

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

MINUTES OF  
March 26, 2012

## **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 hand delivered to the Clerk of the Township of Ocean and posted at the Oakhurst Firehouse on March 2, 2012, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 8, 2012.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was observed.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, Scott Nelson, and Stu Newman. Fire District Administrator J. David Hiers, Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, District Mechanic Michael Fiorentino and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Commissioner Hiers was working.

## **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the, 2012 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:

### **Outgoing to:**

**Incoming from: Received** a letter from the Dept. of Health & Senior Services acknowledging they received the application from the EMS Corporation for the licensing of our ambulances. **Received** a letter inquiring about installing a cell tower on our property by a company called Unison.

## **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 \$ 180,029.66 was presented by Commissioner Reu. It was seconded Commissioner Newman. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu, and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. Nelson did abstain from his physical fitness bill.

## **DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATION'S REPORTS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief John Morrow** reported 35 activities for the month. Average response time was 5 minutes 53 seconds. Average firefighters per call were 9, for a total of 427 members responding, experiencing 319 man-hours. Mutual aid was given 4 times and received 0 times. He thanked the Board for the Fire gear which was ordered. He also thanked the Board for the 4 – 5" Hose Hooks that they received. Morrow stated that the Fire Department will be leaving Station #1 8 AM for the Little League Opening Day Parade at Colt Field. **2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Bob Nelson** said the drill on 4/4 will be on extrication and the following week on 4/11 they will have hands on drill at Bluett's Junk Yard. **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. D. Schenck** said the Maze Drill at Wayside went exceptionally well and will be followed up with future training pertaining to this drill.

**FAS Captain L. Degurski** reported 145 total activities for the month, which included 104 Emergency calls. Average response time was 7:45 minutes. A total of 509 Emergency Call Man Hours were experienced. Mutual aid received 12 times and given was 9 times. Degurski stated that joint meetings are being held between the officers and their executive Board to address such issues as backing up the ambulances to prevent accidents. The officers are writing up a set of SOG's to help this concurring problem. They are looking into a driver refresher course for all to take. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. will be in charge of the accident reporting so it is done in a timely fashion. President Nelson stated to the first aid officers that 4 days to get a report to the FDA is totally unacceptable. They did agree. Degurski said there will be an Epipen Pen refresher training course in the near future. She also reminded the Board that the first aid dinner is on 5/5 at the English Manor. **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. K. Dougherty** said that she just sent by way of e-mail, a rough draft of the SOG on Backing-Up Ambulances for his review and comments. **2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. A. Beringer** stated that the driver's plan will be reviewed by all drivers. He also said all the first aid supplies are up to date.

**Fire Marshal C. Pujat** reported 238 inspections, including 18 State Registered Establishments, revealing 244 violations, and 5 investigations were conducted during the month. Fees collected for the month totaled \$7,781. The FM said that the opticom at Monmouth & W. Park is back in service. There is a proposed fire-works display planned for 7/1 at the Deal Golf Course. Still awaiting the Camp Oakhurst prescribed burn approval by the NJ Forest Fire Service. One first aid portable radio was returned by a member, still missing 2 radios.

**District Mechanic Fiorentino** reported that the Air Test Samples that were done passed inspection. He said he removed a large tree that fell onto our property. The town was there and cleaned up everything nicely. The cutters have been repaired. All the apparatus has been serviced, the pumps all were serviced as well as the generators. It was mentioned that the upstairs bathroom had paper

towels clog the toilet. That abuse to the firehouse is not to be tolerated and if anyone knows anything about it they should report it immediately.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Nelson** – The 2 ½ ton truck LB is giving us should be here shortly, right after the LB Council passes a Resolution tomorrow transferring ownership.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Newman** – The fire gear as requested by the fire company officers has been ordered as well as the Tempo Gloves. The 5” Nichol hose hooks that were ordered have been and are on the apparatus.

**Williams** – The Board received a check for our FEMA share for Hurricane Irene in the amount of \$5,692.33. It is nice to get some of the monies back. I know our tax payers would appreciate that also.

**Nelson** – Cablevision is coming here Thursday to port over the last 2 phone lines from AT&T and Verizon. They will be adding 1 new line for the one AT&T disconnected from us. We will plan to have the phone installer come back and finish programming the rest of the new phones. The radio room and the fire and first aid “ lamresponding” is back working. The chief’s room internet is still down. Wire will be run and connected directly to the server. Hope to have that done very shortly. The system went down I believe Friday night for unknown reasons.

**Reu** – There were 6 letters sent out to area landscapers seeking price quotes for our 2012 lawn service for Station 1 & 2. Received only 1 quote back, that of Brian Lefferson for a total amount \$5,300 for the 8 month season, April thru November. This is a \$400 increase from last year. This breaks down to \$662.50 per month. Reu offered the Resolution to accept the proposal from Brian Lefferson in the amount of \$5300. Second by Newman. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. There were 3 requests for quotes sent out for the lawn fertilization program for 2012. Lawn Doctor, Tru Green and Scotti’s Organic Inc. Tru green was the lowest but did not include all the services. Lawn Doctor came in next with a quote of \$1,410 but did not include soil testing, extra lime and seeding. Scotti’s Organic Inc. came in at \$1,530. Scotti’s Organic Inc. included an extra application with seeding at no extra cost. Scotti’s did the fertilization program here last year and did a good job bringing our lawn back. Reu offered the Resolution to accept the proposal from Scotti’s for the amount of \$1,530 for the 2012 season. It was seconded by Newman. No questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Nelson** – Passed the gavel to Commissioner Reu so he could speak to the audience on behalf of Oakhurst E. M. S. Inc. Nelson discussed the First Aid Issue of not attending to calls one day last week where the calls were handled by

adjoining towns. He stated that Oakhurst EMS, Inc. & District 2's paid EMT came up with an agreement with the Oakhurst EMS trustees. District 2's paid EMT's will respond to our calls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> time called. This takes place immediately.

**Williams** – The FDA will be making plans with Mixalia to finish the Bay's floor project. We will be looking to have the floor epoxied around the beginning of May. We will be getting the trailer back and will need a hand to remove everything from the floor again, hopefully for the last time. We are asking for assistance from the fire department for this detail.

**Reu** – Wells Fargo is charging us an analysis fee monthly which is more than the interest we are receiving. Our MM is going backwards. We have approximately \$17,000 in the account. With that being said, Reu offered the Resolution for the FDA to close out the Wells Fargo MM and transfer it to Investors Bank. It was second by Newman. No questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Newman** - The fire officers have requested the Board to purchase 3 sets of 25' and 50' colored 5" pony lengths for 37-1-74, 75, & 78. The District Mechanic got 4 price quotes: Union Fire Equipment Corp. for \$1,867.29; Absolute Fire Protection Co., Inc. for \$2055; Kidde Fire Fighting for \$2287.48; and Tasc Fire Apparatus, Inc. for \$2319. These prices include shipping. Newman offered the Resolution to purchase the 5" pony lengths from Union Fire Equipment in the amount of \$1,867.29. It was second by Reu. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Nelson** – No matter how minor of a motor vehicle accident one has with any of the District's vehicles or apparatus, it must be reported ASAP. That also applies to any bodily injuries incurred on a call. Our Insurance carrier requires that. The Board observed the lengthy time it took the FDA to get information from the minor accident that 37-1-58 had Monday night. No reason for that long delay. The Fire Chiefs or First Aid Captain should follow up to see that that information is given in as quickly as possible to the FDA. It was asked if anyone had questions regarding this. There was no response.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Adjournment at 8:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Hiers  
Fire District Administrator

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