

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

WORK SESSION  
June 3, 2013

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7.38pm. President Nelson asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for the tragic accident this past week where an Ocean Twp. Sanitation worker was killed in a traffic accident. ----- The Board wishes to say thanks to everyone who responded so quickly and did a good job in keeping the individual alive, getting him to the hospital quickly so the doctors could try to sustain his life. There will be a MC Critical Incident Stress Debriefing meeting team here tomorrow night at 7:30PM. Anyone who was at the scene, especially the younger volunteers, should attend this meeting. It could prove to be very helpful to those who were there.

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, James Hiers, Scott Nelson 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.

## **BUSINESS:**

**Old:** None

**New:**

**Hiers** – The FDM received communication from Cesco Elevator Co. that they filed the required permits with the Sate for decommissioning the elevator in Sta.1. Once Cesco receives the permits, arrangements will be made to remove the elevator. The Board will put into next year's budget to have the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor spaces built into closets. These will be designed by our Nelson Engineering so to have the safest design.

**New:**

**Nelson** – On Wednesday, May 22 late afternoon, Commissioner Williams driving Engine 78, returned from a fire call and parked the engine in the bays. This was just before Memorial Day weekend. It was then requested of Williams to pull engine 78 out on the apron so it could be washed. Engine 78 would not start. The FD Mechanic was called out to see if he could find the problem but couldn't. He contacted Doug Schenck to see if he could take a look at the engine the following morning. Doug had the next day planned to be off but said he would stop by in the morning and check it out. Doug found water in the fuel

filter which he changed. The Board would like to say thanks to Doug for giving up his morning the following day so to minimize the downtime on 78. If Doug did not check out engine 78, the engine would have been OOS most likely till Tuesday, May 28. Also thanks goes out to Mike for then draining the fuel tank so that there was not a chance of having any more water in the system. The total combine effort by both gentlemen prevented engine78 from being OOS for a week. Thank you for a good job done.

**Reu** – In the fire department’s 2013 budget, it was requested to purchase more 5” hose to replace old hose showing wear. The FD Mechanic received 4 price quotes to purchase (5) 5”X100’ Supply Hose. Those quotes are from Firefighter One - \$2,975; Union Fire Equipment Corp. - \$3,005; Tasc Fire Apparatus Inc. – 3,225; and Kidde Fire Fighting - \$3,556.50. I offer the Resolution to purchase the 5 lengths of supply hose from Firefighter One for the total amount of \$2,975. It was second by Hiers. There were no questions. Roll call vote Newman, Reu, Hiers and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Newman** – Again in the fire department’s 2013 budget, it was requested to purchase 2 AED’s which will be placed in 37-1-67 & 37-1-68. The FD Mechanic received 2 price quotes for the AED’s. Those quotes are from Team Life- \$3,118 and AED Brands - \$3,190. I offer the Resolution to purchase the 2 AED’s from Team Life for the total amount of \$3,118. It was second by Hiers. There were no questions. Roll call vote Newman, Reu, Hiers and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Hiers** - In the fire department’s 2013 budget, it was requested to purchase 2 Scott RIT Pak III’s with cylinders. The FD Mechanic received 3 price quotes for these 2 packs with cylinders. Those quotes are from MES – Pennsylvania - \$6,792; Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air/Nat Alexander Co. - \$6,920; and NJ Fire Equipment - \$8208. The FD Mechanic received an e-mail from Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air stating that they would give us 2 cylinders with 3 years of service life left free. This would reduce the purchase price down to \$4,850. Within 3 years we could purchase 2 new cylinders and this will extend the service life of the 2 new cylinders by 3 years. I offer the Resolution to purchase the 2 RIT PAKs from Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air/Nat Alexander Co. with the stipulation of receiving the 2 free cylinders in the amount of \$4,850. It was second by Reu. There were no questions. Roll call vote Newman, Reu, Hiers and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Reu** – With the 2011 FEMA Grant Award, 36 SCBA’s with 36 spare bottles were received. Also with that award, a Scott Pak-Tracker was purchased and placed on engine 78. After seeing the total benefit of the tracker, the fire department is requesting another tracker so it can be placed on engine 74, at Station 2. The FD Mechanic received 3 quotes for another Scott Pak-Tracker Handheld Receiver Kit & Charger. The quotes received were from MES – Pennsylvania - \$1,558; Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air/Nat Alexander Co. - \$1,617; and NJ Fire Equipment - \$1791. I offer the Resolution to purchase the Scott-Pak Tracker from MES – Pennsylvania for the total amount of \$1,558. It was second by Reu. There were no questions. Roll call vote Newman, Reu, Hiers and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Newman** – The fire department is requesting a PPV- battery powered “Blow-Hard” fan. The FD Mechanic received 3 bids for this fan. They are Mid-Atlantic Fire & Air - \$3,250, shipping included; Safe-T Equipment – The original quote was for \$3,320 which included \$70 for shipping. The FDA had conversation with John from Safe-T in regards to the shipping. His response was that the freight was included with the price. He was not aware

that the quote from his office added shipping. A revised quote of \$3250 and free delivery was e-mailed to the FDA; and Coastal Fire Systems, Inc. - \$3,345, shipping included. With 2 quotes tied for the lowest price, I offer the Resolution to purchase the Blow-Hard PPV battery powered fan from Safe-T Equipment for the price of \$3,250 because Safe-T has been a good company that has worked with us in the past. It was second by Reu. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu, Hiers and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

**Nelson** – The annual W/C audit was done 3 weeks ago. We did very well with the audit. The Board will be receiving a little over \$5,000 in return premium. A thank you goes out to Board Clerk Janice Hiers for having all the info available and up-to-date for the insurance auditor.

#### **EXPENSES:**

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 \$13,345.11. It was seconded by Hiers. There were no questions on any of the bills. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu, Hiers 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 Hiers. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Newman, Reu, Hiers and Nelson were unanimous in favor of the Resolution.

Fire Chief's Report: On behalf of the Oakhurst Fire Department. Chief Morrow offered condolences to the family of Michael J. Massey due to the tragic accident that occurred last Thursday. The said he was very proud of all of those who were on the call. They gave their best effort at the scene. The chief thanked the Board for the equipment that was approved tonight which will enhance the department.

1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Nelson – no report.

2nd Asst. Chief Sorrentino being first on the scene gave a quick synopsis of the accident and also said those present did a good job.

Captain Kruse – stated the smokehouse drill at the MC Fire Academy went very well. It was well attended by the new volunteers. He also noted the graduation of Andy Beringer and Chris Lee from the academy.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Guarda – no report.

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

-Fire Marshal's Report: FM Pujat – OEM meeting tomorrow has been canceled. It will be rescheduled. A fire hydrant is OOS in front of 1758 Raleigh Court East. He stated that he will be attending the National Fire Academy this Friday. The radios will be updated at Station 2 soon.

First Aid Captain's Report: Captain Dougherty also expressed her condolences to the Massey family on behalf of the Oakhurst Aid Squad.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Beringer – No report

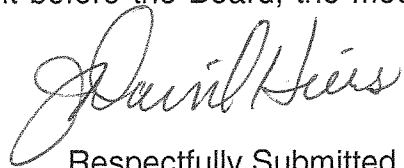
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Brown – not present

Sgt. Friedman – not present

District Mechanic – Mike said the hose testing will be this Thursday. The ladder testing will also be done same day.

In closing statements, President Nelson thanked everyone for their condolences with regards to the passing of his mother-in-law. He and his family was very appreciative. He also went further by saying how proud the Board is with the display of professionalism in what is done everyday by both the employees and the volunteers. Thanks to everyone.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned 8PM.



Respectfully Submitted,  
J. David Hiers

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