fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Ordinance reflects the proposed amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth, as follows:

- 1. The Fire District approves the attached proposed Ordinance amendments and requests that the Township adopt same.**
- 2. The proposed amendments are necessary for the continued protection of the public and firefighters for the Fire District.**

This resolution was proposed by President Nelson and seconded by Hiers. There were no questions regarding this resolution. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Hiers – The FDA along with the FM worked together in preparing the documentation required by the FEMA Representative to claim our losses during the severe snowstorm December 26th – 28th,

2010. Not sure what our total loss comes to but should be approximately \$10,000 if we qualified. This is all up for review. The monies generally take about a year to be processed.

Reu - For the Baltimore Expo, so far 6 First Aiders have signed up, 6 from the Board Office, Art Schenck, Miguel Guarda. Anyone one else, see Dave. He is going to register those going Friday, May 6th.

Hiers – The Board has taken under review the Fire Department’s request to convert 37-1-85 to a Rescue Apparatus. The Board is OK with the request. Hiers resolved to convert 37-1-85 to a Rescue Vehicle. I believed this is to be done in stages. Stage 1 is not to exceed \$2350. There was no discussion or questions after the 2nd by Reu on the resolution. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Reu – Currently the weather station at Station #2 is out of service. It is needed to replace old, outdated, non-functioning equipment with new updated equipment. The will bring the Station #2 system up to date like Station #1. The Board received a quote from Peet Bros. Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,343.75. Reu offered the resolution to purchase this equipment for Station #2. Seconded by Hiers. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Hiers – The Board has discussed the using of a spec writer for our next apparatus. The Board feels this is the better way to go forward in preparing for the Quint which we are interested in. Hiers offered the following Resolution in procuring the services of Bill Peters with his proposal offer of \$2,800. This fee is for the specifications review, comparison report, committee meeting, draft specifications, a second meeting, and preparation of the final specifications. As far as the Bid Evaluations are concerned, his fee is \$75 per hour. His Factory Inspection Trips fee is \$500 per calendar day plus travel, which could be included within our travel expenses. Seconded by Reu. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Nelson – The FDA has been in contact with our attorney today. The attorney was finishing up his research into the lowest bidder for the Engine Room Floor. Up to date, he cannot find anything that could or would prevent us with going with the lowest Bid. He is in the process of preparing a resolution in awarding the Bid Contract to **MIXALIA ENTERPRISES, LLC.**, of Long Branch for the total bid cost of \$234,000. Nelson offered the Resolution to award Mixalia the contract to perform the work as stated in the Bid Package at the cost of \$234,000. Seconded by Reu. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution. With this being done we need to move forward with the resolution from our last meeting in purchasing the 40’x60’ tent and renting a trailer. The attached Resolution was adopted by title.

EXPENSES:

Reu - 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. Reu offered the Resolution to pay the Bills totaling \$ 7,478.73. Seconded by Hiers. Questions? None. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution. Reu also resolved to transfer funds in the amount of \$33,000 to the payroll account. Seconded by Hiers. No questions. Roll call vote of Reu, Hiers, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Fire Officers:

Chief Skinner: reported that 3 probationary firemen passed the Oakhurst Training program. They are Herny Fuller, Jeff Daley, and Dylan Frampton. They are now ok to ride the apparatus.
2nd Asst Chief Morrow: reported that the Smoke House Drill is on 5/11. He also handed in a list naming the Fire Dept. Truck Committee members. Chairman for the Fire Committee is Earl Alexander. The other members are Doug Schenck, Kieth Finkelstein, Bob Nelson, Brian Penta, Tom Donohue, and John Morrow.

Captain Nelson: said there will be a pre-plan drill this Wednesday.

Lieutenant Schenck: reported that Fire Fighter 1 Graduation at the Middletown Fire Academy is scheduled for June 23rd. Plan on taking an apparatus to the graduation.

First Aid Officers:

Captain Willms: what they have will be brought up at their quarterly meeting afterwards.

Fire Marshal:

FM Pujat is attending an Arson Investigation Convention.

Fire Inspector:

Inspector Flannigan thanked the Board for the passage of the Township Ordinance Resolution.

Maintenance/Repair Technician:

Mike is on vacation.

Questions or comments: President Nelson said that today marked a special day in around the World today with the finding and killing of Bin Ladden

Adjournment was at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Hiers

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