

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

MINUTES OF
May 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Vice President Hiers at 8:06 p.m. Vice President Hiers 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, James Hiers, 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. President Nelson was out of the town and Commissioner Williams was called in to work.

MINUTES:

Hiers - Minutes of Previous Meeting were placed on the table for everyone's review, comments or corrections. If no corrections are noted, the Board by motion will accept them as written. There were no questions pertaining to the April 23, 2012 minutes. Hiers moved for the minutes to be accepted as written. It was seconded by Reu. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

EXPENSES:

The Bills this evening were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting and found to be OK. Copies of the bills list were on the table for anyone to review. A Resolution to pay the Bills totaling \$102,623.59 was presented by Commissioner Reu. It was seconded by Newman. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS:

Chief E. Alexander not present.

1st Assistant Chief John Morrow reported 44 activities for the month. Average response time was 6 minutes. Average firefighters per call were 10, for a total of 400 members responding, experiencing 863 man-hours. Mutual aid was given 3 times and received 0 times.

2nd Assistant Chief Bob Nelson said there is a smoke drill on May 30th and encouraged firefighters to attend to make it successful.

Captain C. Sorrentino not present.

1st Lt. D. Schenck not present.

2nd LT. J. Kruse said there will be graduation ceremonies on May 22 & 24 for the new firefighters. Come out and support them.

FAS Captain L. Degurski reported 101 total activities for the month, which included 90 Emergency calls. Average response time was 7.73 minutes. A total of 401 Emergency Call Man Hours were experienced. Mutual aid received 17 time and given was 5 times. She said there will be a standby crew at Town Hall for the Memorial ceremonies on the 28th. There will also be standby crews at the High School graduation ceremonies on June 19th and at the fireworks at Deal Golf & CC on July 1.

1st Lt. K. Dougherty – stated 37-1-57 is having a complete camera system installed. This week is recognized as EMS week at Monmouth Medical, where the hospital is paying tribute to the local first aid departments. The squad will be having 4 taking the EMT Exam. She also noted that the shower up stairs was filthy and did not have a shower curtain. She installed one.

2nd Lt. A. Beringer - Pointed out the cadet program is going along very well. They helped restock and check for outdated supplies. He said he is working closely with the District Mechanic in addressing issues he feels need to be addressed with the ambulances.

Fire Marshal C. Pujat reported 268 inspections, including 13 State Registered Establishments, revealing 161 violations, and 1 investigation was conducted during the month. Fees collected for the month totaled \$16,579.20. Pujat reported that the new mobile radios have been installed in 37-1-59. New portable radios have been installed in 37-1-57 & 37-1-59.

District Mechanic Fiorentino reported that the State required lettering has been done for 37-1-57 & 37-1-59. The Stryker Cots will be serviced on June 1st. The fire sprinkler systems at station 1&2 have past their inspection. Hydro testing of

the Scott bottles is on-going. One of the gas tank straps on 37-1-74 rusted out and broke. It is now repaired. The foam and water gauges on 74 & 78 have been recalibrated.

OLD BUSINESS:

Newman – The Chief along with other fire officers and members had a meeting with Cal Stone from NJ Fire Equipment Co. to discuss our SCBA needs and to find out what our best options are to satisfy our AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant). Cal Stone is working out a proposal for us and we should have it shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiers – The Board had discussion with our attorney and accountant, and it was determined that it is in the best interest of the Board and the fire department to have a Fire Protection Agreement between us. The Board is empowered to contract with a volunteer fire company for the purpose of extinguishing fires upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed proper. The Board in recognizing some additional expenses incurred by the fire company does hereby agree to give consideration to the fire company in the amount of \$16,000 for such expenses. Hiers offered and read the following Resolution:

Fire Protection Agreement – 2012

THIS AGREEMENT made this day of 21 of May, 2012, by and between the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1, Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth and the State of New Jersey hereinafter designated as the “Board”, and the Oakhurst Independent Hose Co. No. 1 hereinafter designated as the “Company”

WITNESSETH: By the Board and the President of the Oakhurst Fire Company along with those in attendance at our regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Ocean Township is a duly constituted public agency organized pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 et. Seq. ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.1.b the Board is empowered to contract with a volunteer fire company for the purpose of extinguishing fires upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed proper; and

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Company is a duly organized and constituted nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to enter into a contract to define the rights, duties and responsibilities of each regarding the furnishing of fire protection services to the residents of the Fire District.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Company covenants and agrees to provide fire protection services to all persons and property situate within the borders of Fire District No. 1, Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth, New Jersey and to provide said fire protection

in accordance with any and all applicable rules, regulations, standards and laws of the State of New Jersey or any administrative agency having the appropriate jurisdiction.

2. The Commissioners shall be responsible for the payment of all fees and charges incurred for the maintenance and repair of all active firefighting equipment, apparatus and emergency repairs to the fire house in accordance with the budget adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners at the annual referendum.
3. The Commissioners shall provide, at no cost or expense to the individual members of the Volunteer Fire Company, such insurance as may be legally required or deemed necessary in the sole discretion of the Board of Fire Commissioners including but not limited to comprehensive liability and workers compensation insurance.
4. The Board shall be responsible for the costs of all utilities supplied to Stations 1 & 2. The Board is responsible for the costs of routine maintenance of Stations 1 & 2.
5. The Company shall operate and utilize any and all equipment and apparatus supplied by the Board for firefighting purposes.
6. The Board in recognizing some additional expenses incurred by the Company does hereby give consideration in the amount of \$16,000 for such expenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers and representatives on the 21 day of May, 2012.

Brian P. Penta
President, Oakhurst Fire Co.

Scott A. Nelson
President, Fire Dist. No. 1

It was seconded by Reu. There were no questions on the resolution. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Hiers was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. The Original Copy of this Resolution when approved and signed by the President of the Oakhurst Fire Company and the Board President will be attached to these minutes.

Reu – It has been mentioned for the last two months about the Baltimore Fire Expo. So far 5 First Aider's, 1 Commissioner and the FDA, and 2 firemen have committed. The FDA needs to know the total that are going by this Wednesday so he can register those going and cancel rooms if necessary. The 2 firemen are trying to attend a hands-on training Wednesday during the day. Not sure if that can be scheduled now.

Newman – The Oakhurst EMS Trustees are still searching for part-time EMT's and also a clerk's position. An ad is on-going for the EMT's in The Coaster. We

would like to see if the clerk's positions can be filled internally by an EMT. Spread the word and if anyone is interested, please submit their resume to the FDA. The interview process is about to start.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Hiers
Fire District Administrator

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Items for Discussion prior to the Meeting:

- 57 & 59 have the lettering completed.
- Ambulance's Licensure
- Set up Interview Team for EMT's
- EMS Add in The Coaster
- Cleaned out the closet in the meeting room.
- First Aid – Masimo Rad-57; CO2 Detector
- Auditor coming mid – June
- Review 2012 FDIC Expenses
- Fire Protection Agreement - \$16,000.
- Planning vacation next week. Will be checking e-mail.