

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

WORK SESSION  
December 2, 2013

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:33 pm.

This 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 February 28, 2013, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 7, 2013.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, Scott Nelson and Stuart Newman. Fire District Administrator David Hiers, Fire Inspector Craig Flannigan, District Mechanic Michael Fiorentino, and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Russ Williams had a family matter to attend to, Jim Hiers was working and FM Chris Pujat was out sick.

## **BUSINESS:**

### **Old:**

**Newman** – A reminder, the next commissioner's meeting is December 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting time is changed from 8:00 to 6:30 pm. We will have a short meeting then following the meeting we will have a 100<sup>th</sup> FD anniversary acknowledgement and holiday get-together with refreshments. Please bring your spouse or friend to join in on the celebration. The first aid and fire bureau are cordially invited. Would the officers please spread the word to their members.

### **New:**

**Nelson** – Not too long ago, 37-1-57 & 59 were out of service for a couple of days. The part time paid EMS techs during the day had to use 58. That worked out but the paid EMS were not able to bill for the services rendered because 58 is not a State registered vehicle. The Board would like to have 58 become a state registered vehicle and will pay the costs for it to become State license. The Board would like to request the permission to go forward with this request. It is hoped the OFAS agrees with this request so the Board could proceed. Please give us your answer shortly. Thanks.

**Rue** – The Board received from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) the summary report on the recent inspection that was completed earlier this year. The FDA found a discrepancy in the report and referred it back to ISO. They are making the adjustment. We remain at our present rating. We did improve from our last visit in 2008. Our rating climbed from 65.35 to 69.74. We are at the verge of 70.00 which would lower our rating from class 4 to class3,

resulting in a possible lower fire tax evaluation from the insurance companies. This would benefit the residents in Fire District #1.

**Newman** – The battery operated Blow Hard PPV Fan has been ordered for engine 74. It should take about 4-6 weeks to come in. They are on back order.

**EXPENSES:**

**Reu** - The Bills this evening were reviewed by the Commissioners prior to the meeting and found to be OK. Copies of the bill list were on the table for anyone to review. Reu offered the Resolution to pay the Bills totaling \$10,338.18. It was second by Newman. There were no questions on any of the bills. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution. Reu offered the Resolution to transfer funds from the Operating Account to the Payroll Account in the amount of \$31,000. It was second by Newman. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Morrow said they had a busy past week with fire calls. He hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving. He thanked the Board for the ordering of the Blow Hard Fan and the installation of the computer into vehicle 37-1-68. He thanked the Hurst tool committee for doing a good job in planning the Hurst equip needed and that fit into the FEMA Grant budget.

1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Nelson said everything is going along fine. He had no report

2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Sorrentino had no report

Captain Kruse had no report

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Guarda is away on vacation

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Shamosh not present

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Inspector was filling in for the FM who is out sick. Everything is the same. Due to the short week, there is nothing new to report.

First Aid Captain's Report: Captain Dougherty reported that there was an unsafe condition at the one of the facility's back entrance. She thanked the Fire Bureau who addressed the issue with the owner. It seems everything worked out ok. The Captain said she will bring up to the membership about the Board's request to have 37-1-58 State Licensed. She reminded those of the FAS next meeting is a dinner meeting at Tuzzio,s at 7 pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Beringer not present.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Brown was present but with the first aid cadets doing training.

District Mechanic reminded everyone to drop off their fire extinguishers off no later than this Thursday morning so they can be serviced.

Commissioner Nelson informed everyone that the floors at both fire houses will be cleaned and waxed for New Year's Day on Saturday, December 21, 2013.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

J. David Hiers

