

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

**MINUTES OF
August 24, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by President Nelson at 8:06 p.m. President Nelson announced that the 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 5, 2015, and advertised in The Coaster and in the Atlanticville on March 5, 2015.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was observed.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Board members were present: Thomas Reu, Russ Williams, John Morrow, Scott Nelson and Stu Newman. Fire District Administrator J. David Hiers, Deputy Fire Marshal Craig Flannigan, District Mechanic Michael Fiorentino and the Fire Department and First Aid Squad Officers were also present. Fire Marshal Chris Pujat was on vacation and not present.

MINUTES:

Minutes of Previous Meeting were placed on the table for everyone's review, comments or corrections. There were no questions pertaining to the July 27, 2015 minutes or the August 3, 2015 work session minutes. Nelson moved for them to be accepted as written. It was second by Reu. No questions to the motion. Roll call vote of Nelson, Reu, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items of correspondence were read for information:

Incoming from: A letter from Bradley Beach Fire Department requesting the donation of our unused equipment which will be brought up under new business.

Outgoing to:

EXPENSES:

The Bills 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. A Resolution

to pay the Bills totaling \$ \$87,524.63 was presented by Commissioner Reu. It was seconded Williams. There were no questions on the resolution. Roll call vote of Nelson, Reu, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

DISTRICT NO. 1 ORGANIZATION's REPORTS:

Chief Chris Sorrentino – gave the chief's report for the month of July. He reported 70 activities for the month. Average response time was 5 minutes 19 seconds. Average firefighters per call were 11, for a total of 665 members responding, experiencing 584 total man-hours. Mutual aid was given 7 times and received 2 times. The Chief thanked the Board for the new chief's vehicle that just arrived. He said that the equipment will be installed in the next few weeks.

1st Assistant Chief - John Kruse –

- The Fire Officers will be handing in the 2016 Budget for the Boards review.

2nd Assistant Chief - Miguel Guarda- No report

Captain – Michael Fiorentino – No Report

1st Lt. Shawn Reu – No report

2nd Lt. Sean Edson – No report

FAS Captain Karen Dougherty –

- The Squad is preparing for the township Fall Fest.
- They are continuing to recruit new members. They have a few members completing the required training.

1st Lt. Patty Dougherty – Not present

Sergeant Andy Beringer – Not present

Fire Marshal C. Pujat – Not present – On vacation

Dep. Fire Marshal Craig Flannigan – reported 252 inspections, including 6 State Registered Establishments, revealing 180 violations, and 4 investigations were conducted during the month. Fees collected for the month totaled \$18,027.28.

District Mechanic M. Fiorentino –

- Both new chief's vehicle and 1-59 will be stripped and lettered in the next few weeks.
- We are continuing to receive quotes at Station 2.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nelson: 37-1-72 has been taken OOS for all emergencies and will be liquidated over the next few months. All firefighting tools have been removed and relocated

on other apparatus. We do have a few pieces of equipment that will not be reused because of their age. The Board received a letter from Bradley Beach Fire Department. The Bradley Beach Fire Department is in need of our 5 inch discharge assembly which is no longer used by the Oakhurst Fire Department. Nelson offered the resolution to donate our 5 inch discharge assembly off 37-1-72 to the Bradley Beach Fire Department. Second by Reu. There were no questions on the resolution. Roll call vote of Nelson, Reu, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Williams: The Fire Officers have requested to purchase a power supply adapter for the e-DRAULIC Hurst tool. This power supply will allow rescue operations to continue should the battery fail. The Board has received a quote from TASC Fire Apparatus for \$660.25. Williams offered the resolution to purchase (1) e-DRAULIC Hurst power supply adapter from TASC Fire Apparatus at a cost of \$660.25. Second by Morrow. There were no questions on the resolution. Roll call vote of Nelson, Reu, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Newman: Fire Chief, Chris Sorrentino, has been training to be a driver on Engine 37-1-74. The training was done by Russell E. Williams and was tested by DM Mike Fiorentino and passed the driver's test successfully. Commissioner Newman offered the motion to accept Chief Sorrentino as a driver on 37-1-74. Second by Morrow. There were no questions on the motion. Roll call vote of Nelson, Reu, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Morrow: The new chief's vehicle has arrived and is scheduled to have all the equipment installed within the next few weeks. To complete the necessary equipment, the officers would like to order the mounting equipment needed to install the computer tablet that is currently in 37-1-67. We have received one quote from Island Tech Services for \$1,259.00. Morrow offered the resolution to purchase the computer mounting equipment at a cost not to exceed 1,259.00. Second by Williams. There were no questions on the resolution. Roll call vote of Nelson, Reu, Morrow, Newman and Williams was unanimous in favor of the resolution.

Nelson: Commissioner Nelson reminded the squad that the Board is still waiting for June's monthly report. Captain Dougherty said she will have it to the Board asap.

Nelson: Commissioner Nelson wanted to thank the Fire Bureau for a good job during their post fire operations at the structure fire located 2120 Apollo St. Twinbrook Apartments on August 4th.

There was no further business presented before the Board. The meeting adjourned 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Craig Flannigan
Deputy Fire Marshal

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