

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

MINUTES OF  
July 23, 2012

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:03 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: Russ Williams, Jim Hiers, Scott Nelson and Stu Newman. Fire District Administrator J. David Hiers, Fire Marshal Chris Pujat and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present.

## **MINUTES:**

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. Are there any questions pertaining to the, 2012 minutes? If none, I move for them to be accepted as written. It was second by Reu. No questions to the motion. Roll call vote of Newman and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following items of correspondence were read for information:

**Outgoing to:** None

**Incoming from:** None

## **EXPENSES:**

The Bills this evening were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting and found to be OK. Copies of the bill lists were on the table for anyone to review. A Resolution to pay the Bills totaling \$ 54,678.82 was presented by Commissioner **Hiers**. It was seconded **Newman**. There were no questions. Roll

call vote of Newman, Hiers, Williams and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the Resolution. Nelson did abstain on 2 of the bills that were directed to him, An Oceanside bill and his physical fitness bill. ***There is a correction to the bill total. The NJ SHBP total of \$8,663.23 was not included in the bill list but paid. New bill list total is 63,342.05.***

**DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATION's REPORTS:**

**Chief E. Alexander** – not present, out of State.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief John Morrow** – not present.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Bob Nelson** was present but had to leave meeting for a fire call.

**Captain C. Sorrentino** was not present.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. D. Schenck** was not present.

**2<sup>nd</sup> LT. J. Kruse** – gave the Chief's report. He reported 64 activities for the month. Average response time was 5 minutes 24 seconds. Average firefighters per call were 14, for a total of 903 members responding, experiencing 309 man-hours. Mutual aid given was 0 times and received 2 times. He said there will not be a drill this Wednesday. The FD will be setting up for the Italian-American Festival on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Board for sending 5 firemen to the Baltimore Fire Expo. Vehicle 37-1-68 is back in service but would like the paint job checked out. Kruse noted that 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. D. Schenck has reigned as a fire officer due to personal reasons and that Miguel Guarda will be an acting officer till fire elections.

**FAS Captain L. Degurski** reported 103 total activities for the month, which included 93 Emergency calls. Average response time was 8 minutes. A total of 394 Emergency Call Man Hours were experienced. Mutual aid received 7 times and given was 3 times. Lisa noted that they had a standby crew for the Italian-American Festival. Lisa stated the Stryker (cots) will be giving a demo on 8/13 on the new auto-cot loader for the ambulance here at station 1. She also thanked the Board for attendance in Baltimore. The classes were very good.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. K. Dougherty** also thanked the Board for her attending the Baltimore Expo. She also thanked the Board for the purchase of the Masimo vital signs detector which was purchased at the Expo.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. A. Beringer** was not present.

**Sergeant J. Brown** was not present.

**FIRE MARSHAL C. Pujat** reported 262 inspections, including 9 State Registered Establishments, revealing 163 violations, and 1 investigation was conducted

during the month. Fees collected for the month totaled \$8,722.55. Pujat said that Firehouse Software is up and running. He also said the new phone system is up and running at all extensions. He noted that Motorola has discontinued our proposed radio console and he is working on a replacement.

**DISTRICT MECHANIC Fiorentino** was not at the meeting. He was excused due to a family comment. The FDA noted that 37-1-90 was at P&L having work done on a leaking jack. Also 37-1-59 was there also having repairs done.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hiers** – All the telephones should be in working order. We had the telephone installer complete this major project finally. Thanks to everyone for their patience. Hope you find this new system as a huge improvement. Any problems or concerns, contact the FDA for assistance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nelson** – At Sta. 1 & 2, the Entertainment Package for Direct TV has been added for your enjoyment, which includes Cinemax, HBO & Showtime. This should make staying at the firehouse more enjoyable for everyone when on standbys or just stopping by.

**Williams** – Hopefully everyone that attended the Baltimore Expo last week had a good time and found it to be informative and interesting with the classes you attended. Hopefully you relate some of that info back to your respective organizations.

**Hiers** – The FDA had conversation with our attorney in reference with the performance bond release. The attorney said it would be OK to release the Performance Bond since the majority of the work has been completed and we still have the Maintenance Bond in effect for 2 years. The FDA met with the Contractor and went over the last 2 things that need to be addressed as per the Engineer's punch list. The contractor agreed to have them taken care of.

**Newman** – An update on the paid EMT's. We are planning to start next Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup>. The FDA is going out to Trenton to hopefully finalize everything so that we can proceed. Ambulance 59 is at P&L for some work that is required. Ambulance 37-1-57 is ready to go. Thanks to Karen Dougherty, Doug Willms & Josh Shamosh for all the work they have done to get this service going. We would not have been as far as we are today without their assistance. Our IT man, Andrew Calvo will be here tomorrow afternoon to finish the computer installation up in the EMS ready room.

## Comments or Questions:

**President Nelson** thanked the FDA for making all the arrangements for an enjoyable stay in Baltimore. He also thanked all of those who took time from their busy schedule to attend and hoped they had a good time.

**Leah Zimmerman** – asked the Board for their comments on allowing seasonal EMT's joining the FAS to respond to calls in the summer. Nelson asked if the squad had any policy for seasonal volunteers and if not maybe they should explore that issue. It was agreed that the finger printing should be done. The prints are no cost to the Board or squad. The Board suggested that the squad get a release from the seasonal volunteer's doctor.

Roxanne Horowitz also said thank you to the Board for her attendance at the Expo.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. David Hiers  
Fire District Administrator

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## Items for Discussion prior to the Meeting:

- Added the Entertainment Package to Direct TV 1 & 2.
- Our 1 year promotional rate with Optimum was about to expire next month. I got them to extend it another year, savings us \$300.
- Firehouse Software has been successfully installed.
- Paid EMT's is scheduled to start Monday, July 30.
- Baltimore Expo: update, next year's plan- reduce attendees, per diem? Next Year's date 7/24-27<sup>th</sup>.
- FA summer volunteers.
- First Aid's Attorney.
- SHBP Resolution.
- Web Site Compliance.

