

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

WORK SESSION
May 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 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: Scott Nelson, Russell Williams and Stuart Newman. Jim Hiers arrived 10 minutes after the meeting started due to work. 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. Fire Marshal Pujat was out of town attending a convention.

BUSINESS:

Old:

Williams – The Baltimore Fire Expo is approaching fast, July 24-27th. Have the officers get back to the FDA by May 15th. That will be the cutoff date for registration.

Newman – stated a meeting will be held between the president of the fire and first aid companies in reference to the Memorial Field Association on May 8th. He will report at the next meeting.

New:

Hiers – gave a recap of the FDIC convention that was just attended. Purchased a retro fit for the Stryker cot with the side rails and cushion for \$2,200, an \$800 savings. Hurst tools, fire engines, safety trailer plus many other exhibits. The class training according to all was beneficial.

Williams – stated the FDA will be putting up sign-up sheets for who want Tetanus shots. We are planning to have them given by Dr. Wortzel before the August fire meeting. These shots are for members only.

Nelson - The Parking Lot Project was put out to bid and published in the newspaper. The bids are to be received on May 15th at 2 pm here at station #1. We are hoping to get this project going very shortly.

Newman – The first aid could use some new oxygen D type cylinders and regulators. Some of the regulators are quite old. I would like to offer the Resolution to purchase 12 new aluminum D cylinders with toggle at the sale price of \$59 each instead of the regular price of \$82.50 from V.E. Ralph. Total cost comes to \$708. It was second by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Hiers and Nelson we unanimous in favor of the Resolution. The FDA is researching regulators like the ones the FA just purchased.

EXPENSES:

Nelson - 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. I offer the Resolution to pay the bills totaling \$226,573.95. It was second by Williams. There were no questions on any bills. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Hiers and Nelson we unanimous in favor of the Resolution. Nelson 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, Hiers and Nelson we unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Organization Reports:

-Fire Chief's Report: Chief Morrow reported that Russ Williams, Jr. is coming off probation and will be a regular member. Wayne Keegan has been advanced to become a driver's trainer. The Chief also thanked the Board for his attendance at the FDIC.

1st Asst. Chief Nelson – not present

2nd Asst. Chief Sorrentino – not present

Captain Kruse – The recent hands on-training, hose line stretches, went well. It was good training for the new members. The next training will be on truck company operations. The smoke house drill is on 5/29. A member lost/misplaced some gear. If found, please turn in to an officer.

1st Lt. Guarda – not present

2nd Lt. Shamosh – The fire department will be having 2 graduates from the Monmouth County Fire Academy, Chris Lee & Andy Beringer.

Fire Marshal's Report: FM Pujat attending the IAAI convention. Fire Inspector Craig Flannigan gave the FM's report. A copy of the township hydrant map system has been placed on the computer system and 11"X17" copies will be place in each of the apparatus. A new cellular modem for 37-1-57 has been installed. The computers in 57 & 74 are back in service. The new fire marshal's vehicle is under production. The FM recommends reviewing the JCP&L training for the fire dept. and the EMS.

First Aid Captain's Report: Captain Dougherty reported the some of the cadets are moving up to regular members. It is good to see younger members coming into the squad. The night time response to duty crew calls is still good but some calls are not being answered.

1st Lt. Beringer also said that is good to have younger blood coming into the squad. They are doing a good job and acting professional.

2nd Lt. Brown – was present but with the cadets for training.

Sgt. Friedman – had no report.

District Mechanic Fiorentino – reported that air samples from the air system have been sent out to be checked and returned good. Hose testing is scheduled for 5/23 and the pump testing is on 5/29. Car 68 had the body repaired following the accident.

There were no further questions or comments brought before the floor. The meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



J. David Hiers

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