

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

WORK SESSION

March 4, 2013

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Nelson.

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 March 2, 2012, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 8, 2012.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, Scott Nelson, Russell Williams and Stuart Newman. Fire District Administrator David Hiers, Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, District Mechanic Michael Fiorentino, and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Jim Hiers was here but had to leave due to being called out to work.

## **BUSINESS:**

**Nelson** – Received a communication from our attorney in reference to purchasing fire apparatus through the now approved State purchasing program. His quoted recommendation is "if the Board intends to purchase a new fire engine, it carefully examine the State Bid Specifications and purchase the apparatus under the contract." The attorney feels the State will examine carefully the reasons why a public agency did not avail itself of the State price for the fire apparatus. The Board is looking into what all the options are. The FDA has made initial contact with the Spec writer and is looking into it further.

**Newman** – We are at the final stage with Firehouse Software upgrade. This last upgrade takes us to a Web Based system. This allows for information to be inputted in the field then can be downloaded back at the office without duplicating the information. This upgrade will also include the Firehouse Software CAD interface utility. The information dispatched through the County will be downloaded automatically into the Web Based system. This will be especially useful and helpful during storms or disasters where there are a lot of calls. This will help in regular NFIRS reporting and FM's field inspections. The Board will save \$7,780 with this upgrade if it is done within the 1 year date (April, 2012) when the Enterprise Client/Server System was installed. The final cost for this upgrade is \$15,405. This upgrade was budgeted in the 2013 Budget. Newman offered the Resolution to upgrade to the Firehouse Web Based system at the cost of \$15,405. It was second by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Reu and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**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 \$3,897.62. It was seconded by Williams. There were no questions on any of the bills. Roll call vote of Williams, 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 seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Reu and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

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

**CHIEF John Morrow** – Reviewed the fire in the sign on Rt.35 & W. Park. He noted that the County made some dispatching errors. The County replied and said they were corrected. At the Wanamassa chief's dinner, Chief Morrow was presented with a very nice plaque acknowledging Oakhurst Fire Dept. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He displayed it to the Board.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Bob Nelson** – no report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Chris Sorrentino** - no report

**Captain John Kruse** – not present

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. M. Guarda** – training scheduled, 3/6 ventilation drill, 3/13- chief from North Hudson giving a talk on Command Control.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Josh Shamosh** – no report.

**FAS Captain Karen Dougherty** – stated that she and the FDA had a meeting with representatives from the radio room to improve and understand EMS dispatching and mutual aid with district 2.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Andy Beringer** – no report

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Judyth Brown** – said she was looking into restocking the kitchen with the fire department.

**Sergeant Jon Friedman** - not present

**FIRE MARSHAL C. Pujat** – recommended fire and first aid responders use caution when responding to call in the West Deal section. There have some big parties thrown with problems occurring. Make sure you have the police present. The new radio room console is in service. The FM said he will keep everyone updated with the upcoming nor'easter storm.

**DISTRICT MECHANIC Fiorentino** – 37-1-68 is at Ocean Auto Body getting an estimate for the repair work from the accident. Ambulance 37-1-59 is at P & L to have the air suspension repaired. Mike will be away from 3/8 – 3/18.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

  
J. David Hiers