

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

## **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

February 2, 2015

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:32 pm. A salute to the American flag and a moment of silence followed.

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, 2014, and advertised in The Coaster on March 6, 2014 and in the Atlanticville on March 13, 2014.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, Stu Newman, Russ Williams and Scott Nelson. Fire District Administrator David Hiers, Fire Marshal Chris Pujat, Deputy FM Craig Flannigan, District Mechanic Michael Fiorentino, and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Jim Hiers was working snow storm duty with JCP&L.

### **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 \$12,419.84. It was seconded by. There were no questions regarding the bills. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Reu and Nelson was 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 \$30,000. It was seconded by Williams. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

### **BUSINESS:**

#### **Old:**

**Nelson** – a reminder that the annual Board of Fire Commissioner's election is on February 21st. Please remind everyone in your organization of the importance of coming out to vote. The passing of the Budget is important for your operations. Every year there is an increasing # of negative votes. This year we have three candidates who are vying for 2 commissioner's seat for the next 3 years. Come out and support the candidates of your choice.

**New:**

**Newman** – It was stated in the Board of Fire Commissioners April 28, 2014 minutes, that the Oakhurst E.M.S. Inc. entered into an agreement with First Priority Emergency Vehicles to purchase a 2013 Demo Ambulance. The April 28<sup>th</sup> minutes noted that the Oakhurst First Aid Squad (the volunteers) offered to pay \$75,000 or approximately ½ of the cost of the ambulance, and Oakhurst E.M.S., Inc. would paid the other half or \$75,000. After the purchase of said ambulance, Oakhurst E.M.S., Inc. turned the new ambulance, 37-1-59, over to the Board of Fire Commissioners as a donation and in turn the Board of Fire Commissioners forgave Oakhurst E.M.S., Inc. the \$75,000, the amount that was owed the Board. A resolution regarding this was not offered at that time. To properly record this transaction, Newman offered this Resolution to reduce the amount, \$75,000, owed to the Board for the year 2014 and to have 37-1-59 added to the list of the Board of Fire Commissioners fleet of vehicles. It was second by Reu. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous of the resolution.

**Reu** – With the purchase of the new 2013 ambulance, the old ambulance, the 1994 Ford XLT 350, has been at station 2 with a for sale on it for a couple of months. It was first advertised in the newspaper and the Board received a bid that was rejected by the Board because it felt it was too low. The ambulance was then advertised in a car circular and no bids were received. With the for sale sign in the window at station 2, a landscaper made a bid of \$3,000. Since we have not received any other offers, the Board is willing to accept the \$3,000 offer. Reu made the resolution to sell the 1994 ambulance for the amount of \$3,000 to the landscaper, if he is still willing to purchase it for that amount. It was second by Newman. There were no questions. Roll call vote of Williams, Newman, Reu and Nelson was unanimous of the resolution.

**Nelson** – While he was attending a BBP/RIGHT TO KNOW class at another with fellow Oakhurst firemen, it was mentioned to him that at station 2 there were no CO2 detectors. It was recommended to him that some should be installed at several locations. Nelson asked the FM & DFM to look into getting some installed for the safety of those who especially do standby at station 2.

**ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief Sorrentino:** was not present. He was working the snow storm at his job.

**1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Kruse:** said that quite a few firemen attended a seminar on “leadership skills” in Sussex County. It went well. The chief and all the officers attended the Monmouth County Fire Academy seminar aimed at the officers explaining up and coming events. Kruse also thanked the Board for the dinner meeting that was held.

**2nd Asst. Chief Guarda:** said that the last snow standby went well. Everything was well organized. Training is being planned. Feb. 11 there will be the yearly chief drill. Feb. 25, the Deputy Chief from North Hanterton Fire Co. will be giving a class building construction.

**Captain Shamosh:** no report

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. S. Reu** – not present

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Edson** – not present

**Fire Marshal Pujat:** gave some highlights. A new fitness center is proposed for 1602 Hwy. 35. A post storm meeting will be held with the OTPD, DPW, & OEM later this week. The gates to the rear of Cooper Electric, 42 Cindy Lane have been equipped with knox pad locks.

**Dept. Fire Marshal Flannigan** – no report.

**First Aid Captain K. Dougherty:** thanked the Board for the dinner meeting held last Wednesday. She said the squad has hired a public relation consultant for the purpose of recruiting new members.

**Lt. P. Dougherty** – not present

**Sergeant A. Beringer** - no report

**District Mechanic Fiorentino** – reported that the shoreline has been relocated to a higher position on engine 78. Engine 74 shoreline will be done next week. The Boilers have been inspected by the State and passed. The damaged boom rest on 90 will be repaired shortly. Mike also noted that chief vehicles 67 & 68 need to go to MV for inspection. Mike said he will be off Friday, Feb. 13 and will be back on Feb. 17.

**Questions or comments section:**

First Aid Larry Burnstein reminded the Board of the First Aid Dinner on Feb. 28. Doug Willms reported that Image Trends started to today for the new reporting system for the paid part time EMTs. Commissioner Reu was sorry to have missed the Board/officer/employees dinner. He explained he had a family commitment. Reu thank all the volunteers and the employees for all that they for District 1.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
J. David Hiers

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